

Liberals battle it out

By Ani Pederian
Herald Staff

"The more the merrier, I guess," said Halton Liberal Party candidate Oriena Currie, 49, of Campbellville last week as she learned she was going to have some competition in representing the riding's Liberals.

Contesting the Liberal nomination for Halton against Mrs. Currie is Walter Elliot, 50, of Oakville. He threw in his name last Wednesday night.

"I don't think it's a real battle between the north and the south," Mrs. Currie said, although noting candidates have usually been from the south. "It's a friendly competition."

Head of mathematics at Scarborough's Birchmount Park Collegiate, Mr. Elliot has been involved in education for the last 24 years.

At one point in his career, he was principal at Orangeville Secondary School.

"A summer campaign is ideal for someone like myself because nothing is lost," Mr. Elliot said, commenting on the fact schools are closed from June end to Labor Day in September, leaving him free for campaigning.

At most, he'll be missing one day of school, which will be election day, Sept. 4, if he wins the Liberal Party's support - unless Mr. Elliot also wins the seat, in which case he'll experience a career change.



WALTER ELLIOT

Halton Liberals were to vote for their choice of candidate Tuesday night, after The Herald went to press, with the results to be made public by this morning (Wednesday).

Mr. Elliot has been involved in politicking for the Liberals since 1952 when he began canvassing in Waterloo. He was Halton riding president in 1975 for two years and ran provincially against MPP Jim Snow in 1977 and again in 1981. As well, he's been president of the provincial Oakville riding twice, most recently in 1982.

"I've always been a Liberal," Mr. Elliot proclaimed on his visit Monday to The Herald's office.

He said he was one of 50 honorary delegates honored recently at the Liberal convention, for past contributions to the party.

Asked why he entered the race less than a week prior to the vote, Mr. Elliot said he'd had a contract with the Scarborough board of education to work with a curriculum writing team and just finished his obligations last week.

"That was one reason why I didn't have time to get new members and

campaign," he said.

Nevertheless, Mr. Elliot said he felt confident about winning his party's nomination, and about the Liberals winning the riding from the Progressive Conservatives. He feels his past party work will hold him in good stead.

Asked why Halton voters should vote for the Liberals, Mr. Elliot said because it's likely Liberal leader Prime Minister John Turner will continue to be prime minister and Halton should have representation in that government.

Mr. Elliot has also run unsuccessfully in 1971 in Dufferin-Simcoe as a provincial candidate. He has two children in university and his wife Anne used to operate an antique importing business called Paul Maybee Antiques Ltd., which was sold in 1978.

Halton NDP

Looking for a woman

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

If there'd been a woman candidate for the Halton New Democratic Party, Kevin Flynn would gallantly have put his bid for the riding candidacy on the back burner.

"I would have stepped aside for a woman - this time only," Mr. Flynn, 29, the newly acclaimed NDP candidate for Halton riding

announced Monday. "I think it's about time we had a woman candidate."

The 250-member group held their nomination meeting Monday night in Oakville and although much emphasis had been placed on trying to find a woman candidate, as Mr. Flynn said, the candidate for the Halton NDP again turned out to be a male. Mr. Flynn was acclai-

med as the riding's NDP candidate.

Because NDP rules give the vote only to those who have been party members a minimum 30 days, the party's membership didn't swell prior to the nomination meeting (as is the case with the Liberal Party).

Mr. Flynn has been an Oakville resident for seven years and this will be his second run in the

political arena. He ran in the last municipal election November 1982, vying for the Ward 4 East Oakville seat.

"I came in fourth out of six people and was only 50 votes out of third place," Mr. Flynn said.

FIRST TRY

"This is my first crack at the federal scene," he said.

Calling himself "incredibly optimistic," Mr. Flynn said the NDP's chances are good because the Liberal and the Progressive Conservative Parties' positions on issues are very similar.

"People are saying they don't know who to vote for or us, because they can't tell the other parties apart," Mr. Flynn said. "Now, they have a choice between us and them."

A Mississauga Hydro employee, Mr. Flynn works in the inventory control section of the utility.

Involved with the provincial NDP party, Mr. Flynn is the executive co-ordinator for the Oakville riding. He plans events, and does public relations in that role. Last year he was the provincial president.

Only half expected to show

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

Although the Liberal Party has signed on 630 new members for Halton riding (Oakville and Acton), it expects only about half to show up at the Liberal nomination meeting Tuesday night.

The nomination meeting was held last night after The Herald went to press, and therefore results are not available in this edition of The Herald.

Liberal Party president for the riding Bon-

nie Brown said about 300 members were expected to turn up at the meeting held at Milton District High School.

"If we'd had more lead time, that is, if the election had been called for November, we may have had more mem-

bers," Mrs. Brown told The Herald.

Many people are away on holiday and candidates Oriena Currie and Walter Elliot found no answers at many local homes during their efforts to recruit.

No block sale of Liberal memberships

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

Are Liberal Party members being bought for Halton riding?

No, says Bonnie Brown, president of Halton Liberals.

Referring to the Party's membership list, she said the new membership recruited by nominees Oriena Currie and Walter Elliot, prior to the cut-off date this weekend, are people she's never heard of before. Most are new Liberals to the area.

Nominees in Toronto ridings made the news this week when it was

revealed nominees had paid the membership dues of new Party members in an effort to increase Party membership and hence their support. With a membership, the new members are allowed to vote in a party's election of a candidate.

"It's different demographics in our riding," Mrs. Brown said. "We've never had large blocks (of new members) being paid for by one source. It has never been a problem, so we've never discussed it."

ETHNIC

She noted in many

Toronto ridings, there are close-knit ethnic communities. A leader of the ethnic groups can mobilize the ethnic vote in his favor and bring a block of ethnic voters, she said.

"In Halton, we have a number of people from various backgrounds. We don't have enclaves of them," Mrs. Brown said.

Whereas in Toronto, a nominee may be able to sign up 50 new members all on the same street, in Halton, ethnic groups are dispersed and nominees don't have it so easy in rounding up new members.

"And that whole case of people buying memberships for others doesn't apply out here," Mrs. Brown said. At most, it may have occurred in one or two cases where people couldn't afford it and a candidate contributed to their membership fees.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

To belong to the Halton Liberals, it costs an individual \$5, a family \$10, and youth under 25 and seniors \$2.

"We hope the cost doesn't preclude anybody. We've tried to keep it within people's means," she said.

Pews empty as sunny weather beckoned



ROCK 'N ROLL

Out for a swinging old time, D.J. Mann, 4, of Acton, wasn't going to get sunburnt Sunday afternoon. He kept his cap on and a fair time in the shade of Prospect Park trees.

(Herald photo)

By WINIFRED SMITH
Herald Correspondent

It is wonderful vacation weather and many took advantage of it Sunday to enjoy it.

As a result, there were not many out to welcome the guest preacher Rev. Paul Tate of Mountainview Baptist Church of

Georgetown. Rev. Tate conducted the church service at Ballinacra United Church.

As well, there weren't many out to welcome a new family who have come to live in the village. The Blakelys recently moved here from Mississauga.



LEGION LINES

By LLOYD HOUNSELL
Herald Spectator

Congratulations to Bill Collier for winning the District 'B' singles Horseshoes at Milton. He will now be going to the Provincial contest to be held on Aug. 25 at Listowel. Again, congratulations, Bill, and all the very best at the Provincials.

For those interested in a good day's fishing, the Branch has organized a trip to Glen Haffey for July 29 and again for Aug. 26. All welcomed.

The Veterans Information Centre is now open at the Branch every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

EUCHERE: July 19 winners. Ladies. 1st prize - Myra Peasey. 2nd prize - Mary Harley. Booby - Merry Crawford. Men. 1st prize - Ray Harley. 2nd prize - George Louth. Booby - Connie Darling.

MINI BINGO: will be held on Saturday July 28th, together with entertainment which will be provided by the Arrow.

SICK LIST: Georgetown Hospital - Pat McDaid, Bill Watson, Sam Gisby, Len Oliver and Gear Hayes.



PRINCESS POWER

The play was held on Academy Street which leads one to believe the actors are thinking of making a big name for themselves as movie stars. Neighbourhood kids got together to write and act in their own play Thursday, performing to an enthusiastic audience of about 30 theatre buffs ranging from all ages.

Ride the rapids

Do you have a hard time resisting the lure of frothy white rapids? Then perhaps the canoe and kayak demonstration planned at Terra Cotta Conservation Area is something you shouldn't miss Saturday.

At Wolf Lake, on the Area's property, there'll be an on-land discussion of the techniques, safety skills and equipment needed for canoeing and kayaking.

Afterwards, there'll be a demonstration on Wolf Lake illustrating the skills discussed.

There'll be movies on canoeing, kayaking, white water rafting at 8:30 p.m. at the Interpretive Centre.

The activities begin at 7:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome. Admission

is free, however, there's a \$4 charge per vehicle for admission into the Area.

For more information on this program and others being offered this summer at Terra Cotta, please call 877-9650.

Ashgrove News

Outdoor lunch

By Mrs. BELLBODDY
Herald Correspondent

Sunday, July 15 was a lovely sunny day when the Women's Institute members and their husbands enjoyed a picnic at the attractive home and surroundings of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wingfield. Tables were set on the lawn under the trees for a delightful lunch.

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Election briefs

Reed won't jump

Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed won't be jumping ship like some members of the provincial Liberals.

Last week a number of Liberal party members from the province expressed interest in turning their attention to the federal scene.

Mr. Reed, who was at the Brampton-Georgetown nomination meeting last Tuesday supporting Ross Milne, said he's not interested at all in running federally in the Halton riding.

He said he has interests at home and his family is not yet fully grown. Another reason, he said, is that his chief interests are provincial matters, on views in which he first campaigned.

Deficit? What's that?

It may not be surprising news to hear that nobody understands the federal deficit.

John McDermid made that announcement Monday afternoon and seven local reporters dutifully scribbled it down. Mr. McDermid was holding his first press conference in the federal election campaign at his Brampton campaign headquarters.

Mr. McDermid said 22 cents of every tax dollar goes to pay off the interest on the government's loan. It doesn't touch the loan, at least not yet.

"It's money that can't be spent on social services or on improving conditions for small businesses," he said.

The government's deficit now stands at \$18 billion, Mr. McDermid said.

Recovery 'phoney'

Provincial Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, Bob Rae, was on hand last Monday during the Halton NDP nomination meeting.

"It's the bread and butter issues. We're there more than any other party," Mr. Rae said.

He said that jobs was the most important issue and stated that there are presently a million and half people out of work.

"We are the party of the working people," Mr. Rae said. "There are too many people out of jobs and too many people who are being taxed too much."

While Mr. Rae said the oil and auto industries are doing very well he feels the working people are not.

"We know how phoney the recovery is," he said. "We're talking reality, justice and security. Those are the issues that count most to the people."

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