

## Still worthwhile

As Brampton-Georgetown NDP candidate John Deamer said last week, "it's hard to be a third party candidate." He was making reference to Brampton's Pine and Rose Festival where invitations to events weren't as readily available to him as the other candidates.

His leader Ed Broadbent might have felt the same way last week. In the televised debate on women's issues, Prime Minister John Turner got in his digs by saying his NDP opponent wouldn't be forming the next government of Canada. Were his opinions really that important, the prime minister seemed to be saying.

Back on the local scene, Brampton-Georgetown had their own all-candidates meeting. The 'all' meant the three major parties in Canada.

Left out of the debate were Communist Party of Canada candidate Jim Bridgewood and Green Party candidate Steve Kaasgaard.

We can't argue that by inviting these two gentlemen the public would have been better served. An all-candidates meeting is hard to organize and allow residents a fair chance to size up their potential representatives.

A three person format allowed for more questions and a variety of topics. Nevertheless, the Progressive Conservatives and Liberals need to be confronted by other individuals and parties for their excesses and their oversights.

We welcome the introduction of the Green Party for their views on the environment and nuclear disarmament. And a probing Ed Broadbent is at his best when criticizing his opponents.

Yes, it's hard to be a third party candidate. It's even harder to be further down on the totem pole. But their efforts are worthwhile in turning the election campaign to issues oriented rather than image oriented.



## Don't forget William Caldwell



### Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

Almost every Ontario schoolkid has heard of Ole' Daniel Boone, the coonskin-capped, dead-shot, American frontiersman.

But how many are aware that one of Ontario's founders, William Caldwell, with his own force of forest fighters -- to use the vernacular of the day -- "whipped the pants off" Daniel and his men in a 1782 battle?

Few, if any. More than two centuries ago, on Aug. 15, at a little Kentucky ford named Blue Licks, Caldwell, with 30 Loyalists and 200 Indians, ambushed 200 rebel militia led by Boone and captured or killed 146 of them, including Boone's son, Israel. Caldwell lost seven.

Do we commemorate the battle? Of course not. In fact, we don't even remember it.

Not even in this year the government has chosen as the official Bicentennial of Loyalist settlement of

Ontario do we hear of it. Not even though Caldwell was one of those who settled the Windsor area.

FOREST FIGHTERS Yet, it can be argued that without Caldwell and a few hundred other believers in King and Country (plus their Indian allies), Canada would have been lost to the rebel cause during the U.S. War of Independence.

In particular, Butler's Rangers, green-clad riflemen who raided frontier-style out of Fort's Niagara and Detroit by foot and canoe as far south as the Carolinas, stopped any assault on Ontario before it began (not to mention having partial responsibility for George Washington's army being hungry at Valley Forge).

Caldwell was a Rangers' captain. Some even suggest that after Blue Licks, when British writ ran unchecked from Ohio to Minnesota, only English ineptness in the 1783 negotiations with the American rebels saw that vast tract of land stripped from Canada.

POLITICAL GOALS But Ontarians don't learn that kind of history.

Today, history is taught as if the only important events were those that reinforce current social and political goals or prejudices. The past is seen solely in terms of the present and never for itself.

Since the prejudice of today is

playing down the British origin of Ontario, the Caldwells of our history are allowed to slip into obscurity.

But sneaking at or ignoring the beliefs of those who, whatever their ethnic origin, remained loyal to the concept of a united British Empire -- just because it is extinct today -- is bad history and worse nation-building. One might excuse our schoolkids knowing about Daniel Boone but not William Caldwell because of the pervasive influence of the U.S. entertainment industry and its packaging of American heroes.

But that doesn't explain why Canada immortalizes on film men who hated this country, mad traitors like Louis Riel and Communist snobs like Norman Bethune, when men like Caldwell are available.

SOLDIER FOUNDERS Part of the reticence displayed about Loyalists like Caldwell probably has to do with their role as soldiers, war by our side being so out of favor nowadays that we displace hostility to it to conflicts 200 years ago.

It embarrasses Canadians to play up their military heritage, even though the initial (male) Loyalist founders of Ontario were almost all citizen soldiers without whose combat successes this country wouldn't even exist.

So on this anniversary of Blue Licks, let a few of us remember William Caldwell.

### Letter to the editor

## Missed 'a good show'

Dear Sir, I considered myself honored to be one of a wonderful group of Halton Hills folks who went to the CNE Bandshell to let Toronto know we were on the map. I've been a bit of a 'ham' with local amateur groups for these many years, in good and not so good shows.

This letter is to boost the moral of a talented cast of guys and gals who may be downcast at the wide expanse of empty seats we gave our all at, for approval. Remember there's always another opening -- another show. To finish, my sincere thanks to Joy Thompson who did everything to

smooth our way. To Mike Burgoyne as MC who praised Halton Hills to the skies and introduced the acts with expert know-how and to all those behind the scenes folk, seldom praised. Toronto, you missed a good show.

George Mitchell, 81 Raylawn Cres.

## Can Oriena do it?



### Staff Comment

By ANIPEDERIAN

"If Sybil Bennett did it back in 1953, what are the chances Oriena Currie can do it Sept. 4?"

I asked Steamer Emmerson, a former Georgetown mayor and a man who was on the hustings with Miss Bennett.

Mrs. Currie won the support of the Halton Liberals last month. Mr. Emmerson was pleased.

"Good for her. I give her a lot of credit," he said, and reminisced about how he used to play hockey with Mrs. Currie's late husband Charlie when they were boys.

The newly chosen Liberal candidate for the riding is a businesswoman from Campbellville.

Mr. Emmerson was asked if the fact that Mrs. Currie is a woman would influence voters.

"I don't think so today. Most people look at if a gal looks capable," Mr. Emmerson said. "I'd have no hesitation in voting for a woman. I could accept a woman president or a woman prime minister with no problem."

He said he didn't think the sex of a candidate is the problem it once was. Looking back at Miss Bennett who won a federal seat for Halton's Conservatives in 1953, Mr. Emmerson

said the public had had no hesitation in supporting Miss Bennett then.

"The public liked her. She was well thought of and she met the criteria. They figured she'd done well and was a lawyer," he said.

It was Miss Bennett's second try for the seat that won it for her. Her run against sitting member Hughes Cleaver in 1949 failed.

Today, Mrs. Currie is running against PC Otto Jelinek, a man who has held the seat since 1972. People may be tired of over a decade of Mr. Jelinek, but Mr. Emmerson thinks they may be even more tired of the long reigning Liberal government.

"I think the mood today is that people want a change. They've had enough of the Trudeau years and they want a change in government," Mr. Emmerson said.

"If she (Mrs. Currie) was coming out when her party was on a high role, she might have a chance," he said. "But she's coming in at a time when people are really thinking it's time to change governments."

However, Mr. Emmerson wouldn't call the final outcome of the election in Halton.

"Politicians are like horses," he chuckled. "You never know. All the predictions go to the wind."

One of the candidates could do something outstanding, or make a ghastly mistake during the campaign and that could affect the outcome Sept. 4, Mr. Emmerson said.

"If she (Mrs. Oriena) runs this time and doesn't make it, well, she'll have that much experience under her belt that she can build on," he concluded.

### NDP candidate responds

## We need more women

Dear Sir, After reading Arlene Bowman's letter in your newspaper August 15, I feel a reply is in order to inform your readers of the misinformation contained in Bowman's correspondence.

For the past year, New Democrats across Canada have been actively seeking women candidates. I have been part of that process in the Halton riding. What this entailed was the extension of progressive affirmative action passed by our Federal Convention in 1983. Internally, the New Democratic Party operates as an example of women's equality at its best.

The Halton Riding was actively pursuing a particular woman candidate. As it turned out due in part to the timing of the election, the woman in question was unable to commit the time necessary to fulfill the obligations of candidacy.

After learning of this fact, I decided that I would throw my hat into the ring. What I feel this shows, in my estimation, is that the New Democratic Party is a party of action not just words. We have an affirmative action program that I am proud to hold up to scrutiny by any person purportedly interested in the advancement of issues of concern to women. This year we set a record in

Canadian politics by fielding 65 women candidates. Had things worked out as planned in Halton we would have had 66.

Bowman's attitude is a sad display of the same old tired excuses used against implementation of affirmative action time and time again. Keep it up Arlene Bowman. While the New Democrats increasingly move ahead in the area of women's rights, you in your sleazebag, screaming, self-righteousness are setting the clock back fifty years.

Yours truly, Kevin Flynn, Halton NDP Candidate

### By REV. RICK RUGGLE

At one stage of the American Revolution, British troops under General Burgoyne were advancing toward the important city of Albany (1777). An inglorious rout at Bennington, Vermont, helped to change the tide of war in favour of the Americans.

One British officer killed in that battle was the father of Captain Michael Dayfoot (1774-1871). Michael remained in Vermont, and raised a family there.

By the 1830s, emigration from the state was reaching a grand scale. The industrial revolution was transforming the seaboard towns and cities of New England, and factories provided a hungry market for wool.

Wealthy farmers bought up marginal land to make into huge sheep pastures, and the enclosures added new recruits to the stream of Vermonters pouring out of the state.

The optimistic voices of the previous decades were now silent, and the spiral of economic prosperity of most Vermonters was now downwards.

The Baptist cause had been gaining strength in New England by the end of the eighteenth century, and Vermont was particularly affected. Missionaries from the Shaftsbury and Woodstock Associations, centred in the Green Mountain state, had in turn begun most of the Baptist congregations in early Upper Canada.

## Fun-loving Rhino party

By ROB DEACON  
Ottawa Bureau of The Herald  
OTTAWA - Get your home video recorders ready to roll the night of August 20.

The fun-loving Rhinoceros Party is going on the CBC English-language network in prime time to deliver what the party's national campaign director Charlie McKenzie calls "the most serious political message ever given in this country."

While Canadian TV viewers sit gripping the arms of livingroom sofas in stark terror, McKenzie will present the Rhino party's final report and recommendations of the Ronald McDonald Task Force on the Economy. The four-minute free-time political broadcast is scheduled to air sometime between 8:30 and 9 p.m.

Other Rhino candidates in Peterborough and Guelph are working up party messages to be used on the other TV and radio networks.

The party, born 21 years ago around a kitchen table in Longueuil, Que., is holding a press conference in Ottawa August 16 to unveil the major portions of its 1984 election platform.

Critics have called the Rhinos everything from anarchists to clowns. But, under the Canada Elections Act, they are also a legitimate national party, with 69 official candidates seeking election September 4.

In the 1980 general election, 123 Rhino candidates collected a total of 121,000 votes and even finished second in two Quebec ridings.

There are fewer Rhinos running for Parliament this time "because we

found people want a smaller government," McKenzie said in a telephone interview from national "headquarters" in Montreal.

Outside the province of Quebec, the party has unleashed 36 candidates -- the most ever. The Rhinos also claim they are the only national party with a woman (Dominique Langevin) serving as interim leader. The party's true leader is a rhinoceros -- Cornelius I -- but he's stuck at the San Diego zoo for the time being.

And anyway, McKenzie said, Cornelius is "in mourning" because his lady friend Stella, a black Rhino from Hungary, died recently after a bout with tuberculosis.

"The last we heard he was roaming around with a bunch of antelopes and gazelles," he said. "We just can't get his attention for this campaign. The poor little guy is upset."

SOLDIER ON There is a well-rehearsed routine used to round up Rhino candidates for an election campaign. McKenzie and some of the two dozen hard core party faithful hold a series of well-publicized news conferences.

They toss out the initial batch of off-the-wall ideas for public consumption, drawing heavily on real life blunders and gaffes committed by the so-called main party politicians.

After the first wave of Rhino lunacy, the inevitable inquiries roll in. "The only stipulation we place on our candidates is that they be non-sexist, non-violent, non-racist and not

village, in which members of various denominations co-operated. The arrival of the Dayfoots was probably a major reason for the establishment of a Baptist chapel in Georgetown in 1847, and Michael was appointed as its first deacon and treasurer.

Philo's interests spread wide. He subscribed five pounds to the Congregational church in the village (1851). A Reformer, he was a member of the local committee which helped raise funds to purchase a retirement home for William Lyon Mackenzie (1856).

In 1858 he presided over the Halton Sabbath School Convention where teachers from the county met to discuss their common problems and the prospects of Sabbath Schools.

In 1856 a fire in his house was reported in the newspapers, though Tremaine's map, printed two years later, displays an engraving of a neat frame home.

He returned to Hamilton in 1859, where he resumed the wholesale boot and shoe business. In the late 1870s he was one of a syndicate that built the Hamilton and North Western Railway, linking Georgetown to Hamilton and Barrie.

John carried on the Georgetown business, and in 1877 the Halton County Atlas reported that he regularly employed between 80 and 100 men to produce the heavy boots that were sold mainly in city markets.

too smart," McKenzie says. The party runs on "auto-democratic" pilot so each candidate is free to develop his or her own platform and promises.

McKenzie admits the party has stumbled badly now and again. They blew whatever hope they had of recruiting qualified candidates in Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island when they mistakenly promised to build causeways to the mainland. "They don't want that," McKenzie said.

In Quebec, where competition to represent the party is fierce, nominational meetings are never held. "Instead, there was one that was decided on the outcome of a poker game," McKenzie said. "Another one was determined with a coin toss. There was another race -- a very tight one -- between a well-known Rhino and a piece of wood. The wood won but he couldn't stand the heat of the campaign so he had to withdraw."

In British Columbia, where the party's campaign "west of Wawa" is headed up by Rhino vet Richard the Troll Schaller, there are 13 candidates. Richard was one of the first Rhinos to break the party out into the mainstream, beyond Quebec, McKenzie said.

He also happens to be "an old dear friend" of his, "part of the old 60s network."

In Alberta, the Rhinos are running four candidates, including one in the riding of Bow River whose real name is Gordon D. Taylor.

## Halton's History

THIRTY YEARS AGO-Probably the happiest young man in Georgetown these days is high schooler Bill Hardman. Friday night he returned from the national cadet camp at Banff with the coveted award of "Best Cadet".

Mrs. Phil Pridham of River Drive won \$200 when the Star puzzle man called her and she successfully solved the puzzle in two minutes.

A highlight recollection of a British visit for Mr. and Mrs. S.G. Bennett is a tea during the British "Royal" at Windsor which the couple attended and at which Mr. Bennett sat at Queen Elizabeth's right.

Phyllis Malcolm Stewart, whose mother Mrs. H.M. Stewart lives on Durham Street, had a leading role in a CBL television show last night.

Two graduates of Georgetown High School are planning careers as public school teachers. Sylvia Lambert and Ruth McBride will enroll at Teacher's College in Toronto in September.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO-Terra Cotta Inn, well-known picturesque country inn situated on the banks of the Credit River, has changed hands. The new owners are Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Greenhill, who came from England in 1961.

"Young Voyager" Gwen Paterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Paterson, 20 McGillivray Crescent, will be leaving for Labrador City, Newfoundland on August 17 with 624 other "Voyagers".

Dr. David McEwen has joined Dr. Brian Buckrell at the Georgetown Animal Clinic.

Sharon Hume, Halton County's Dairy Princess, will compete at the C.N.E. this Friday evening, August 15 by giving a talk on dairying, being interviewed and milking cows.

A.J. Jamieson, president of Georgetown Cable T.V. Ltd., announced this week that the company has commenced construction of Cable services in Glen Williams.

Five year old Tim Kunica of Hornby went to a Jersey cattle show in Galt with his pet calf Ness and returned with the Ontario Junior Champion.

TEN YEARS AGO-Approval has been given by the Canadian Radio and Television Commission for Georgetown Cable Television to expand its area of service to include Acton and Milton.

John F. Tost left Monday for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Training Centre, Regina, Sask. where he will begin training as a police officer.

Halton Hills councillors proved that young love can conquer anything when they voted to allow a mobile home on a farm property.

FIVE YEARS AGO-A high-speed car chase through the streets of Georgetown, a massive community party with free hot dogs and souvenir T-shirts and a golden opportunity to rub elbows with internationally known celebrity Orson Welles promise to make the coming week one of the most exciting periods in the town's history.

All the activity is part of the filming of the \$1.1 million production of "Never Trust an Honest Thief".

James Debrun of 60 McIntyre Cres., Georgetown, was a finalist in the Pepsi-Cola Bluegrass Festival five string banjo contest held at the Concert Shell, Blue Mountain Foundations for the Arts, Collingwood, during the past weekend.

## POETS' CORNER

There is a sound sunrise makes. Birds wake. The earth shakes lazy dew worms from its skin. —By ROBERT RENNIE

She would not learn What Teeter Totter, though he tried to reach her, could not teach her. So drowned now in yonder water, still he tried but had not caught her. —By ROBERT RENNIE

Leo's Prayer  
Hail to Thee—  
RA,  
Vanquish Plato,  
Conquer the north wind,  
Let thy handmaiden,  
The west wind  
lead to Thee  
(Oh Sun, whose son I am). —By ROBERT RENNIE

She said "Get lost",  
And I did,  
I turned and I tossed  
And I hid. —By ROBERT RENNIE

THE CYCLIST  
The cyclist has but one slim chance  
He only has just one quick glance  
Sometimes it is only a tight squeeze  
Oh give to them, all the road please  
They wiggle in and wiggle out  
Natural way, they twist about  
Slow down until they are out of sight  
They have half the road, it is their right  
Perhaps could crash up, against your car  
Someone might get a terrible scar  
Their family wants them home to-night  
A few minutes later, would save a plight

To have a conscience pure and clean  
Or later on, nightmares, with a sad dream  
Drive your car with caution and care  
Let roads and life together share  
Take no chances, while on your way  
It's only you, who will have to pay  
—By ALBERT BROOKS