



### OPTIMIST AWARD

Constable Tom Nicholson of the Halton Regional Police Force, left, received a citation from Rick Chambers and John Morning of the Optimist Club for his efforts in preventing a severely depressed man from harming himself or his family with firearms

he had in his possession. The citation is part of the Optimists' Respect for Law Week banquet, when the Optimists recognize the work of civilians and police officers in crime prevention and crime solving. (Herald photo)

## McDermid blasts bilingualism says Alberta will get world oil price

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industry, and from the spending of homeowners who have more money in their pockets.

The Liberal government's bilingualism-biculturalism program is another government program which Mr. McDermid describes as "a complete and utter failure". "My attitude is, I understand, I recognize and I agree that the French-speaking people in this country have the right to be serviced by the federal government in their language, when it is warranted," Mr. McDermid says. "That doesn't mean everyone in Ottawa should

learn French — just certain people in each department to provide service."

#### PUSH POLICY

Liberal candidate Ross Milne has continually hammered away at energy as the number one issue in the campaign, and one which will have perhaps the most long-ranging effect on national unity. Mr. McDermid says he believes in the equality of fuel rates across Canada. He also says Alberta will eventually be receiving the world price for oil, but that this will come about naturally, and not by way of concessions from a Conservative premier.

"Canada should be self-sufficient in energy and the Conservative policy is headed towards Canada being self-sufficient in energy by 1990," Mr. McDermid says.

"The Liberals have said they will always import oil for the eastern provinces," he continues. "Right now that's economically feasible, but they have no goals down the road in case that situation changes."

"I feel very strongly about government in business. I don't feel governments can run business as well as the private sector can," Mr. McDermid says. "It doesn't matter when the government runs up a deficit, because it comes from the taxpayer's pocket."

Mr. McDermid says the accessibility of the health system is a provincial matter, and "to try and pin accessibility on the federal government is useless."

"That's something the provincial governments are going to have to work out with the medical people," he says. "The federal government gives the provinces grants to operate the system. Monique Begin (federal minister of health) is saying 'Make sure your doctors stay in OHIP, or you don't get any money'. She's just like her leader, working on a confrontation basis instead of sitting down with the provinces and talking about it."

Mr. McDermid says with only 18 to 20 per cent of medical practitioners in the province opting out of OHIP, "There are still many choices in Ontario". He pointed out that in Georgetown, for example, one of the two anesthesiologists is still in OHIP.

The funding system as it is set out now means the provinces get a lump sum from the federal government, Mr. McDermid says. A Conservative government would negotiate with the provinces about any problems with the present method of operating the health care system, "and that might mean going back to the old cost-sharing system" in which the provinces were accountable to the federal government for the way they spent their health care funds.

#### HEALTH CARE

One of the issues which was raised Sunday evening in the debate between the three party leaders was Canada's health care system, and its accessibility.

## Milne defends party record

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witnessed the kind of solid management needed to transform the financial disadvantages being confronted by nations around the world into a positive economic upswing, according to Mr. Milne.

"Canada is actually doing great," he says. "The profit indicator in every province is up, and we came up with 400,000 new jobs last year alone."

To assist in improving international economy at the national level, Mr. Milne explains, the Liberals have been responding to recommendations submitted by business and labor organizations, in one instance giving the aircraft industry a financial shot in the arm by commissioning new types of military aircraft.

Of great interest to many Brampton-Georgetown residents, the factions of the aircraft industry found in nearby Malton are seeing the most positive activity witnessed since the day of John Diefenbaker's Conservative government scrapped the Avro Arrow placing thousands of workers on the unemployment line.

Mr. Milne blames the Conservatives' contention that national unity is a non-issue and a "red herring," again, on their misunderstanding of the issue. The Liberals, he says, have committed themselves to protecting the rights of Anglophones in Quebec and Francophones outside Quebec, a goal that would be reached by amending the repatriated Canadian constitution.

Joe Clark does not understand the need for meeting Quebec's demands, nor for bringing the constitution home from England, Mr. Milne charges, forcing Conservative candidates in Quebec to publicly apologize for their leaders' lack of foresight and understanding.

#### HEALTH CARE

Asked about the future of the federal-provincial Medicare programs, Mr. Milne reiterates the Liberal party's commitment to meeting the health care needs of all citizens. Initially "talked into" block funding for programs like OHIP in Ontario, the federal government watched its co-sponsored subsidized health care project undermined by the introduction of deterrent fees and the mass exodus of doctors who are opting out of the program by the score.

But as long as some doctors remain registered under Medicare and provide subsidized health care to the public, Mr. Milne says, a Liberal government will not intervene. If that does become necessary, block funding would be discontinued and the program would revert back to the 50-50 financing arrangement shared by the provinces and the federal government.

Mr. Milne contends that his party's established financial assistance programs for home buyers have done and will continue to do more for Canadians than recent proposal by the Conservatives could ever do. Joe Clark's promise to introduce tax deductions on

### Helped create it

## NDP wants PetroCan

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the Conservatives and Liberals are being naive and ignoring the basic economic lessons of the Depression when they talk about drastically reducing government spending.

He says that the NDP is as concerned about the quality of government spending as the quality.

"The essential message is that if we get the economy growing in the right direction through a strong industrial sector, other problems will begin to be alleviated."

"A strong economy will provide the tax base for good social services."

**NATIONAL UNITY**  
He says that another problem that will be solved by bolstering the economy is national unity.

"Looking at Quebec's

history, you see a direct correlation between unemployment and the growth of the separatist movement. We in the NDP are convinced that if you get people working across Canada it will help national unity.

A key plank to the NDP's energy strategy is PetroCan which Mr. Moulton says his party forced the Liberals into creating during the last minority government.

"We obviously want to retain PetroCan to give Canadians a better deal in the energy field but we want to broaden its influence in the market place to provide competition to the multinational."

"We see PetroCan as a means of developing self-sufficiency in energy. We are not convinced that the Conservatives idea of leaving it to the private sector will prove any more successful than it has in the past."

Mr. Moulton would also like to see the government involved in researching alternate energy sources, like solar energy.

#### FOOD PRICES

Mr. Moulton says that as he canvasses throughout the riding, one of the first things he is asked is what the NDP will do about high food prices.

"We want to have a commission that will investigate price increases. If a price hike is justifiable, fine, but we know there is grouping going on those cases we think prices should be rolled back. We have to give the consumers some protection and would roll back unjust price increases."

Mr. Moulton is critical of the Conservative's proposed mortgage deductibility plan, saying that it deals with only one part of the problem.

"Their plan does not deal with the problems of interest rates, which we are talking about. It also doesn't deal with the problem of land speculation."

"We are talking about lowering interest rates to eight per cent and providing tax breaks for people earning less than \$30,000 who have mortgage rates above eight per cent. The lower interest rate will be a benefit to everyone, once their present mortgage is paid off. To go down from an eleven per cent rate to eight per cent rate on a \$30,000 mortgage will mean a savings of \$120 a month to the homeowner. It will make it easier for the homeowner in terms of lower mortgage payments and it will also give them more disposable income which will go back into the economy."

Mr. Moulton is well aware of the possibility that his party will hold the balance of power in the next government and says "we will fight for our programs."

Mr. Moulton says that speaking only for himself, he would find it difficult as an NDP MP to keep the Liberal government in office.

"Eleven years of the Liberals is long enough." He says that whoever holds the largest number of seats in the next parliament, the NDP would insist on pushing their major programs.

"We would not allow the Conservatives to disband PetroCan and we would insist on a more comprehensive housing program than they have offered."

He also says the NDP would insist on the creation of a food prices commission and says his party would not be afraid to fight another election if the ruling party refused to go along with the plank in the NDP program.

Mr. Moulton argues that there is a possibility that "if the momentum stays with us" the NDP may hold the second largest number of seats in the next parliament with the Liberals holding the balance of power.

**OTHERS WEAK**  
He admits that while his party is weak in Quebec, all three major parties have their areas of weakness.

"The Liberals are very isolated in Quebec. They are almost non-existent from Manitoba west and are weak in the Maritimes."

He says the Conservatives, like his are weak in Quebec but argues that the NDP have growing strength in British Columbia, Ontario and the Maritimes as well as support in the Prairies.

He says that this election will be a turning point in Canadian politics and anticipates a breakthrough for the NDP. The recent endorsement of the NDP by the Toronto Star convinces Mr. Moulton that voters are looking long and hard for serious alternatives to the two other parties.

"We sense that breakthrough in this riding too."

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