



OFFICE OPENS

Celebrating the opening of the Acton Liberal campaign office were a number of party supporters. Holding the ribbon for candidate Oriana Currie were (left to right) Dottie Moulden, MPP for Halton-Burlington Julian Reed and town councillor Ross Knechtel.

says Jelinek

Backroom boys return

Halton Progressive Conservative candidate Otto Jelinek said he will win the election by the biggest majority he's ever had after four campaigns. The incumbent MP said he's working harder than ever and "isn't letting up". His strategy is to work in each of the areas in Milton, Oakville and Acton, spending his time on a per capita basis. Most of his time has been spent door knocking in the riding because he is a "people person", Mr. Jelinek said. He hopes to visit every household in the Halton riding by the end of the campaign. Through special events the PCs in the riding are holding plus all-candidates meetings, he is hoping people will have a chance to meet him. One of the major messages he is finding in his door to door campaign is that people feel there is a need for a change in leadership, he said. By bringing back Senator Keith Davey the Liberals are showing that they are keeping the same old backroom boys, he said.

Green Party of Halton
Kowalchuk files papers early

By DAVE ROWNEY
Herald Staff
Chris Kowalchuk was an eager starter in the Halton riding campaign to elect a member to the House of Commons. The Green Party candidate said he and a friend have been planning strategies for months in preparation for an election. The Green Party has been active in Canada as a party since 1983. Mr. Kowalchuk, 22, joined the party recently along with the World Federalists because both organizations were willing to press their issues in the political arena. He said the Green Party is well known in European countries, but West Germany has had the greatest success because of the rampant air pollution affecting the Black Forest and the question of nuclear disarmament. The Green Party in Canada is first and foremost interested in the survival of the human race, Mr. Kowalchuk said. The party is concerned with disarmament and the environment and the economic penalties we now pay by polluting the land and supporting the armament industry through the manufacture of bigger and more sophisticated weapons. The Green Party also believes there is a need to create a consumer society rather than a consumer society. Population growth and the excess Third World countries may one day have to nuclear weapons are definite concerns for the future that must be addressed now.

Mr. Kowalchuk grew up in British Columbia and moved to Oakville in 1977. He has worked for the Town of Oakville as a lifeguard and was for a time a company foreman. He is a graduate of a course in ski area management and his last job was a month ago working for a firm called Tax Time Services. The Green Party of Canada doesn't have a permanent leader, but meetings are usually chaired by different people. This symbolizes that the party believes, in leading by consensus, rather than a tightly knit leadership decision-making process. Mr. Kowalchuk grew up in British Columbia and moved to Oakville in 1977. He has worked for the Town of Oakville as a lifeguard and was for a time a company foreman. He is a graduate of a course in ski area management and his last job was a month ago working for a firm called Tax Time Services.

Deamer opens office

NDP candidate for the Brampton-Georgetown riding, John Deamer, will be spending a good portion of this week campaigning and being involved with the Pine and Rose Festival in Brampton. Most of the activities, which include the Miss Brampton beauty contest, fireworks, Thursday's Wintario draw and a casino night, will be held at Chinguacousy Park at the intersection of Bramalea Road and 7 Highway. Yesterday marked the opening of the Georgetown campaign office which is located at 99 Main Street South.

Flynn goes knocking

Acton residents may have the opportunity of meeting NDP candidate for the Halton riding, Kevin Flynn, Thursday as he is expected to be campaigning door to door in the area. Mr. Flynn said it was a waste of time campaigning in a door to door situation too early in the campaign as 33 per cent of homes are vacant this time of the year. Mr. Flynn said he has been going over the party policies during the last two weeks and has been involved with various strategy meetings. Stating that "you can't let the people enjoy the summer forever," Mr. Flynn said the real campaign starts Tuesday (yesterday).

By ROBIN BAKWELL
Herald Staff
Green Party candidate for the Brampton-Georgetown riding, Steven Kaasgaard, says

Election '84 Campaign report

One of the co-founders of the Green Party of Canada, Mr. Kaasgaard is studying politics at Queens University in Kingston. Presently unemployed he is working full-time on his campaign. "If that isn't the number one issue then we needn't worry about the others," he said. Mr. Kaasgaard said that if he is elected he will work for living expenses only and would use the rest of the money to reduce the Canadian deficit. "I would use that to set a precedent for other politicians across Canada," he said. One of the co-founders of the Green Party of Canada, Mr. Kaasgaard is studying politics at Queens University in Kingston. Presently unemployed he is working full-time on his campaign. "If that isn't the number one issue then we needn't worry about the others," he said. Mr. Kaasgaard said that if he is elected he will work for living expenses only and would use the rest of the money to reduce the Canadian deficit. "I would use that to set a precedent for other politicians across Canada," he said.

Four candidates support Acton in VIA fight

The three main party candidates in Halton riding have all stated their support for a VIA stop in Acton. Tory candidate Otto Jelinek has gone the furthest by saying if the Conservative were elected the service would be reinstated. At his campaign office opening two weeks ago, NDP candidate Kevin Flynn offered his support for Acton residents wanting the extra stop. Last week in her Acton office opening, Liberal candidate Oriana Currie said supported the move for an Acton railway stop. Meanwhile, even Brampton-Georgetown Tory candidate John McDermid has been at a meeting with Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller, Chamber of Commerce representative Steve Dawkins and councillor Rick Bonnette. Mr. McDermid told The Herald the Tories support an overall policy of re-installation of VIA stops in Canada.

Campaign numbers

- HALTON RIDING
- NDP candidate Kevin Flynn
- Acton campaign office at 201 Lakeview 853-3346
- Liberal candidate Oriana Currie
- Acton campaign office at 25 Mill St. E. 853-3660
- PC candidate Otto Jelinek
- Acton campaign office at 38 Mill St. 853-3130

Election briefs

On the stage
Liberal candidate for Brampton-Georgetown Ross Milne can be seen on Halton Cable where he spoke Tuesday night to an interviewer about campaign issues. Mr. Milne was also on stage when Mr. Turner announced his First Chance program to stimulate jobs for youths. Campaign manager Rick Weiler says Mr. Milne is getting positive responses from the Turner proposal for youth employment. "It talks about a new economic partnership between labor, industry and government there is some real hope and opportunities for youth", Mr. Weiler said. The Liberal candidate is hoping to visit all homes in the Brampton-Georgetown riding before the election. This week he will be heavily involved in Brampton's annual Pine and Rose Festival.

Leadership qualities
Brampton-Georgetown Progressive Conservative candidate John McDermid says the added popularity of party leader Brian Mulroney through the television debate is showing in his door knocking campaign. People are beginning to see the leadership attributes of Mr. Mulroney, he said. Mr. McDermid will be spending a good deal of his time in Brampton this week after knocking on doors in Georgetown Tuesday. He will be at the Pine and Rose Festival.

Campaign office opens
Halton Liberal candidate Oriana Currie opened her campaign office in Acton Friday afternoon surrounded by party faithful. She talked of her long hours on the campaign trail and how she feels the party can win in Halton with the help of campaign manager Al Wilson and the party workers. As a small businesswoman, she spoke of her experience in contacting government departments in support of her business ideas, some that have been looked at by Small Business and Tourism Minister David Smith, she said. She also talked about the need to create new jobs and finding new ways to stimulate the economy as well as the need for Canada to serve a role as one of the world's peacemakers.

Candidates disagree

At her campaign office opening in Acton, Liberal candidate Oriana Currie praised Prime Minister John Turner's recently announced a youth job-creation program. "The First Chance program is a realistic addition to the set of education and training options available to young Canadians when they leave school," she said. She said she is glad to see the idea of a new partnership among business, labor and government, something she spoke of in her nomination speech. However, Progressive Conservative candidate for Halton Otto Jelinek was less than enthusiastic about the plan. He says the Tories came up with a similar platform a few months ago and the Grits have copied them. He feels the Liberals are more vague in their strategy and didn't have enough emphasis on re-training to upgrade skills. One of the key issues that wasn't properly addressed was the need to combat technological changes in the workforce, he said.

Acton the key

According to Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed, Acton is the key to winning an election in Halton even though the bulk of the votes are in the south. He spoke briefly at the Liberal campaign office opening in Acton at 25 Mill St. E. in which candidate Oriana Currie cut the ribbon and also made a short speech. Mrs. Currie represents in Acton the most acceptable candidate because she comes from the small community of Campbellville and she understands the "specialness" of small communities, Mr. Reed said.

Northern campaign

Progressive Conservative candidate John McDermid will be doing some campaigning outside his riding. Monday August 13 he will be flying to Frobisher Bay to help support an Inuit candidate named Thomas Suluk. Mr. McDermid was originally to have campaigned in party leader Brian Mulroney's riding, but he couldn't tie into the required plane schedules. Mr. McDermid is in Mr. Mulroney's shadow cabinet representing Indian and Northern Affairs.

Helpers aid candidates

By TOM SAWYER
Herald Special
May Thomas has worked for the Brampton-area Conservative candidate in every federal election since she moved here 21 years ago, and doesn't understand why there aren't more local campaigners. "I feel sorry for them, because they're missing something," says the Richmond Drive woman, who is carrying on her tradition by working for Tory candidate John McDermid in the current federal election campaign. "I really enjoy it - meeting the people and working for somebody I like," Thomas said, as she and about half a dozen other McDermid volunteers catalogued phone numbers in the party's local headquarters. Just a few blocks away, a different generation of campaigners are among the volunteers hard at work for Liberal Ross Milne. Rachel Pinheiro, Priya Patel and Peter McLarty aren't old enough to vote Sept. 4,

but they were eager to get involved behind the scenes. "For one, it's good experience," says Pinheiro, 14, of Rosewood Avenue. "You could write it down on any resume as work experience - and it's fun." -Courtesy Brampton Times

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