EDITORIAL IN OUR OPINION

Blue tidal wave

Early returns told the story: a blue tidal wave of Tory voters were making their voices heard in greater numbers than in 1958 when Diefenbaker fever swept the nation.

After months of speculation, election results Tuesday night proved that Canadians across the nation wanted a change. Large numbers of undecided voters, that all parties had claimed as their own before Sept. 4 finally climbed aboard a winning PC team.

In the coming months Prime Minister Brian Mulroney must prove to Canadians that he is a responsible, responsive prime minister who will listen to the people despite collecting an awesome majority in the House of Commons.

The new prime minister will have to convince us that we voted for him because we believed in his promises and policies, not just because Canadians felt the government needed a house cleaning.

We believe the Progressive Conservative win will be a positive step for Canada. But it's up to the new government to allay our fears by operating as if they ruled by only a small margin of votes.

Mr. Mulroney proved in the latter stages of his campaign that being smug over his predicted victory can cause ill feelings reminiscent of the Trudeau era.

Canadians want a strong leader, but they want a prime minister that is not arrogant or deceitful. On the local scene, both PC candidates John McDer-

mid and Otto Jelinek are possible selections for cabinet posts in the new government.

Selection of either one to this high standing would do much to give our area a higher profile and perhaps help us in federal matters such as the VIA train stop in Acton.

We are disappointed over the showing of Halton Liberal candidate Oriena Currie. Her approach to politics was refreshing, honest and she portrayed a personality that emphasized a forthright and hard-working attitude. We hope she does try again as a federal candidate. She is approachable and confident. By contrast we find her PC counterpart Mr. Jelinek both aloft and overconfident.

Brampton-Georgetown Liberal candidate Ross Milne proved in this campaign he was an even match for Mr. McDermid, but the national trend worked against him.

Kevin Flynn made a solid effort for his first time running for the Halton NDP. He was involved, and he earned our respect on the campaign trail.

The Green Party candidates made their mark felt and we hope people will continue to realize their legitimacy in. further elections.

One last thought on the election though naive it may be: we hope the PCs can keep the promises they've made to voters - especially over the Acton VIA train stop.

It would be a shame to have a fresh start marred by delays or excuses over policies that were given 'assured' promises.

NDP Flynn urges party to monitor opponent's action

By DAN RALPH Herald Staff

Kevin Flynn is confident that after four or five years of a Tory Government, the people of Halton will be ready to send a New Democratic Party member to 'Ottowa to represent

them. Mr. Flynn said he feels he made an impact on the people of the. riding, won by Progressive Conservative candidate Otto Jelinek. Liberal Oriena Currie finished second while Flynn ended up third. Green Party candidate Steve Kaasgaard finished fourth in the voting.

For Mr. Jelinek, this will be the third term as Member of Parliament for the Halton riding. Mr. Flynn urged party followers to keep

their eyes on Jellnek, and to menitor his actions.

"Let's keep on Otto". Mr. Flynn said at the party's reception held at the Energy Chemical Workers' hall. "They (the Tories) have fooled the people of Canada, they have pulled the wool over their eyes. Let's keep on them.

"I think once you give the people four or five years of a Tory government the people will think of us again," he said.

This campaign was the first on a federal level for Mr. Flynn, who ran for an alderman position in a municipal election here. He said the party did well all over the nation.

"If you think about where we were in the polis three months ago, feel we've done well. Despite the Tory majority, the party's (sent) total has remained almost the same," he

said. In 1980, the New Democrats won about 31 seats nationally. This year the party won about 30.

With a solid majority behind Tory leader Brian Mulroney, Mr.

Flynn said he expects the new prime minister to become almost untouchable.

be approachable or accountable," Mr. Flynn said, "I absolutely expect the Tory committment to disappear with the majority".

With this being Mr. Flynn's first federal campaign, he said he will not disappear just because he was not elected. Mr. Flynn said he will work behind the scenes to help the NDP capture the riding.

"I will be a round for a 'few years", he said. "I will be around until this riding is won by the New Democratic Party".

Back a few months ago the polls indicated the NDP would have trouble holding enough seats to qualify as an official party. But Mr. Flynn said he was never concerned the party would fail and become a thing of the past.

"I think Ed Broadbent (NDP leader) had a fantastic campaign," Mr. Flynn said. "I think

he raised every issue in this campaign that had to be raised".

One reason Mr. Flynn "I don't expect him to gave for the overwhelming Tory victory was the unhappiness Canadians felt towards former prime minister Pierre Trudeau.

> "More than anything I think it was anti-Trudeau", he said. "If Trudeau had run, in this election the Liberal Party would have done worse."

With speculation concerning a provincial election this November, ly in the riding.

think of it," he said. Mr. Flynn said he had "an awful lot of fun" campaigning that he has "never been so proud" of the party. "I think we came of

age in this campaign,"

"I would strongly

he added. As for what he plans to do today, Mr. Flynn said he will sleep in and help move furniture as a result of a recent move.



Brampton-Georgetown New Democratic Party candidate John Deamer gets a double shot of encouragement as Terri Graham (left) and Donna Wynn (right) give him kisses on the cheek. Deamer finished third in the riding behind incumbent and winner John McDermid and runner-up Ross Milne of the Liberal party.

(Herald photo)

there was a groundswell three-to-one vote in his of support for Mr. Mcfavor by Georgetown's Dermid. eligible voters. He didn't lose any of the 58 "I'd never seen a polls in the Georgetown response like I saw for end of the Brampton-John, except at the time Georgetown riding. I ran for mayor (of Brampton voters voted Halton Hills)," Mr. Pomeroy sald. "Almost two-to-one in Mr. Mc-Dermid's favor. everybody said yes". In 1980, he credited Georgetown voters for Co-chairman of Mr. his return to office, after McDermid's Georgetown campaign, Tom winning by a scant 367 Hewer, attributed the votes and 40 per cent of candidate's success to the popular vote. all the time Mr. Mc-Why has Mr. McDer-Dermid spent in mid done so well in Georgetown during the According to Regional campaign. "He spent lots of time going door-to-door

Orlena Currie manages a smile before the

(Herald photo)

Progressive Conservat-

ive opponent John Mc-

Dermid a resounding

The final tally showed

that Mr. McDermid had

beaten her husband by

By 9 o'clock Mr. Milne

had conceded defeat

and was on his way over

to the PC headquarters

at Century Gardens in

He said he "wasn't

surprised at all" by the

resounding success of

Mr. McDermid in

Georgetown. During

campaigning with the Progressive Conservat-

ive candidate, he said it

became obvious to him

victory.

24,521 votes.

Liberal supporters at the Knights of Columbus

Hall in Oakville. The celebrations were not to be

and the supporters were invited to the Oakville

Liberal headquarters for drinks.

Herald staff

day at 9:12 p.m. the wife

of Brampton-George-

town Liberal candidate

Ross Milne strolled into

a sedate crowd and

exclaimed "I'm smil-

Lorna Milne entered

the Brampton Holiday

Inn banquet room after the voters had given

If John McDermid

knew Georgetown vot-

ers liked him in 1980, he

was even more sure of

his Georgetown popula-

rity after Tuesday's fed-

The incumbent was

returned to office with a

eral election.

Tradition helps

Georgetown riding

ing,' I'm smiling."

BRAMPTON - Tues-

Georgetown? Chairman Pete Pomeroy, it's due to the Because it hasn't

nature of the town. grown very quickly, it's very much a traditional town, and Mr. Pomeroy said "people towns" like Georgetown are often an indicator of the national vote .. Not discouraged

Mr. Flynn said he would consider carrying the NDP banner provincal. John Deamer wishes PC incumbent well

Brampton.

here," Mr. Hewer said.

Armstrong said the

strong support was due

to the fact there isn't a

mix of nationalities in

Georgetown as in

Town councillor Mike

By DAN RALPH Herald Staff

people of Brampton-Georgetown have spoken and John Deamer will accept their selec- party did well." tion of a Member of riding.

Deamer, the New lack of money and workall the best in the coming five years. Deamer sald that despite finishing third in the riding behind Liberal Ross Milne he has nothing to be ashamed

"I hope John does a good job, and I'm sure he will," Deamer said. thought we (the NDP) ran a good campalgn,

"We have a lot to be encouraged about. A lot of people expected the worst concerning us, but

it did not happen." Deamer and the NDP captured about 16 per cent of the popular vote, but Deamer said he had

hoped for a little more. "I was disappointed because I was hoping for about 18 per cent, but I am not discour-

aged," Deamer said at the NDP's reception BRAMPTON - The hall at the United Auto

Workers' hall on Beech Street in Brampton. "On the whole, I feel the One of the factors that Parliament for the hampered the NDP Deamer said was the

Democratic Party's ers. The party budget (NDP) candidate in for the Brampton-Tuesday's federal elec- Georgetown riding for tion, sald he wishes . this election was around Tory John McDermid \$20,000 while the allowable amount was about \$53,000. "I was involved in

making signs, printing and delivering leaflets, erecting those signs, malling letters, all the things candidates usually do not do," Deamer said.

With the Tory landslide occurring all across Canada, Deamer said he was surprised by the turn of events that precipitated the majority of support for the Progressive Conservat-

ive party. "I was really surprised because I thought they had really peaked too early. I guess the people wanted the Liberals out. It seemed to be

the way," he sald. The election was Deamer's first. He said he is relieved it is all

"I enjoyed it, but it was a little too long. I'm sure both Ross and John are glad it's over too," he said.

Deamer feels with all the promises Tory leader Brian Mulroney made, there will be some cuts in some services as a result.

"I think social services will be affected," he said. "I'm hoping he (Mr. Mulroney) will come through with what he said he would, but I wouldn't be holding my breath."

But Deamer sald his concern is solely for the people of Brampton-Georgetown. "I'd be happy about

the Conservatives if we had a better Canada as a result," he said. "My concern is for the not just people, myself." If another occasion

were to arise where Deamer had the opportunity of running in another federal election, he said he would not dismiss that chance. "I would be interest-

ed, but I'm not sure if I could," he said, citing other commitments could hamper such an opportunity.

for Liberal party woes A half hour later Mrs. Currie asked for an hour and 20 minutes to

Currie blames recession

answer and The Herald was unable to obtain the information. "It depends where and when. I certainly

By ROBIN BAKEWELL

Herald Staff

can I say?"

OAKVILLE - "What

Liberal candidate

Oriena Currie acknow-

ledged defeat at appro-.

ximately 10 p.m. on

election night and said

those words to the hand-

ful of Halton Liberal

supporters who were on hand at what was

supposed to be the

Liberal victory party at

the Knights of Columbus

In a brief speech to

the loyal supporters

She called

Hall in Oakville.

of a team.

round.

think about it.

Brampton to congratul-

"You can't buck a

national trend," Mrs.

Milne said succinctly. It

became evident early in

the night after results

begun pouring in from

the Atlantic region that

a wave of Tory scats

would be sweeping Ont-

Party supporters and

workers watched quiet-

ly at the four television

sets stationed at the four

Those handling res-

ults received from the

Brampton-Georgetown

Liberal headquarters

did not record the voting

after about 10 p.m. even

though half the results

had not been relayed.

The word by then was

The Progressive Con-

servative candidate

swept all of the 54 polls

in Georgetown. In some

of the polls in George-

town the Liberals were

running third behind the

NDP candidate John

When Mr. Milne arri-

ved to greet his support-

ers he did so in an

upbeat manner and he

urged those present to

"Perhaps even the

PCs would allow that we

won the campaign local-

He thanked his camp-

aign manager Rick Wei-

ler and all the support-

ers whom he sald came

from a variety of ages

He expressed thanks

for the friendship he had

received and he mentio-

ned the time during the

campaign had been a

fun experience for him.

Although the Liberal

and backgrounds.

ly," he said.

hold their heads high.

ominous.

Deamer,

corners of the room.

ate Mr. McDermid.

wasn't discouraged," she said. Liberal party unity and a fresh start are priorities Mrs. Currie sees for Halton.

"I wish it wasn't that big a majority," Mrs. Currie said in a short interview. She attributed a glob-

al resession in which Mrs. Currie thanked everyone involved with Canadians have been her campaign and said hurting for the PC majoit was great being part rity. "The only way they

(the public) can rectlfy the pain they feel is for a campaign, "a lot like change. I felt pain giving birth", and before and ended up commented that the having the wrong tooth Liberal party would be pulled," she said. there the next time

Campaign manager, Al Wilson said he was When asked if she disappointed with the would be representing the Liberal party in election results.

Halton during the next "I would speculate the people wanted a change election Mrs. Currie asked if she could be in government rather than a change in given 20 minutes to leaders. There have Can't buck trend: Milne

party was defeated, Mr.

Milne urged the crowd

to continue to support

the goals the party beli-

eves are important, cit-

ing equality, free enter-

prise and social prog-

rams as three important

the Liberal candidate

said. "I believe they'll

be ready for a change

Mr. Mulroney became

a "lets pretend Liberal.

but when he gets into his

caucus with his right

wing members, it will

be a different story, Mr.

With his son Alec on

stage with Is wife Lorna,

Mr. Milne told his sup-

porters not to be sad.

"lets hang together" for

the next election, he

A song was played

entitled "Let the leader

lead the way" which

Mr. and Mrs. Milne

danced to, trying to

ligthen the heavy mood

of the 400 or so present

for a change, Mr. Milne

said. Being a local cand-

Idate doesn't matter; it was the same during the

Diefenbaker sweep of

1958 and Trudeaumania

' Mr. Milne felt the

Brampton-Georgetown

Liberals have never

been stronger and he

said he didn't know how

his campaign could of

been run any better.

in 1968, he said.

People were voting

for the get together.

Milne said.

said.

again in four years.

"We must stay strong,

been so many promises made by the PCs that it would be unrealistic that they could be

kept," he said. Mr. Wilson said that he would be around for the next battle which he cited as the provincial

"The Liberals will do ed MP Otto Jelinek.

provincially what the PCs have done nationally," he said.

At about 10:30 the Liberals had left the Knights of Columbus Hall and shortly after Mrs. Currie arrived at Howard Johnson's where she congratulat-

Victory was sweet

BRAMPTON - Victory was sweet and overwhelming for Progressive Conservative incumbent John McDermid.

"The people in Georgetown, most of them thought that once I got elected I'd disappear," he said. "I've serviced Georgetown as hard as I can and I will continue to serve it."

"Their support is very much appreciated," the returning MP told The Herald. He received many more votes per poll in Georgetown than in Brampton section of the riding, averaging three-to-one support over the Liberal candidate Ross Milne. In Brampton, support was generally two-to-one for Mr. McDermid.

Three to one ratio

Former Georgetown resident David Blaney fell the Georgetown voters in some polls were undecided by a ratio of one in three.

Mr. Blaney was co-chairman of the committee to re-elect Liberal candidate Ross Milne. He and Alice Walker along with Mr. Milne's oldest son Rob co-ordinated the Georgetown campaign.

Mr. Blaney found there was a lot of shifting among the voters he had talked to. There were many who went from undecided to decided or visa versa, he said.

The '84 campaign was much better organized than the last two elections and the riding association had been preparing for an election for over a year, he said.



Despite being defeated in his third try to regaln the Brampton-Georgetown seat, Liberal candidate Ross Milne kept up his spirits and waltzed with wife Lorna Tuesday night. (Herald photo)

10:30 p.m. - Jelinek addresses full

10:40 — Currie arrives and congratula-

12:30 a.m. - Wednesday - Drive

7:05 a.m. - Dave wants me to finish.

HALTON

7:30 p.m. - Tuesday - NDP head-

BRAMPTON-GEORGETOWN

11:45 p.m. - Back to Herald office.

BRAMPTON-GEORGETOWN

must be saying "Forget it".

John Deamer 3,421.

9 p.m. - Rogers Cable.

Deamer 3,929.

-DAN RALPH-

day (or night).

11:18 p.m. - NDP headquarters, John

-ROBIN BAKEWELL-

back. Write. Drink coffee.

Election madness

tes Jelinek.



The editorial staff of The Herald quarters. TV results being watched. spent election night covering the 8:12 p.m. - Kevin Flynn arrives to ridings of Halton and Brampton- crowd of 35. Georgetown. What you will find here- 9:04 p.m. - Results show PC winning.

after is a chronological account of the Flynn second on some ballots. four reporters' activities election 9:58 p.m. - Flynn thanks 70 workers, night. BRAMPTON-GEORGETOWN says after four years of Tories, will be 2 p.m. - Tuesday - Last minute time for the NDP. checks of flashes, cameras, routes, then off for quick nap. 7:45 p.m. - Ross Milne headquarters Deamer surprised at Tory momentum. In Brampton, David Blaney and four Not upset with vote. 30 supporters

workers watch television results wait- remaining. ing for phone results of ridings. 8 p.m. - Eight people show up. PCs 7 n.m. - Wednesday - Time to call it a sweep Maritimes. 8:40 p.m. - Riding Tory John

McDermid sweeps four of five polls. 9 p.m. - Results slow. Only 25 of 400 7:30 p.m. - PC headquarters. plus polls accounted for. Mrs. Milne 8:20 p.m. - First results. John concedes defeat for husband who is McDermid leading two to one. doing same at McDermid headquart- 8:45 p.m. - Comment, Ross Milne

10 p.m. - Mr. Milne thanks 400 8;55 p.m. - Results from 120 polls give cheering party workers. Crowd subdu- McDermid 11,837 votes, Milne 5,721,

10:30 p.m. - McDermid camp. Crowd 8:57 p.m. - Results from 20 more celebrates victory. Premier Bill Davis polls. McDermld 13,947; Milne 6,846; drops by, 11:30 p.m. - Back at Herald office.

5:30 a.m. - Wednesday - Finish 9:10 p.m. - McDermid, wife Elayne, column, do layouts.

HALTON 7:30 p.m. - Tuesday - Transportation ed.

Snow arrives PC headquarters. Jelinek. 8:40 p.m. - Jelinek and wife arrive. Cheered.

9 p.m. - Jelinek calls it victory. 9:25 p.m. - Liberal headquarters, hall empty.

10 p.m. - Orlena Currle speaks to Write.

supporters.

campaign manager Phil Upshall and -DAVEROWNEY- two other supporters arrive at cable station. McDermid and wife interview-

and Communications Minister James 9:35 p.m. - To victory party. 9:45 p.m. - Press conference. 8:25 p.m. - First 10 polls for Otto 10:15 p.m. - McDermid makes victory

speech. Much cheering. McDermid cries for those absent. 11 p.m. - Lorne Scots play bagpipes. 11:15 p.m. - Premier. Bill Davis

Midnight - Back to Herald office. -ANIPEDERIAN