

Specters coach

Ted makes pitch for ball tourney

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PC candidate off the mark

Candidate Peter Pomeroy had a busy week on the election trail, opening up campaign offices and attending a fund-raising dinner. His NDP counterpart Doug Hamilton has a budget that's three times the size of what it was in 1981. See Pages A5 and A6.



PETE POMEROY

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No 'garbage dump capital' says acclaimed candidate

By ROBIN BAKWELL
Herald Staff

Halton-Burlington Liberal candidate Don Knight said he will not let the Tories "rape this riding".

The Ontario Waste Management Corporation, a provincial crown agency, has a Milton site on its short list of areas to put a toxic waste disposal plant.

Mr. Knight said he would fight against Milton becoming a waste capital of Ontario.

The remarks came shortly after Mr. Knight won the Liberal nomination by acclamation in Milton Monday night. His letter of intent was the only one received by the Halton-Burlington Liberals last Friday.

Provincial Liberal leader David Peterson was on hand for the occasion, as were local Liberals Julian Reed, Orienna Currie, riding president Al Wilson, and a host of other Halton-Burlington Grits.

Julian Reed, MPP for the riding for the past ten years, officially nominated the Milton resident and warned it is never easy fighting a well organized Tory party "who used to think they could dominate the riding."

Mr. Reed, who has just finished three terms representing Halton-Burlington at Queen's Park, accented one message to about 100 Liberal supporters present.

"No one individual can win. It's an accumulative effort of hundreds of dedicated people. You



Provincial Leader David Peterson was presented with a pair of red running shoes by the Halton-Burlington Liberal Party at Monday night's nomination meeting for the riding. "I can tell you these shoes are a lot faster than Mr. Miller's blue shoes", he laughed. Halton-Burlington riding representative Don Knight and Mr. Peterson's son are also pictured with him. (Herald photo)

have to go out and become the core of this campaign and prove that a Liberal incumbent is a good thing for this riding."

On accepting the nomi-

nation and thanking his party for the opportunity to lead, Mr. Knight said he had some big shoes and big lungs to fill in following Julian Reed.

"I may have a Welsh

background but I can't sing as well as Julian can," he joked.

Mr. Knight said the election is one of the most important the

province has ever seen. Stating it was time for a change, Mr. Knight said David Peterson didn't have to tell that to the Conservatives.

"Ten of their ministers have already quit. They know it's time for a change," he said.

He sees some of the issues in the upcoming election as education, the elderly and the environment. He said he would elaborate on all three issues later in the campaign.

Mr. Knight said he would be open and accessible throughout the campaign to the Liberal supporters present.

In contrast, provincial Liberal leader David Peterson spoke on how unaccessible Premier Frank Miller had been lately.

He said Mr. Miller has chosen to play a peek-a-boo campaign, preferring to stay in the back of his campaign bus, leave to smile a bit, and return.

Upset with Mr. Miller's refusal to discuss and debate the issues, Mr. Peterson said it was an insult to traditions and the electoral of the province.

"Let the voters shop and compare. I'm disappointed that he (Mr. Miller) not let the voters see what he stands for," he said.

Towards Mr. Peterson's closing remarks he turned to Julian Reed with this comment.

"If Mr. Miller won't debate with me maybe he'll do duelling banjos with you."

\$6.3 million awarded

Victim's lawsuit worries Halton

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

The implications of the \$6.3 million award to a dirt bike rider who became paralysed after an accident on Brampton City property are "absolutely horrendous", Burlington Coun. Joan Little says.

The town was found liable for the amount last week because the accident took place on vacant land the city had recently purchased to turn into a park.

The accident took place in 1977 and paralyzed

She cited the example of a youth who loses his balance because of ruts in the pavement, while biking down a public road.

"I'd hate to see the implications of having to put eight foot high link fences and guard dogs because a municipality has to protect itself because it can't afford to pay such awards," Oakville Coun. Keith Bird said.

He noted the \$6 million award is going to be paid by all the residents of Brampton through their taxes.

"What will happen is municipalities will get out of having any public property," Oakville Coun. Carol Gooding said.

Chief administrative officer Dennis Perlin noted Brampton's insurance company is the same as Halton's. "There may be a direct impact on our insurance liabilities as a direct result," he warned, meaning the region's insurance rates would likely increase.

Coun. Little asked Mr. Perlin to report on the Brampton situation and to send an unsolicited resolution expressing concern over the award against the municipality.

"We're not overreacting," Halton Hills Coun. Mike Armstrong said. "This type of thing has become common

place (suing the town). As a municipality, we should be giving support to the other municipalities."

Burlington Coun.

James Grieve said there is no complete solution to the lawsuits a municipality could face, "but there's got to be areas where we can make improvements."

ABOUT THE HILLS

Distress help needed

The North Halton Distress Centre needs more volunteers to keep their lines open 24 hours a day. They are looking for people who can spare 16 hours a month to meet the needs of callers whether they are distressed, lonely or requiring information or a referral.

The start of the spring training session is Tuesday April 30, 1985. If you are interested in volunteering call 877-1211 for an application form.

Streetproof your kids

Georgetown Streetproofing will be sponsoring a child identification clinic at the Georgetown District High School, Saturday, April 20. The clinic will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will give residents a chance to photo and fingerprint their kids in case of an emergency. Registration at the clinic is \$1.

Five-year forecasting

Town councillors will be looking into their crystal balls April 16, forecasting the next five years' capital spending.

Budget committee chairman Ross Knechtel called the meeting for 6 p.m.

He said the five year capital forecast is due April end whereas in previous years it hasn't been due till May.

"We'll be serving a lunch," Coun. Knechtel concluded. "I'll be there," immediately responded Coun. Jake Kuiken.

Peel copies Halton

Instead of aggressively pursuing one candidate site for their landfill, Peel regional council are now following Halton council's example.

"They're more fully documenting the merits of several alternative sites now and looking into an energy from waste plant that would burn refuse and produce energy."

Halton Hills town planner Bob Crews has been a regular at Peel's landfill meetings to keep the municipality informed of its neighbor's progress.

Highland Games 'cheer'

The annual Georgetown Highland Games Association will be holding a "cheergarden" within a marquee to be erected at the Georgetown Fairgrounds June 7 and 8.

Last week, they got permission from town council to sell liquor and beer on the Fairgrounds, pending Liquor License Board approval.

Storm downs power lines

6,000 homes without hydro

By KELLY WILSON
Herald Special

As a result of Sunday's storm, power in 6,000 homes was out at one time or another, according to Halton Hills Hydro manager, Jerry Trudell.

"The bulk of the problems started at 4 p.m. on Sunday," said Mr. Trudell. Different areas throughout Halton Hills were affected, by loss of

power, he said.

Two private contractors and three other utility crews were out Monday trying to restore the power. When contacted on Monday, Mr. Trudell said the power would be back on in all areas of Halton Hills by 5 or 6 p.m. of that day.

Forty to 45 trees fell on Sunday as a result of freezing rain weighing down branches, accord-

ing to Frank Morette, superintendent of Public Works.

Four or five two-man crews are cleaning up the mess trying to keep the roads free of debris. Mr. Morette expected the crews to be finished clearing today (Wednesday).

There were two incidents where trees landed on parked cars in Georgetown. One occurred on James St. while the other took place on Alley St. There were also instances of trees falling on hydro lines causing power to go out.

Acton, Georgetown and the township were equally hit by problems with trees.

Sand trucks were out for a couple of hours on Sunday until the rain rid the roads of ice.

The Halton Hills Fire Department was kept busy on Sunday with several calls about hydro wires.

Georgetown had two incidents of downed wires, as did Acton. The downed wires produced considerable arcing.

Deputy Chief Bob Hyde described the arcing as the live wires bouncing around.

"When the wires are manufactured they are put on a reel and develop a curl which never leaves them," he said.

Mr. Hyde said the fire department's policy is not to handle the wires but wait for the hydro personnel to arrive.

No injury or damage was reported in any of the incidents.

"A hydro failure caused by the storm is believed to have set off a false

alarm at Pineview School which firefighters also responded to.

Bell Canada had 10 trouble reports in the Halton Hills area attributed to the storm on Sunday. The problems were caused by wires

coming down, according to Bell Canada company spokesman Jim McPeak.

As of Monday morning Barber and Henley, a Halton Hills insurance company had two claims because of Sunday's storm.

FEW WINNERS

Clutching hands wait for ticket numbers

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

Although Wintario's Faye Dance and Greg Beresford gave away over 226,000 prizes Thursday night, not many of them were won by the Halton Hills audience that turned up to watch the show being televised.

About 700 people, clutching their Wintario draw tickets with hope, turned up in the Georgetown District High School gymnasium for the local entertainment and draw.

Organized by Georgetown Kinsman Bruce McLean, the evening began at 7 p.m. with musical pieces by the Georgetown District High School stage band.

This was followed by some challenging songs by Debbie Tilson, and a comedy routine by Paul d'Entremont.

Edgar Thatcher sang a few lighthearted pieces with his guitar in accompaniment, and

the evening wrapped up with the Centennial Public School Choir led by Lois Barrager.

After the local entertainment, the four Global TV cameras were turned on and a preliminary draw commenced.

Numbers were fed into the six global machines and with audience help, a practice show began.

For the first time in a long time, there was a problem with one of the machines. Machine number two didn't drop a ball when it was supposed to.

Montreal Trust Officer Ab Hetherington was brought up to take a look and the problem was quickly corrected.

For Mr. Hetherington, Thursday night was an important night. It was his first emergency in 10 years, and it was also his last draw for Wintario.

After 39 years, the officer was retiring the

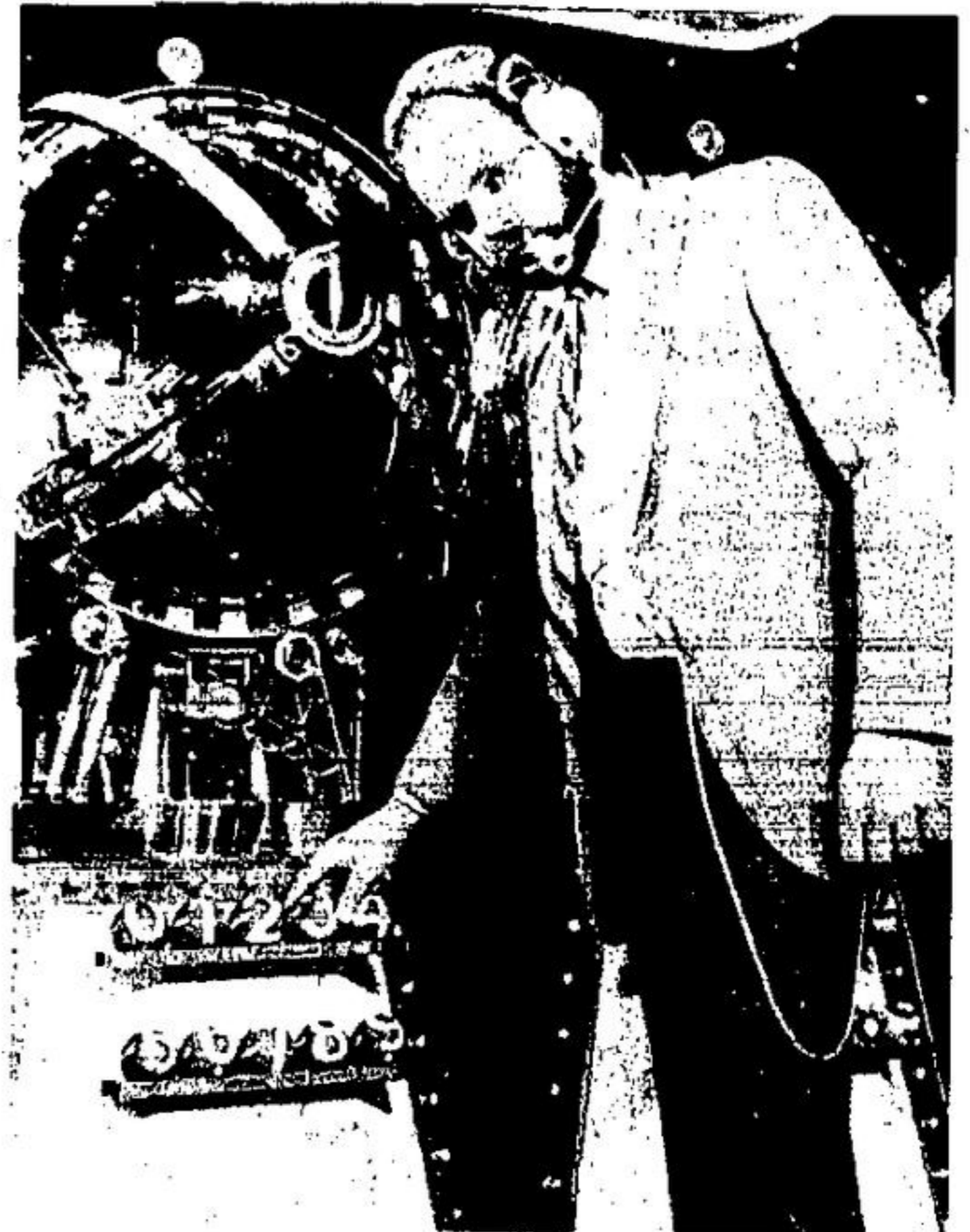
next day. Hostess Faye Dance gave Mr. Hetherington a tie and pin and made him into an honorary employee of the lottery corporation in honor of his retirement.

This was Wintario's second time in Georgetown. The first time was May 26, 1977.

However, co-host Mr. Beresford said he'd been in Georgetown even previous to that, when he played as a Guelph high school student against the Georgetown Rebels. He noted he didn't come in a yellow bus this time.

"Georgetown is one community I come back to with some memories," Mr. Beresford said with a smile.

The half hour show ended punctually at 9:30. With good humor, the hosts signed autographs for the children and adults that gathered around them after the draw.



Global TV's floor director Ike Zylstra checked that all the numbers were there before the draw took place on the air Thursday night. There were six such machines filled with balls numbered 0 to 9.



A Sunday storm in Halton Hills made for bad driving conditions. The sleet and freezing rain toppled trees, causing power shortages.