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1,200 sign Grit cards

Over 1,200 have signed up as members of the Liberal riding of Halton North, the riding executive says.

"I imagine that's a record for the old riding (of Halton-Burlington) said party worker David Blaney. (The large numbers have necessitated a change in location for the Aug. 7 nomination meeting. It is now being held at the John Tonelli Sports Centre in Milton beginning at 7:30 p.m.)

Liberal nominees will be Walt Elliot, Ben Colabrese, Joe Hewitt and Bruce Hood.

Mr. Blaney suspects that it could be a fairly long evening. "Obviously there will be a two-ballot vote and it could go three," he said.

The meeting format will consist of a short speech by riding president Bill Manderson, followed by the vote, scrutinized by a member of the Ontario Liberal Party.

Nominators will be allowed to speak for three minutes and their candidates for seven minutes.

"I imagine some of the candidates will talk about the issues while others will speak about their contributions to the party or themselves."

Mr. Blaney said he didn't know what the affect would be of Tory accusations levelled at two candidates for having links to the Progressive Conservatives.

"I think the people will choose the person best able to represent them

at Queen's Park," he said. A lot of the memberships were purchased by people who have been long-time Liberals but who never joined the party, he said.

It's human nature that some people would be lured to joining the party to jump on the bandwagon, he said. However, the Liberals have seen a lot of people who helped out in previous elections decide to buy a membership for '87 campaign, the party worker said.

"I would doubt that there are a lot of first-time Liberals."

Meanwhile, the party is doing "very well" raising money for the campaign. At \$5 per membership card, the riding association has raised \$6,000.

The party also held two fund-raising events last year to raise the coffers. There was an evening at Mohawk Raceway with Bob Nixon as guest and a dinner at the North Halton Golf and Country Club featuring Environment Minister Jim Bradley.

Mr. Blaney feels that most people on the riding executive are happy the election was called for Sept. 10. An election is needed to present to the people the record of the party over the two years the Liberals have governed, he said.

"Most Liberals feel it's time we sought a mandate from the electorate on our own," the party worker said.



Indians for a day

A taste of life as it was with the Huron Indians during the 15th century awaits visitors to the Crawford Lake conservation area, where an Indian village is being constructed. Joseph Heale, five, and his sister Amanda, nine, of Burlington took a step back in history on the

weekend, and were given some idea of what it was like to live in those times. Here, the two are dressed in deerskin outfits, and look ready to enjoy the traditional Indian meal of corn. See page A8 for a photo feature on the Crawford Lake Indian village. (Herald photo)

NDP looks for a better showing

During the coming election the New Democratic Party is hoping to capitalize on the strong showing in the polls of their federal counterparts.

Halton North NDP riding president Patty Clancy says her party hopes to increase its portion of the vote which, she said, was just under 15 per cent in the last provincial election.

The New Democrats were quick to act once Premier David Peterson called the Sept. 10 election. Northern Telecom worker Fern Wolf, a three-year member of the NDP, declared her candidacy for her party's nomination Monday.

The nomination meeting is slated for Aug. 12 in Milton. There is no cut-off date for candidates to declare, Ms. Clancy said. But anyone who wants to seek the NDP nomination for Halton North must already be a party member.

The New Democrats, however, would have preferred a later election date. "I don't know if anybody benefits from a summer election," Ms. Clancy said.

But she doesn't see any problems in getting party workers out to get the ball rolling.

The NDP is in good shape financially, Ms. Clancy said. The Halton North branch had no remaining debts from the provincial election held just two years ago.

Despite some positive signs into this election, Ms. Clancy contained her enthusiasm for the prospects of a NDP victory in Halton North. "We have not a bad chance this time," she said.

"Things are changing in people's minds. The NDP is a lot more positive than it has been in the past," she said.

NDP nominee Ms. Wolfe has a number of campaign issues she will be voicing before election day.

Affordable car insurance, decent pensions, fair pay and child care for working women, will all be part of her platform, said Ms. Wolfe.

The environment will also be a main priority for the NDP said the nominee.

Region votes for gov't review

A request for a Provincial review of all aspects of Halton's Regional government was approved by the Administration and Finance committee July 29.

The review request must be approved by council Aug. 5.

Councillors approved the recommendation for a review submitted with a report by Regional Chairman Pete Pomeroy, but they severely criticized recent position paper recommending a similar review by Burlington Mayor Holly Bird.

In his June 30 report Mayor Bird called Burlington the "Golden Dorset" of the Region.

The original request for a review came from the Town of Oakville in a May 7 letter. Oakville wanted the review because of "recent changes in demographics and assessment within Oakville and Burlington." Chairman Pomeroy said in his report, which accentuated many of the achievements of Halton's Regional government.

Several Councillors, including Mr. Pomeroy, Burlington is Barry Quinn, Milton is William Johnson, Oakville is John Graham, Pam Sheldon of Halton Hills refused to support the recommendations put forth by Mr. Bird because of his controversial report.

Burlington Councillor James Grievy also disagreed with the report when it was submitted to the committee. Mr. Bird said in a July 14 addition to his position paper.

Mr. Bird asked the Region's secretary to tape the committee's discussion on the report.

He singled out a Halton Hills Herald July 15 editorial which said:

"To suggest Georgetown and Acton give up a seat to Burlington, which now has nine members, is ludicrous."



Peter Pomeroy

Holly Bird

The Burlington Mayor said his report states that representation in Burlington may be reduced from nine to seven, equal with that of Oakville.

"I'm undecided whether the Halton Hills Herald is practising misrepresentation or just lazy journalism," the Burlington Mayor said.

Mr. Bird also pointed an accusing finger at Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller who had previously said he didn't realize there was bitterness between the two mayors. "Anyone might interpret my feelings towards Mayor Miller, might take into consideration the fact that he withheld information from his Council for a month which, when brought to light by the City of Burlington he made a very harsh and unjust statements about my municipality."

In his June 30 position paper, Mayor Bird said Mr. Miller, Mr. Pomeroy and Halton Chief Administrative Officer John Flemming, all knew about the proposal to use the Acton quarry for a landfill site before it was released publicly at the preliminary hearings discussing the issue.

Mr. Bird also said in a July 14 ad-

dition to the position paper that "most criticisms of my submissions to Regional council came from those who were slow getting off the mark with their own initiatives."

Mayor Miller submitted a written response to the report at the July 29 meeting but he was unable to comment further because he was away on holidays.

Mayor Bird had previously submitted a list of reports and initiatives submitted by him since 1979.

"I continue to serve notice that when I come to Regional council and committee meetings, I will not accept criticism, ridicule, misrepresentation or any distortion of my presentations, especially by those who obviously have not done their own homework," Mr. Bird concluded in his addition.

Coun. Sheldon doubted Mr. Bird's claim that Burlington's lawyer introduced the Acton Quarry proposal "on direction of Burlington City Council."

"Most Burlington Councillors were most shocked and weren't aware of the issues being brought up at hearings," she said.

Chairman Pomeroy said several of Mayor Bird's comments both in the original position paper and the addition "offended" him.

"It sounds like a report card system when you put stars beside those who contribute more than other people," Mr. Pomeroy said.

Coun. Sheldon also wondered if there wasn't some truth to rumors that Mayor Bird keeps report cards on councillors. "I felt that Big Brother is watching because he's keeping notes on everything everybody says," she said.

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Tory nomination an acclamation?

The Aug. 10 nomination meeting for the Progressive Conservatives in Halton North is beginning to look like a simple formality to acclaim Dave Whiting as their candidate for the Sept. 10 election.

Halton North PC riding spokesman John Challinor said it looks very much like no one else will throw their hat into the Conservative arena.

The cut off date for declaring candidacy for the Conservatives is 7:30 p.m. Saturday (Aug. 8), said Mr. Challinor who is in charge of public relations.

"As of Saturday (Aug. 1) we are operating with the full intention that we have only one candidate," Mr. Challinor said.

Leaders on campaign trail

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Memberships will still be taken until 7:30 p.m. the night of the nomination meeting, he said. He estimated the local Conservatives have about 200 paid memberships now.

He is confident that any one of the four candidates vying for the Liberal party's nomination can be beaten. "We would have had a challenging time to unseat Don Knight simply because he's an incumbent. We're more confident about beating any of the four who are running," he said.

The Conservatives locally have been able to assemble an election team quickly because they were anticipating an election call, said Mr. Challinor.

However, he said all three parties are having a difficult time getting people together because the election was called on the Friday of a long



Designer looks for 'punch' in putting message across

By MARY-SHAW
Herald Staff

Watching television commercials or reading newspaper ads may not be everyone's idea of a good time. But to a young Georgetown resident, these activities are a way of life.

Lise Gallant, originally from Dalhousie, Nova Scotia, is a graphic artist working for fashion photographer Marc Stevens in Montreal.

Ms. Gallant, 23, is responsible for the "look" of the advertisements Steven's company produces. This includes photography, layout, or even choosing the models. The work is creative and can be very demanding, especially if a customer has no idea how he wants his ad to look.

"Some may say they want a typical blond, good-looking North American," Ms. Gallant said. "There's nothing wrong with that, but I prefer to look for unusual,

SITTING PRETTY — Lise Gallant is a graphic artist now working for fashion photographer Marc Stevens in Montreal. The 23-year-old just graduated from a three-year design program at Dawson College, Quebec. (Herald photo)

dramatic features — an ethnic look."

She describes the ethnic look as being "punchier" and more interesting. She suggested, however, the ethnic image has caught on faster in Montreal than in Toronto because Montreal has a "European quality" the Ontario city lacks.

"Montreal has a warmer atmosphere; Toronto is more competitive, hostile. Whenever I go there I feel there is something missing."

It is partially her distaste of Toronto's atmosphere that has kept Mr. Gallant in Montreal. In Quebec, she also uses her French. Lise Gallant is bilingual.

"Graphic design is like this right now," she said, spreading her arms wide as if describing a large fish. "There are so many facets to it and I haven't quite decided what I'm going to specialize in."

Having just graduated from Montreal's Dawson College with a three-year degree in design, Lise Gallant said she is enjoying the challenges of her life at the moment. With a record album in the offing, she said she is optimistic about the future.

Lise Gallant is also a songwriter. "My songs are mostly country-rock; it's hard to describe," she said.

Radio aerobatics

The Georgetown Radio Control Club will be hosting its annual precision aerobatics contest for radio-controlled aircraft Aug. 8-9.

Flying will take place at approximately 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. each day. The public is invited to attend. The location is the flying field one-quarter mile west of Mountainview Road on the Tenth Sideroad. Food and soft drinks will be available.

For more information call 873-1459.

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