



A gracious Conservative candidate, Fran Baines, had visited Julian Reed's Milton campaign headquarters to concede last night before visiting New Democratic Party candidate Chris Cutler at his post-election reception in the Milton UAW hall. Mrs. Baines' campaign manager, former Halton regional chairman Ric Morrow, and her husband Terry came along to compare notes and wish the young contender all the best.

(Herald photo)

Brushes off party's provincial losses

NDP's Cutler aims for next election

It was a determined and grateful Chris Cutler who consoled his New Democratic Party supporters at the Milton UAW hall following last Thursday night's landslide Conservative election victory.

"I don't get emotional often," said the candidate, whose father describes him as "20 going on 40." "But I've learned to love a lot of people here, and I'm not afraid to say that. If these reporters came here to see an insincere politician, they're not going to find him here."

Instead, Mr. Cutler, a Flamborough resident who lost the NDP nomination in his home riding of Wentworth North, last fall, committed himself to representing local party supporters again - if they agree - in the next provincial election.

Soon to marry a Halton woman, Mr. Cutler said he expects to move to the riding in the near future.

"I'll need a job in about four years," he told NDP supporters shaken by the party's loss of 12 seats across the province. "If you're willing to take me on, I'm willing to take them on."

Mr. Cutler, who polled 11 per cent of the votes with 3,485 supporters, recalled attending the NDP's provincial council session last year while still on crutches necessitated by an accident. Hal-

ton-Burlington, he said, was pinpointed as a riding with "potential," having "lost" its well-known provincial candidate, Bill Johnson, to municipal politics.

"This riding was in about the same condition," he said. "A little crippled."

Despite the party's drop of 2,000 votes in Halton-Burlington since the last election, however, Mr. Cutler assured supporters that their work on his campaign will boost NDP hopes in the future.

"Percentage-wise, I didn't do too badly compared to other NDP candidates in neighboring ridings," he said.

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All it will take, Mr. Cutler predicted, is "another four years of Bill Davis" to convince voters that the NDP's time is due.

"I have something to offer Halton-Burlington," he said.

"As far as I'm concerned, I start campaigning tomorrow for the election four years down the road."

Listening to Mr. Cutler's speech with mixed feelings of dismay and pride was the candidate's father Allan, who described himself as being so "radical" in his youthful political views, "I would have made Chris look like a right-winger."

"He's 20 going on 40," Mr. Cutler (senior) laughed. "When he was still a little boy, I'd say he was three going on 15. When he was three years old, he was reading the newspaper front pages."

Georgetown's Merley Mills followed Mr. Cutler (junior) to the podium with an impassioned speech comparing Premier Davis' landslide victory to that of U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

This is a trend that's taken over the United States, to trend to the right," he said. "Ronnie Reagan, who says he's 'born again' - he's not sure how many times he's been born again - has been supported by these TV evangelists promoting what they call religion. It's a matter of more military spending and to hell with hospitals and schools. I think Americans are going to be sickened within three months by the animal they've put in the White House, but the trend to the right is on right now."

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'Better for Halton if we'd won but...'

Fran's pleased with Tory finish

Halton-Burlington Conservatives are especially proud of the way their candidate overcame the "adverse publicity" surrounding Fran Baines' near win over Liberal incumbent Julian Reed.

"She's a fine candidate," campaign manager Ric Morrow told The Herald, as his term drew to a close. "If she hadn't been such a fine candidate, the adverse publicity

would have affected us even more."

In her first campaign, Fran Baines, an agent for a Georgetown-based insurance company and a mother of three boys, picked up 12,813 votes, 494 votes less than Liberal Julian Reed, running for his third consecutive term in office.

Anything but bitter about her loss, Mrs. Baines, never-

theless accused Milton Tory maverick Brian Penman for "scuttling" conservative chances of reclaiming the traditionally Tory riding when he publicly complained that her nomination was improperly handled because a large number of his supporters weren't allowed to vote.

During the controversy, which ended in an unsuccessful Supreme Court challenge seeking to invalidate her candi-

date, Mrs. Baines maintained that she "concentrated on winning the riding."

"I was busy knocking on doors and getting votes," she said during her post-election party at Georgetown's North Halton Golf and Country Club, adding that she avoided an open fight with Mr. Penman, fearing it would create a larger split during the campaign.

"I'm delighted and proud that we did as well as we did," she said. "We cut an incumbent's support by 3,200 votes. I think maybe Mr. Reed might feel a little uncomfortable."

Praising her "tremendously loyal group," Mrs. Baines said she feels sorry for her campaign workers and attacked disgruntled Conservatives who supported the Liberal bid for office.

"Had they really been true Conservatives, they would have been more concerned about winning the riding for us," she explained.

Confident that the campaign was fought fairly, Mrs. Baines highly praised NDP opponent Chris Cutler.

"We'll hear a lot more from Chris Cutler in the future," she said. He's got a good handle on the issues, he's well informed but I think he was affected by the overall NDP position in this election."

While refraining from committing herself to another campaign in four years, Mrs. Baines said she "will continue

to present to the riding, a view from outside the party caucus which represents the majority government."

Earlier, Mr. Morrow was optimistic that Mrs. Baines would continue to work on behalf of Halton-Burlington's residents.

Mr. Davis' victory, he added was largely due to the "less than adequate leadership" of Liberal leader Stuart Smith and the NDP's Michael Cassidy.

Maple Lodge dispute heads for hearings

By JILL DAVIS

Hearings before the Ontario Labor Relations Board may soon be in store again for union and management at Maple Lodge Farms Ltd. if the two sides fail to settle their differences.

For the past month, union representatives of Local 1105 of the United Food and Commercial Workers' International Union and management of the plant have met frequently to discuss 400 grievances filed by the union after a bitter strike last fall.

Union negotiator Don Dayman said last week he was starting to become "a little less hopeful" that the meetings were building a working relationship.

"There were a lot of areas that were supposed to be corrected," Mr. Dayman said. "But it doesn't appear it was done."

Mr. Dayman accused some of the foremen in the plant as being "vindictive" and picking on certain workers.

"The foremen try to zero in on workers," he said. "It's utterly ridiculous. I have been lenient so far hoping that they (management) would live up to their promise. They must start to control the foremen."

Although Mr. Dayman said it wasn't unusual for a company and union to meet continually he did admit it was unusual to have such a long string of grievances.

Most of the grievances circled around alleged union-busting tactics and collective agreement violations by the chicken processing plant after the strike.

"There are duplications," said Mr. Dayman talking about the list of grievance to more than one person."

Keith Coutlee, industrial relations officer at Maple Lodge said at least 200 grievances have already been discussed and "catalogued."

"And we realize that some things we can't settle will go to arbitration."

But Mr. Coutlee said he couldn't see the board hearings resuming again.

"There is a better understanding of both sides," said Mr. Coutlee. "But there isn't a magic wand you can wave to settle it all. These things take time."

Although the two sides met Friday, Mr. Dayman said he is not prepared to go to "too many more meetings," if the company does not live up to its promises.

"This route would have been faster than the board hearings," said Mr. Dayman. "But we will go back to the board if we have to."

In January, a three-member

Streaker visits Milton OPP

Ontario Provincial Police in Milton had an unexpected visit from a streaker Thursday evening when a man wandered in looking for shelter because a creditor took his clothes in lieu of money owed by him.

The OPP contacted Halton Regional Police and discovered there was a warrant to commit the unidentified man to jail and hustled the shivering man off to a nice cozy cell.

labor relations board tribunal began investigating union allegations but the hearings were temporarily suspended as both sides met on their own accord.

In the same month, Maple Lodge came forward with two new company pacts.

However, the two tentative agreements were rejected by the rank and file.

Election tally

Liberals	REED	13,307	44.9%
Conservatives	BAINES	12,813	43.2%
New Democrats	CUTLER	3,485	11%
Votes cast province-wide		29,605	
Voter turn-out		55.8%	

1977 ELECTION RESULTS

Liberals	REED	13,985
Conservatives	GRAY	10,287
New Democrats	JOHNSON	5,598

Voters pick Julian for third straight term

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Barrett said, "it's very close but he deserved every vote he got, especially considering this is Fran's hometown."

ty government," Laurie Reed said, adding that he expects NDP supporters to turn to the Liberals to provide an alternative because the NDP "has failed" in the 1981 election.

er, Melanie, she's convinced her classmates won't be giving her any more ribbing about dad's politics.

"I think they'll be surprised tomorrow," she said.

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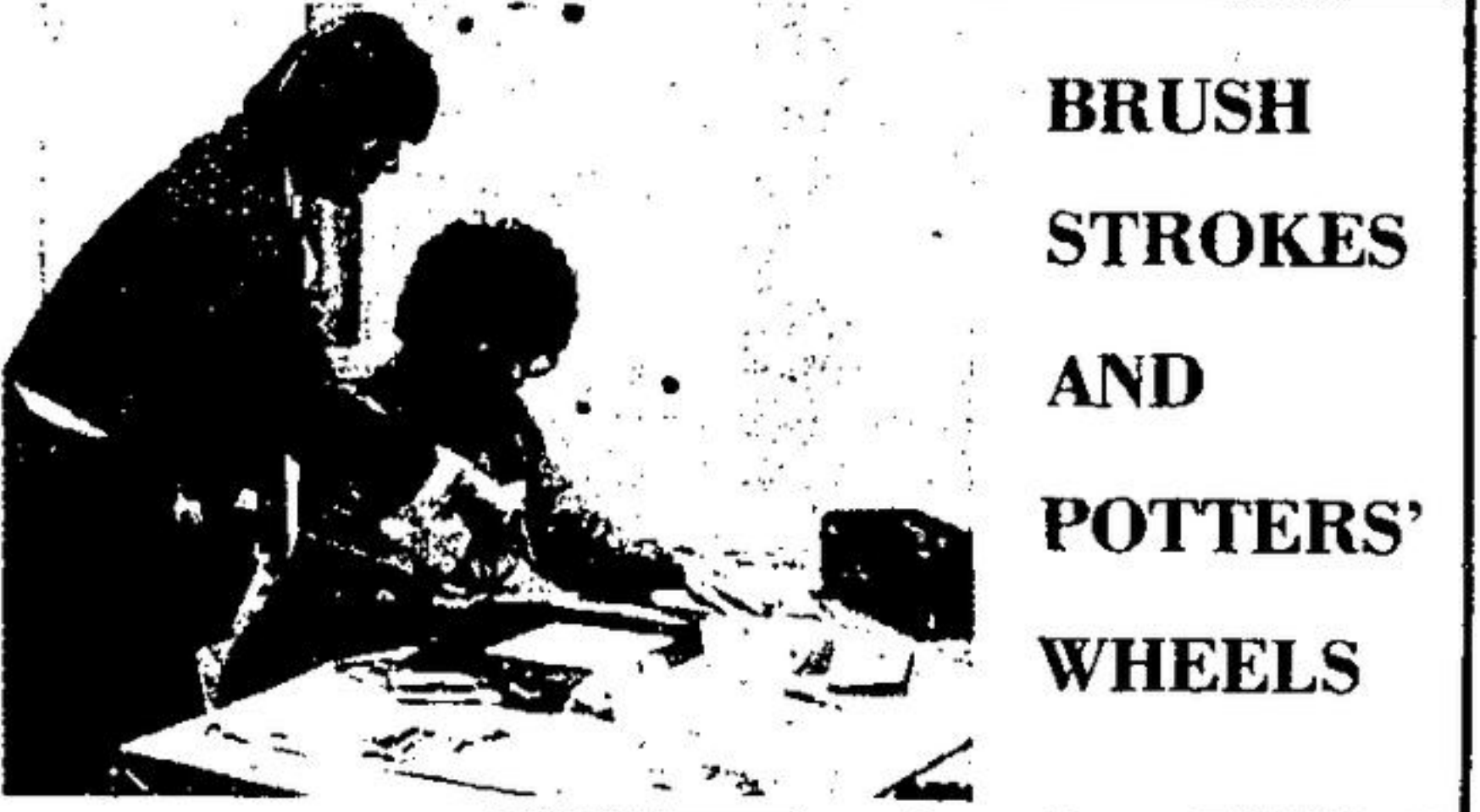
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Gretchen Day, a director of both the Artists and the Halton Hills Arts Council, offered advice to Renee Gadd (top) during a recent session, while watercolorists (left to right) Gayle Macpherson, Carly Martin and Betty Wilkes enjoyed conversation while practicing brushstrokes and color blending (below). At right, Lynn Dole helps fill a table with colorful sketches and exercises. You can find out more about the Artists and their many varied courses by phoning Mrs. Day at 877-8680 or Tina Ross at 877-0745.

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