

PCs' campaign boosted by Bette

By ANI FEDERIAN
Herald Staff
If you haven't seen any roadside and lawn signs advising you to vote for Peter Pomeroy May 2, there's a reason for it.

It's not that the Progressive Conservative party's signs aren't ready. They've been ready for more than two weeks now.

The reason is the weather. Snow, ice, heavy rains and strong winds have played havoc with the provincial political campaigns of all the candidates.

Signs, which don't come cheap, aren't going to be put up until the weather shows signs of shaping up.

"That snow should have been gone," Mr. Pomeroy's campaign chairman said.

Bert Arnold said the signs should be going up this week, weather permitting.

"We've had very high winds and some parts of the riding still have frost on the ground," Mr. Arnold said. "The weather's holding us up a bit. Hopefully it will clear."

More welcome guests during the past week in the riding were cabinet ministers Bette Stephenson and Jim Snow, and Peel regional chairman Frank Bean.

Ms. Stephenson came down Thursday afternoon to officially open Mr. Pomeroy's Georgetown campaign office at 245 Guelph St.



Former Minister of Education and now Deputy Premier, Dr. Bette Stephenson was in Georgetown Thursday to help officially open Peter Pomeroy's PC campaign office on Guelph Street. (Herald photo)

Saturday, Hornby's Mr. Snow came out with Mr. Bean to open the Acton campaign office at 19 Mill St. E.

Mr. Bean was born and raised in Acton and will be back in his native community again to help Mr. Pomeroy campaign there, Mr. Arnold told The Herald.

The Burlington office at 1249 Guelph Line opened yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon.

Along with a fifth campaign office in Campbellville, which is really a trailer with a tele-

Youths too young to vote politically active

By ROBIN BAKEWELL
Herald Staff

There are teenagers in Georgetown who, although too young to vote, are as politically aware as many adults in the Halton-Burlington riding.

Many of these youths are members of the Young Liberals and Young Progressive Conservatives.

Both parties, while well established in neighboring areas, are in the organizational stages in Georgetown.

Director of the Young Liberal Party for Halton-Burlington Charlie Gibbs said membership in the Halton-Burlington riding is about 30 but he is hoping for a larger membership as people become aware of its existence.

Mr. Gibbs, 16, said job creation for youth is one political issue the Young Liberal Party can relate

to because of the direct effect it has on them.

He said the youth vote is as important as any other because younger voters are as aware of the issues as many adults.

"If we're on top of things and we know what's going on, then it's a step forward," Mr. Gibbs said.

The party, which is open to youths from the ages of 14 to 25, sees its main function as keeping politically informed and communicating with people.

"Many of my friends are Young Progressive Conservatives (YPC). We talk together and it's good to hear different points of view," Mr. Gibbs said.

YPC Stephanie Sieber is trying to start a group

at Georgetown District High School after taking a political inclination test at the school and



CHARLIE GIBBS

finding which party ideals she leans towards.

The 15 year old said she is looking forward to the time she is able to vote and "play a part (in society) which affects everybody."

Miss Sieber feels strongly about bringing back capital punishment and is pro-choice on the abortion issue.

"When a murder is intentional I believe that person has given up their right to life. Plus, when they only serve one-third of their sentence, and it costs us \$40,000 a year for their time in jail, it doesn't seem right," she said.

YPC Debbie Pentesco, 15, said every political decision has an affect on students.

"You can voice your opinion now but not have much impact on the MPs because you're not a voting person," she said.

"If you're a voter they're more apt to look at you differently."

The most important political issue is the arms race, said Miss Pentesco.

"The worst thing I can see is us (Canada) being in there with the US and pushing the button with them," she said.

Miss Pentesco said most young voters tend to go along with how their family votes.

She said voting is a responsibility which is important to everyone because it determines their lifestyle.

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Trillium Party want to register candidate

By ROBIN BAKEWELL
Herald Staff

Youth issues is the main platform of a group of students forming their own party in the riding of Halton-Burlington.

"Our main objective is not necessarily to win but to encourage government awareness in youth," Trillium Party campaign manager Tom Ruggie said.

Although a candidate has not yet been elected a nomination meeting was held yesterday (Tuesday) at Georgetown District High School in which three party representatives

were expected to run for the position.

The Trillium Party, whose slogan is "Youth for a better Ontario", has formed their executive and are now in the process of collecting 50 signatures and raising \$200 in order to register an independent candidate for the May 2 election.

They are now looking at April 18 as the deadline to officially become the Trillium Party after registration.

When they have received their official recognition as a political party, the Trillium Party

will be arranging to visit high schools in the Halton-Burlington riding to talk politics.

"We hope to get the students active in a political campaign and through that have them realize that politics doesn't have to be boring. Everything is what you make it," Mr. Ruggie said.

With an executive of eight Mr. Ruggie said the party has already received a lot of support from GDHS.

"I figure as long as we get the support from the kids in the high schools it should make the job easier," he said.



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Carole Matthews

Psychic comments on riding candidates

EDITOR'S NOTE: Columnist Carole Matthews was asked by The Herald to comment on the candidates for the three major political parties in the Halton-Burlington riding. The following is her report:

By CAROLE MATTHEWS
Herald Special
I have been asked to do a psychic personality analysis on three Halton-Burlington candidates in the May 2 provincial

election: Progressive Conservative Peter Pomeroy, NDP Doug Hamilton and Liberal Don Knight. I thought this would be an easy task but, believe me, all three are so dynamic in their personalities, and beliefs.

Mr. Pomeroy seems to have a very striving personality. He has a lot of Taurus in him, not necessarily his birth sign. He can be very stubborn on principal matters, but not bull-headed. There is a distinct difference.

I of course do not make predictions as to who will win this campaign, and fortunately for me, I don't because this one will not be easy.

I also see Mr. Pomeroy as a dominant figure in any environment. Peter is also a perfectionist in many ways, but I feel he should start to pace himself energy wise as this can be a strain on his health in the latter part of 1985.

NDP candidate Doug Hamilton has a lot of Cancerian traits in him - this means he is a home person and will do any-

thing possible to keep the Halton-Burlington riding in good order.

He is very much a heritage person and proud of it. I see Doug as having a very pleasing personality and easy to talk to, his mind is very open to suggestions and I believe he will try any new ideas constructive to his riding.

I also see a change in his marital status before the age of 30 and I see him with two children. He will make an excellent father, this again being his Cancerian homing instincts.

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Candidate Don Knight is a definite go-getter. You don't have to be psychic to see this. Don is very much in control of both his political and personal goals. Mr. Knight has a very ambitious streak in him and it is difficult to get him to slow down when he sets his mind to an issue.

I fine him to be very honest, straight-forward and caring for his fellow man.

I feel his door will always be open to his supporters.

I wish all the candidates the best and as I mentioned earlier, this is not going to be an easy vote for the constituents due to the fact that we have three very devoted men in the running.

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