

CONVENTION NOTEBOOK

Learning from 1983

How do you compare the federal scene with the provincial one?
Apparently the provincial Tories have learned something from the national convention held in June of 1983.
Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid said in 1983 the delegates only had one earpiece to listen to transmissions, but the deafening noise sometimes made it impossible to do so.
This time around, the different camps banded out a complete headset with two earphones to help in hearing, he said.
The CNE Coliseum turned out to be ideal because there's much more room to spread out people in the adjacent buildings, Mr. McDermid said.

McMurtry was tops

How did one delegate view the speeches Friday evening at the CNE coliseum?
Pam Sheldon felt Roy McMurtry came out on top, with the number of good points he made, but especially in his delivery.
Her candidate, Frank Miller, was second choice because he conjured up thoughts of stability and how to get the country moving again, she said.
"Mr. (Larry) Grossman was my number three choice - his delivery was good. But he spent too much time telling us why we should be Tories rather than why he should be the leader," she said.
Dennis Timbrell mustered a fourth place finish, according to Mrs. Sheldon because he was "bland".
There has to be some fire in the party," she said.

Stand-off perspective

John McDermid (PC-Brampton-Georgetown) was delighted in his role as an observer to the provincial PC leadership convention.
"It's a stand-offish perspective and you have various chances to assess what's going on," he said.
He said it was the first time since 1967 that he hasn't been involved with a leadership convention.
When the federal Progressive Conservative held their leadership convention, John McDermid was a key figure in running Joe Clark's campaign.
He was thoroughly enjoying himself, but had mixed feelings about seeing Premier William Davis step down. A plus factor was that he felt it would be possible to sit down and chat more with the former Premier once he's in retirement.

Psychological warfare between ballots

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him, Mrs. Sheldon said.
Even before the results of the second vote were out, both Grossman and Miller supporters were out wooing Timbrell delegates. They were saying "Don't you want to be with the winner?", Mrs. Sheldon said.
"People were calling him a loser (Timbrell), the minute they heard the first vote," she said.
"We became fully sure of a win when Grossman won the second ballot, because Miller only needed 250 (votes) to win and Grossman needed almost 500, twice as many to win," Mrs. Sheldon said.
Wooing Timbrell delegates, she would use the same technique and if the delegate hesitated at all, "you know you could work on them," Mrs. Sheldon said.
"At that point in time, nobody's talking policy. You just talk winner, Miller 'zip' phrases," she said.
The day that began a 10 a.m. in the coliseum and ended there at midnight left Mrs. Sheldon with the flu bug. She didn't even survive through Mr. Miller's acceptance speech.
From her bed in Speyside, she told The Herald her bet is on a spring election, likely in early June.
Mrs. Sheldon didn't think the provincial party would wait til the fall, when a municipal election is due.



Grossman supporter hangs on

By ANI PEDERIAN
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Larry Grossman had Halton Burlington delegate Pam Johnston's vote all the way.
Mrs. Johnston, of Georgetown, was one of the few local delegates not supporting Progressive Conservative candidate Frank Miller Saturday.
"I always felt Larry would make it the first ballot, and I was not surprised at all that Roy McMurtry got 300 votes," Mrs. Johnston said. "But I was surprised that Frank picked up so many of McMurtry's after the first ballot."
She said she had no regrets about not following the pack and sticking with Grossman.
Mrs. Johnston said she read every leaflet that came into her hands from the four leadership contenders and met with them at least three times each.
Concern about having a good representation of youth in the party was one reason she went for the 41-year-old Grossman. Youth are the future and what the party needs to build with.
She said most of the Miller camp were older people and with the third ballot, it was largely older delegates that went to Miller from the Timbrell camp.
"I wonder if we won't lose some of the youth vote," Mrs. Johnston worried, with Miller as the premier designate now.
She still feels strongly about Grossman and is disappointed he lost by 77 votes.
"The guy (Grossman) has reduced our deficit 30 per cent in one year," Mrs. Johnston noted. "He has a lot of ideas for more research and development, for the universities and colleges, and more spending for high technology. I think that's important. We have to keep up."
Speaking with other delegates during the three days of the convention, Mrs. Johnston said she found people opposed Grossman because they thought he was too smart and outspoken.
"To me, that doesn't make sense," she said.
If Grossman had lost in the first ballot, Mrs. Johnston said she would have gone with Roy McMurtry.
"Our camp was really hyped up, which gets to be emotionally draining," she said. "My arms are sore from the banners, but it was fun."

Leadership '85



There were lots of local faces walking the Progressive Conservative convention floor Saturday, including Halton-Burlington delegate Bert Arnold of Georgetown, riding candidate Peter Pomeroy, alternative Dave Kentner, Elaine McDermid and her Brampton-Georgetown MP husband John, delegate Ab Tennant, and delegate Barry Quian. (Herald photo)

Esteem will increase

Halton-Burlington delegate, Pam Sheldon, predicted Frank Miller's win as the new Premier of Ontario.
But she heaped words of praise on candidate Roy McMurtry who had to withdraw after the first ballot.
The man who will win the most from the convention is Roy McMurtry, she said. "His level of esteem will increase within the party."



Not till two weeks before the Progressive Conservative leadership convention did Monica Oswald make up her mind as to which candidate she was going to support. Frank Miller, the premier designate now, got her vote. Monica was selected delegate and her husband Ray alternate by members of the Halton-Burlington riding. (Herald photo)



A happy Frank Miller waits patiently high up in the stands as workers on the floor work at changing the minds of their fellow delegates. (Herald photo)



The activity on the floor of the coliseum at the CNE can be seen by this shot taken from photographer's perch near the centre of the arena. (Herald photo)

Long distance isn't always a bad feeling

Who wants to pay a long-distance telephone charge just to clear up problems with the Ministry of Health and Welfare?
The region is asking the federal ministry to install a toll-free telephone number for Halton Hills residents.
Health and Welfare administers the Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement, Spouse's Allowance, Canada Pension Plan and the Family Allowances programs.
Although there are two Health and Welfare offices in the region, one is in Burlington and the other in Oakville. The Oakville office is the primary office, and is responsible for serving the entire region.
However, the Oakville office only has a local telephone number which means that Halton Hills callers must call long distance.
Although there is a province-wide toll-free number to the Scarborough office, this office doesn't deal with Canada Pension inquiries.
Oakville office staff say that when a distance caller identifies they're calling long distance, staff ask them to hang up and call them back to minimize the cost of the phone charge.

Communication course

Are you having difficulties relating or communicating with your teenager, spouse, supervisor or colleague?
If so, the creative communication skill development course starting Feb. 5, 7 p.m. at Georgetown District High School may solve your problems.
Call Mr. Bertelsen at 877-6566 for more information.

ABC hold workshop

The Editor
Dear Sir:
The Association for Bright Children is interested in contacting teachers, mentors, artisans and professionals who are interested in leading workshops for exceptionally bright children and parents in Halton this spring.
Workshops will be offered at five levels: Preschool, Primary, Junior, Intermediate and Parent and all sessions are to be held in Oakville, Georgetown and Burlington on April 13, April 20, April 27, and May 4.

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Anniversary
MID-WINTER SPECTACULAR!
Watch for our 12 page colour flyer in Today's Paper!

Sorority adopts a Haitian child

The members of Zeta Phi would like to thank everyone who supported them by buying tickets for their Christmas Raffle. The draw was made by Mr. Smith, the manager of Miracle Food Mart.
The prize of a food voucher worth \$150.00 was won by a Georgetown Resident. Our anonymous winner generously donated the vouchers to charity. We thank him for his kind gesture which enabled three families to enjoy a Merry Christmas.
We would also like to thank those who attended our fashion show earlier in 1984. The proceeds from these two events enabled us to sponsor a child from Haiti and to donate to various local charities.
Our adopted child is ten years old and comes from a family of nine. Half the population of Haiti is under 18 and a high percentage of them suffer from malnutrition.
We have had a number of interesting programmes this year. These have included: learning to be more self assertive, a slide show and talk about Malaysia, a stress test, and a talk on astrology. More topics are planned for the remainder of the year.
XI Delta Beta The Exemplar chapter has been busy raising funds through garage sales and a craft auction to support our community projects. The chapter members have driven for Meals on wheels and you will go so again in the spring.
Clothing and food were provided by the members for distribution at Christmas. The sorority will be providing tote bags for the children at the Georgetown hospital.
The cultural evenings have been very interesting and challenging.
Doreen Fitzgibbon, a local artist gave a talk on the art of making porcelain dolls. Our theme for the year is to paint a Living Masterpiece, so the members have designed their programmes to create a greater awareness of ourselves and those around us.
The girls and their husbands recently enjoyed an evening of cards at the home of Sue and Pete Worton.
Socials both with and without boys have been planned for the spring.

Captain Egerton promoted

Don Maveal has resigned as Deputy District fire chief and Captain Bernard Egerton has been appointed to his position.
The resignation was accepted with regret by Fire Chief Bill Cunningham.
Mr. Maveal said business pressures were increasing so that he found he didn't have the necessary time to devote to the position.
As a result of the resignation, other personnel changes have taken place in the Fire Department.
Lieutenant Gordon Caah has been appointed a captain and firefighter Kevin McNeilly, lieutenant.

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