



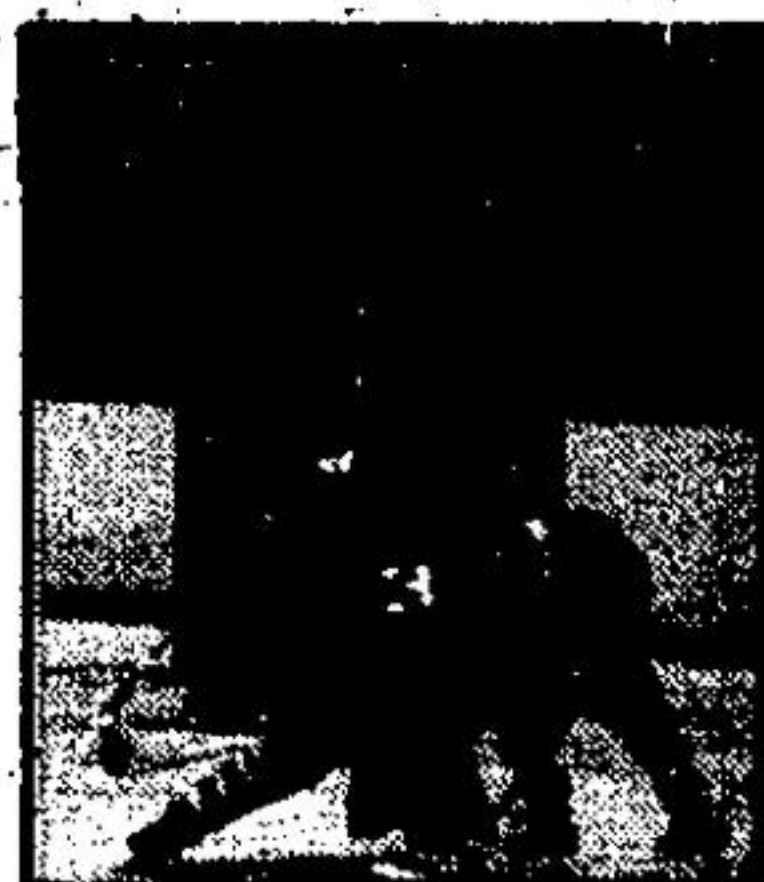
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### Provincial Election

# Final all-candidates debate centres on unborn

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Accusations of killing the unborn and attempts to keep women barefoot and pregnant were thrown around the auditorium during the final North Halton riding all-candidates debate at Milton E.C. Drury High School, last Thursday.

The meeting, the last debate before tomorrow's provincial election, was attended by all six candidates including Progressive Conservative candidate Dave Whiting, New Democrat candidate Noel Duignan, Family Coalition Party candidate Giuseppe Gori, Green Party candidate Patricia Kammerer and Libertarian John Shadbolt.

Mr. Gori, told an audience of about 200 that in Ontario 32,000 babies are never born because they are unwanted. He said the most Liberal legislation allows mothers to terminate their pregnancy on a whim. "Anyone who is willing to forget these babies will do anything to you without scruples," he said.

Women may have a choice but the baby has no choice, Mr. Gori said. From the moment of conception the baby is a human being with its own chromosomes and DNA, he explained to the audience. The choice is made in respect to killing another human being, he added.

Mr. Duignan of the NDP, was equally as blunt when he said the FCP wants to keep women in the 18th century, barefoot, pregnant and in the kitchen. He said another person shouldn't impose his morality on others. Mr. Duignan said the NDP defends a woman's democratic right to choice.

Liberal incumbent, Mr. Elliot said it's easy for people to say they're against abortion. However, he said during his career as an educator, many young girls have approached him for advice. His advice was always to see the pregnancy through. But if the girls didn't want to take his advice he said he didn't want to see a repeat of the small town abortion operations he saw when he was growing up. "Our responsibility is to see this procedure is correctly carried out," Mr. Elliot said.

"Society's going down the drain if you think killing another human being can be called a medical procedure," argued Mr. Gori. He said money should go toward saving lives and not getting rid of them.

Mrs. Kammerer told the audience her party is pro-choice because society can't afford to add more people to a world plagued by hunger and unhappiness. "If we have all these children we will have less money. Who will support these children?" she asked the audience, only to receive retorts such

as "Why don't we kill off the old people too?" Waiting for the audience to settle, Ms. Kammerer said abortion is not the most satisfactory way to deal with unplanned pregnancies but it is a necessary alternative.

Ms. Kammerer said the Green Party supports sex education and family clinics.

Mr. Gori wants to see condoms taken out of the schools because he believes they are a symbol of permission for young people to "fornicate." In a discussion about education funding, Mr. Gori told the audience school programs, like sex education, must be cut to emphasize fundamental and classical skills.

Mr. Shadbolt said women should be able to do what they want with

their bodies but he also expressed concern that future operations would not be able to care for an aging society. "There are no easy answers," he admitted.

A pro-choice movement has only led to a number of young ladies having as many as three abortions, argued Mr. Whiting. They're using abortion as a method of birth control, he told the audience. Abortion should be a last resort for medical reasons and only in a hospital setting, Mr. Whiting added. He continued to say he had no respect for Health Minister, Elinor Caplan, who has "run a world class system into the ground." Discussing the health system, he said even nurses are sponsoring advertisements against the Liberal government.

Although an audience member

asked the candidates to reconsider their positions on abortion, no one obliged. He also asked the candidates to justify why funding is available for abortion clinics and not for heart surgery teams.

Mr. Elliot took offense to the question and told the man "you know you can't get a straight answer" phrasing the question that way. No one is going to change their original position, he said. Mr. Elliot argued the number of hospitals equipped with heart surgery teams has increased from four to 11.

Incineration proved to be as heated a topic as at the last debate. A woman asked each candidate to

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## Six million eligible to cast ballots

Election day polls will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. for Ontario's 35th provincial general election tomorrow (Thursday).

The exceptions are the electoral districts of Kenora and Rainy River where voting will be conducted between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. due to the local time in effect.

Approximately six million Ontario residents will be eligible to cast their ballot in the province's 130 electoral districts.

Electors are issued a folded ballot by the Deputy Returning Officer which they mark in private, behind a screen. The refolded ballot is returned to the Deputy Returning Officer for deposit in a sealed ballot box.

Candidates' names are numbered and alphabetically listed in white on a black ballot. To the right of each name is a white circle. The ballot must be marked in only one white circle. Any ballot marked in more than one circle

will be considered a rejected ballot and will not be counted.

Urban voters must ensure that their names are on the polling list, or on a certificate to vote issued by the Returning Officer, in order to vote on election day in their electoral district. In rural areas, electors omitted from the list may cast a ballot on election day, provided they take an oath and are accompanied by an elector who is on the list in that same polling division and who will vouch for them.

An elector appointed to vote for someone else by proxy must ensure that the completed proxy form has been certified by the Returning Officer in their electoral district no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day before election day.

Persons eligible to vote in this election are those who, on election day, are 18 years of age or older, a Canadian citizen, and whose names are on the list of electors or on a certificate to vote in the electoral district where they reside.



## Double play combo

Georgetown Baseball Associations Lions Club Fairgrounds main baseball diamond. The Midget Rep players, shortstop Greg Dobbin and second baseman Brent Couling, attempt to execute a double-play during Friday night's opening game in the Ontario Baseball Association's provincial "C" division best-of-three all-Ontario final series contest against Tillsonburg played at Georgetown.

(Herald photo by Colin Gibson)