

Campaign notebook

Meet NDP candidate

The Halton-Burlington New Democrats are holding a wine and cheese social on April 19, 1985 at the UAW Hall in Milton, 105 Martin Street, beginning at 8 p.m.

This will be an opportunity for members of the riding to meet the NDP candidate, Doug Hamilton.

In addition Stephen Langdon, New Democrat MPP for Essex-Windsor, Industry Critic and co-chairman of the federal NDP Task Force on Jobs will be there to talk to members of the riding.

Acton Grits at work

Acton campaign office workers for the Liberals in Halton-Burlington aren't sitting still.

Under the leadership of Acton campaign director Dave Steckley and office manager Mary Crane, the office is planning a pancake breakfast April 20 8-10 a.m. for no charge.

Aldo Braida is the sign chairman in Acton and Kay Lawson is the Esquering co-ordinator.

Only two registered

Nominations close tomorrow (Thursday) at 1 p.m. for candidates in the provincial election. According to the election returning office, nomination papers have only been filed for Don Knight of the Liberals and Neil Sivertson of the Trillium Party.

Although candidates for the NDP and Progressive Conservative parties have been chosen and are actively promoting themselves and their policies, they've still got a bit of important paper work to do before they're officially in the running.

Candidate enthusiastic

While MPP Julian Reed was 'couching' his enthusiasm about the Liberals' chances to form a minority government, Halton-Burlington candidate Don Knight went a step further.

At his Acton campaign office opening Thursday Mr. Knight said he saw no reason to hold back on the enthusiasm.

He said that his party will win on "issues, not dollars". Mr. Knight said he wanted to concentrate on representation as a major issue.

The riding will have to decide if they want the type of leadership Julian Reed provided; not a representative who is "muzzled", he said.



BERT ARNOLD



RON CLARK

Profile, publicity key to election

Say campaign managers

By ALAN CASSMAN
Herald Staff

They have entered into political partnerships with varying degrees of experience and education, and the issues they have embraced differ somewhat. But the men directing the campaigns of the three major Halton-Burlington candidates in the May 2 provincial election share in the conviction that their man is the best man for the job.

Bert Arnold, Tom Moore and Ron Clark all agree that success in this election will depend on profile and publicity. The goal is not necessarily towards political converts, but to seek out party supporters and get them to the polls. In this game, numbers can make a loser a winner.

Resolutely confident and dedicated to their politics, they give in to long and laborious days and nights as they administer to the needs of their respective campaigns.

"My typical day", explained Ron Clark, campaign manager for Liberal Don Knight, "is to have breakfast with the candidate at about 7 in the morning and to work through the campaign until 9 or 10 at night. And I put in a day's work also."

Mr. Clark is a bank manager in Milton, and as president of that city's Chamber of Commerce he developed a close business relationship with Don Knight that led to an offer to oversee Mr. Knight's election drive.

According to Mr. Clark, knowing the man personally induced him to accept the job. "I think Don Knight's greatest strength is his ability to communicate and his willingness to speak out," said Mr. Clark.

"I think the Conservatives are strictly ruled by an iron fist. If you're a Conservative in Parliament and you're one of the gang you're not going to be able to fight an issue the way a Liberal like Don Knight will be able to."

Both men agree the toxic waste issue is the major issue in this election.

Tom Moore, Campaign Chairman for N.D.P. Candidate Doug Hamilton, holds a different view. "The phone has been ringing off the hook from the Pro-Lifers," he said. "Abortion has got to be a major issue in this election. And even though it hasn't been getting the publicity, separate school funding should be a hot item also."

Mr. Moore, who lives in Burlington, took up membership in the N.D.P. in 1980 and after a brief but active association with the party was called on to manage the 1981 election campaign. "I discovered that the company I work for has this policy whereby if you run as a candidate or become campaign manager you can get the time off with pay. So I jumped on it," he said.

Progressive Conservative campaign manager Bert Arnold sees no need for change and points to Peter Pomeroy's experience in municipal government as the most positive attribute of all the candidates.

"He has a very good track record first as a councillor, then as a mayor and later as a regional chairman," said Mr. Arnold.

He is especially confident in Mr. Pomeroy's ability to encourage the growth of small business within the region. "In Halton 90 per cent of all jobs are created by small business," explained Mr. Arnold, and he considers job creation as the single most important issue in this campaign.

PC Peter Pomeroy

A heavy week of canvassing

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

The heavy duty work of canvassing has kept Progressive Conservative candidate Peter Pomeroy busy in Halton-Burlington riding over the past week.

The pressure isn't expected to let up this week, and not likely 'til after the May 2 election.

Mr. Pomeroy canvassed in Acton all day Thursday and in Ballinafad Friday.

This week he'll be back in Acton, Georgetown and Limehouse again.

Along with the pavement pounding, Mr. Pomeroy has been, the

guest of honor at numerous coffee parties and receptions hosted by Progressive Conservative supporters in the riding.

Friday, Mr. Pomeroy meets candidates for the Liberal and New Democratic Parties on Burlington Cabinet TV at 9 a.m.

Every morning, the PC candidate meets with his campaign chairman Bert Arnold at the Georgetown campaign office.

His press officer Betty Fisher, scheduler Linda Watters also meet daily with Mr. Pomeroy, to



PETE POMEROY

Iron out what needs to be done for the election.

Right now, Mrs. Fisher is busy scheduling activities for her candidate and preparing for

the all-candidates meeting.

"I'm organizing the troops, making sure supporters are there and there'll be decoration of the halls and all that

hoopla," she said.

She's also getting into Victory Party preparations for Peter and his supporters May 2.

"It's busy but it's fun," Mrs. Fisher said.

Farm vote counts

Candidates in the provincial election will listen to the concerns of farmers, the president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), Harry Pelissier said in a recent letter to Ontario's county federations of agriculture.

"If you look at the results of the last election, you will find that 16 rural seats were decided by less than 10 per cent of the vote.

With many races that close, the candidates will have to listen to the concerns of every voter in the riding

Candidate Don Knight

Grits' open campaign offices

By DAVE ROWNEY
Herald Staff

Halton-Burlington candidate Don Knight opened two campaign offices in Halton Hills last week.

Thursday afternoon he cut the ribbon at his Acton headquarters on Mill Street. Monday he welcomed supporters from Georgetown in his campaign office at the corner of Guelph Street

and Sinclair Avenue.

The candidate is continuing his door to door campaigning in the riding. Tuesday he had a meeting with members of the Young Liberals, to talk about the issues and solicit their help in the campaign.

He's asked some of the youth members to be scrutineers for election night. Mr. Knight said it would be good experi-

ence for the students, because although some might be too young to vote, they are eligible at 16 to be a scrutineer.

Mr. Knight said people are looking for a change. At his Georgetown headquarters Monday he said people are responding to his canvassing with excitement and enthusiasm.

As far as getting the message across to voters, his leader David Peterson is in the backstretch of the election race, he said. The NDP "is nowhere to be found" and Premier Frank Miller is "just out of the starting gate", he said.

Liberal MPP Julian Reed also took pot shots at the Progressive Conservatives at the Georgetown office opening.

"(Premier) Miller has a penchant for putting his foot in his mouth," he said.

In a press release issued last week Mr. Knight criticized his Progressive Conservative opponent Peter Pomeroy on the issue of a toxic waste plant location.

"I am not aware of any statements made by Mr. Pomeroy either at Regional Council meet-

ings or publicly that give his position on the issue," he states.

"I must therefore presume that he is not interested in the issue or simply has been told not to talk about it."

Mr. Knight's campaign manager Ron Clark said his candidate's position is that he is against a toxic waste site anywhere in Halton-Burlington.

The site shouldn't be located in a heavily populated area, Mr. Clark said.

Zero in targets

Halton-Burlington Liberal candidate Don Knight is a respected, high profile experienced town councillor from Milton, said Liberal MPP Julian Reed.

Some of those attributes Mr. Reed said he didn't have when he first ran for office in 1975 and won.

Mr. Reed was speaking to a gathering of supporters Thursday at the Acton campaign office opening for the Liberals.

He said for the first time in ten years there are provincial targets for the Grits to zero in on. The Premier's refusal to debate with Liberal leader David Peterson is one example, he said.

There is some reason for optimism for the Liberals in the election, he said.

Global television talked of a minority government recently, he said. "We would be entirely pessimistic if we did not look for that."

It's too early to say a Liberal minority government would be formed, but Mr. Reed said there's been more opportunity to do well than in the past ten years.



Halton-Burlington Liberal candidate Don Knight seems happy as he talks to fellow party members at his Acton office opening. Former Liberal MP Rud Whilling from Georgetown was on hand to lend his support.

(Herald photo)

NDP candidate Hamilton

Greets plant workers

By ROBIN BAKEWELL
Herald Staff

Halton-Burlington NDP candidate Doug Hamilton said he's been receiving a good reception from residents in Halton Hills.

The 27-year-old editor at Carswell Legal Publications spent yesterday (Tuesday) morning canvassing in Georgetown, with his leave from work till after the provincial election.

Mr. Hamilton spent the early morning greeting employees as the morning shift changed at Standard Products on Guelph Street before arriving at the Georgetown GO station.

He said it wasn't the best time to really talk politics but did give him a chance to meet the electorate and hand out New Democrat cards introducing himself.

After the GO station canvassing Mr. Hamilton told The Herald he planned to visit Morley Mills and tour through the Co-op that is named after Morley Mills.

He said he planned to do a street or two in Georgetown on Tuesday and meet with employees at Smith and Stone Wednesday (today).

Through his door knocking in the riding Mr. Hamilton said he has received a good recep-

tion. "I've met a number of people who've said it's the first time they've had a candidate round the door. They're quite impressed by that," he said.

He said the concerns in Georgetown and Acton are a bit different than the more suburban areas of Burlington and Milton.

"In Burlington and Milton the issues seem to be fairer taxes and the environment while in Georgetown and Acton it is more the job oriented



DOUG HAMILTON

issues," he said. Mr. Hamilton said he plans a lot of early mornings during the up-

coming weeks and said he is taping a cable interview in Burlington on Friday morning.

The UAW Hall on Martin Street in Milton will host a meet the candidate night on Friday evening with a good chance of an appearance by Ontario NDP leader Bob Rae.

The party has decided not to put up signs where they are not directly called for and will only put them up where supporters have specifically asked for them.



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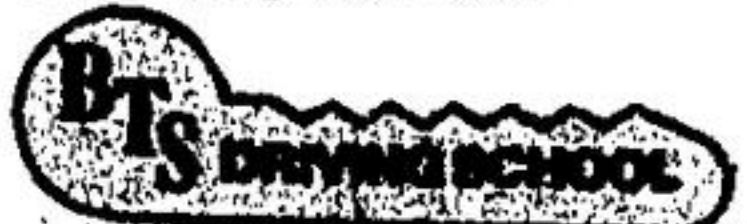
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