

4 delegates selected in Halton Hills

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From the smoky den of a Progressive Conservative riding association hall Thursday night, 10 Halton-Burlington delegates were selected to attend the party's provincial leadership convention next month - four of them from Halton Hills.

Town councillor Pam Sheldon and Pam Johnston were two of the four women delegates elected to represent the Halton-Burlington riding when it comes time to choose a successor to Premier Bill Davis. Milton's Linda McFee and Patricia Flanagan were the others.

Georgetown lawyer Herbert Arnold and developer Ab Tennant made the list of four male delegates. So did Burlington's Barry Quinn, who recently lost to Peter Pomeroy for the party's candidacy, and Burlington alderman George Whyte.

PC members also chose two youth delegates: Eric Pinkney from Georgetown's rural area, and Monica Oswald of Milton.

Over 250 party supporters turned up for the voting. They had a healthy slate of four youth delegate nominations, and 19 senior delegate nominations to choose from.

There was only one female youth delegate and she was virtually acclaimed to the position, as the party prefers a youth delegate of each sex, rather than two of the same.

Of the runners for the senior delegate position, there were 13 men and six women.

Doreen Shaw of Burlington and Pam Kilmer of Limehouse were appointed alternates, to attend in case the elected delegates can't go to the convention.

Male alternates were Dave Kentner and Graeme Gobbelle of Georgetown and Ron Flanagan and Dr. Murray Heit of Milton.

Also running for the position of delegate were Bruce Lupton of Burlington, Roy Galloway of Moffat, Ken Hassard of Milton, Tom Hewer of Georgetown, Tom Kilmer of Limehouse, and Linda McPhee of Milton.



Out of 10 delegates chosen by the Halton-Burlington Progressive Conservatives, four were from Halton Hills: (left to right) Bert Arnold, Pam Johnston, Pam Sheldon and Ab Tennant. These delegates will be voting on a new provincial leader for their party.

Frank Miller 'a wise man'

Progressive Conservative provincial leadership candidate Frank Miller received support from Halton-Burlington's P.C.s.

Thursday night, of 19 would-be PC delegates to the party's leadership convention in January, six said they were committed to Mr. Miller.

Elected delegate George Whyte said leadership hopeful Roy McMurtry looked like an unmade bed and said he didn't think Mr. McMurtry would make a good premier.

As for leadership hopeful Denis Timbrell, Mr. Whyte called him young and intelligent, but "certainly not charismatic."

"Frank Miller has been around long enough not only to be smart, but also to be wise," Mr. Whyte said.

Elected delegate Pam Sheldon of Speyside said she would be looking for a new leader who can demonstrate a clear ability to govern, keeping in mind the special needs of the Halton-Burlington riding.

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Pam Johnston of Georgetown voted in as a delegate, said she was uncommitted to any leadership candidate, as did fellow Georgetowners Bert Arnold and Ab Tennant who were also selected as delegates.

They're going to be making their decisions at the convention as they hear what the leadership contenders have to say on various issues.

\$25,000 drive for election

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Halton-Burlington Progressive Conservatives estimate they'll need between \$40,000 and \$45,000 to fight the next provincial election effectively.

PC fund-raising chairman for the riding Ric Morrow of Georgetown made his pitch for the drive Thursday night, while PCs took a break in the vote for delegates to the party's leadership convention next month.

"I'm not here for your votes, but for your money," Mr. Morrow said outright. "Between now and election day, we need to raise \$25,000."

A strike vote possible says teachers' spokesman

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There may be the possibility of a strike if the Halton Board of Education does not pass a motion to reconsider a vote on a settlement proposal with secondary school teachers.

A special board meeting will be held tonight (Dec. 5) which will be attended by the 13 eligible trustees who are able to vote on the motion.

The meeting is the result of a request by four of the 13 trustees involved and falls under a board bylaw.

The board was served with papers from the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) asking for a final offer Monday afternoon. The board has three days to respond and secondary school teachers will vote Thursday on acceptance or rejection.

If the teachers choose to reject the offer a strike vote may also be taken.

"We haven't specified a strike vote, although I'm sure it's in the minds of many teachers," Halton OSSTF president Keith Rupka said.

Mr. Rupka said if the OSSTF do not receive a

final offer on Thursday the board's last position, which is the tentative agreement, will be regarded as the final offer.

"I think the board will ratify the agreement at Wednesday's meeting and hopefully that will be the end of it. If not we'll wait till Thursday and see where we stand then," he said.

In the case of a strike the board must be given five days notice after the strike vote which may bring about a strike as early as next week.

About 17,000 high school students would be affected if the 1,150 teachers walked out.

World of discovery on Middle East tour

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Despite newspaper stories in the Jerusalem Post about weekly and even daily bombings in Israel, Georgetown's Brenda Gogan felt very safe during her recent 10-day trip to the Middle East.

A travel agent with Georgetown's Golliger Travel, Mrs. Gogan was one of several Canadian travel agents invited to make the 24-hour trip overseas as the guest of the Israeli and Egyptian governments.

Safety was Mrs. Gogan's major concern about making such a trip. Unless her fears

were reassured, she knew she wouldn't be recommending it to tourists on her return.

"We felt very safe at all times," Mrs. Gogan stressed, surprised to have found it so. "We saw no signs of political unrest at any time."

In fact, she only read about bombings in Israel's largest English weekly, The Jerusalem Post.

Mrs. Gogan felt so safe, that, back barely a week, she wants to return to the Middle East. On her next trip, she wants to see some of the army units on Israel's Golan Heights

and a kibbutz that's nearby.

An educational tour, Mrs. Gogan's first trip to the Biblical lands took in Tel Aviv, Jeru-



salem, Bethlehem, Masadah, Haifa, the Sea of Galilee, the Dead Sea, Cairo, Giza and Memphis.

Mrs. Gogan called Egypt a living museum, where the people are living 500 to 600 years in the past.

During their two day stay there, the group rode camels, caravan style from the Giza pyramids to the sphinx.

They were warned not to climb any camels offered by the Bedouins, who apparently had ridden off into the desert with a woman travel agent a week earlier. She'd been brought back unharmed, but frightened.

With a population of 13 million, it wasn't surprising to see Cairo's buses crowded beyond capacity and families living in the "City of the Dead", which is where the dead are buried.

In Memphis, the travel agents were

taken to the tomb of Ramses II.

Coming back to Israel after their stay in Egypt, the group underwent a one and a half hour security check.

"We got really hassled because we'd been to Egypt," Mrs. Gogan said. "They do a body search, ask for your itinerary, where you stayed...they want hotel receipts even."

Four days were spent in Jerusalem, touring historic sites. The streets were full of soldiers, Mrs. Gogan said, explaining one month a year, each Israeli, women included, must do reserve duty in the army.

"The sight of soldiers in an accepted part of life here," she said.

In Masadah, they saw a group of school children on an outing, and behind the line of children and the teacher was a soldier carrying a gun. Apparently, any time children go out on an outing, somebody from the army accompanies them, Mrs. Gogan said.

The group was taken to sail on the Sea of Galilee where Jesus had sailed.

"It was calm when we went out, then a storm came up fast and there were white caps on the waves," Mrs. Gogan said.

With modern irrigation techniques, the Jews have transformed the desert into the breadbasket of Europe, she said.

"You really have to admire them. The whole desert is flowering," Mrs. Gogan said.

The Judean hills and

Mediterranean to the Dead Sea which is the lowest point on earth.

Because of the difference in the level of gravity between the two bodies of water, the Jews will thus be able to establish hydraulic power in their country.

A large source of mineral products, the Dead Sea is being mined for its salt and potash. A town En Gedi, on the Dead Sea has become famous for its hot mud baths and sulphur spas.

People come from Europe to treat their psoriasis. Also, the high bromine in the air acts as a tranquilizer for people who've suffered breakdowns.

"I just thought the Dead Sea is the Dead Sea, but it's not," Mrs. Gogan said. "You can see tremendous potential for those people there."

The Israelis plan to build a hydraulic tunnel underground from the

Erosion control

Problems are threatening the existing buildings and commercial facilities on the sites.

The proposed erosion protection measures include: installations of gabions, riprap, slope drainage improvements and revegetation. The installation of these measures will prevent major capital works from having to be done in the future.

Hair salon approved

Fioravante Manchisi is going to have his hair salon on Highway 25.

The man's rezoning application was approved by town councillors Monday night.

Mr. Manchisi proposes to convert an apartment in the Gulf service station south of Acton into a commercial hair salon.

No objections were made to the application, either at a recent public meeting or to the town's planning department.

Reluctant hero

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Const. Giffen said after he beat out the fire with his hands, the little girl was carried to the kitchen sink and doused in water to put out any remaining sparks.

"My hands were stinging and blistered," the officer admitted.

"But they're pretty tough old hands. It didn't seem to bother them. I kept ice on them and anyways, we flew home an hour later."

In appreciation of Const. Giffen's heroic efforts, Abbie's parents made a donation to the Cuyahoga county Hospital Foundation, Burn Unit.

"I dread to think what would have happened to Abbie if you had not been there," mom Charlotte Miller wrote in her thank you letter to the officer. She said that Abbie plans to write to the Queen on Const. Giffen's behalf, but as she's never written to a queen before, doesn't quite know how to go about it.

Const. Giffen has been with the Ontario Provincial Police for 27 years. Since 1980, he's been working with the security branch at Toronto's general headquarters on Harbour Street.

His job requires he be as inconspicuous as possible and out of uniform. Const. Giffen laughed and said he's

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