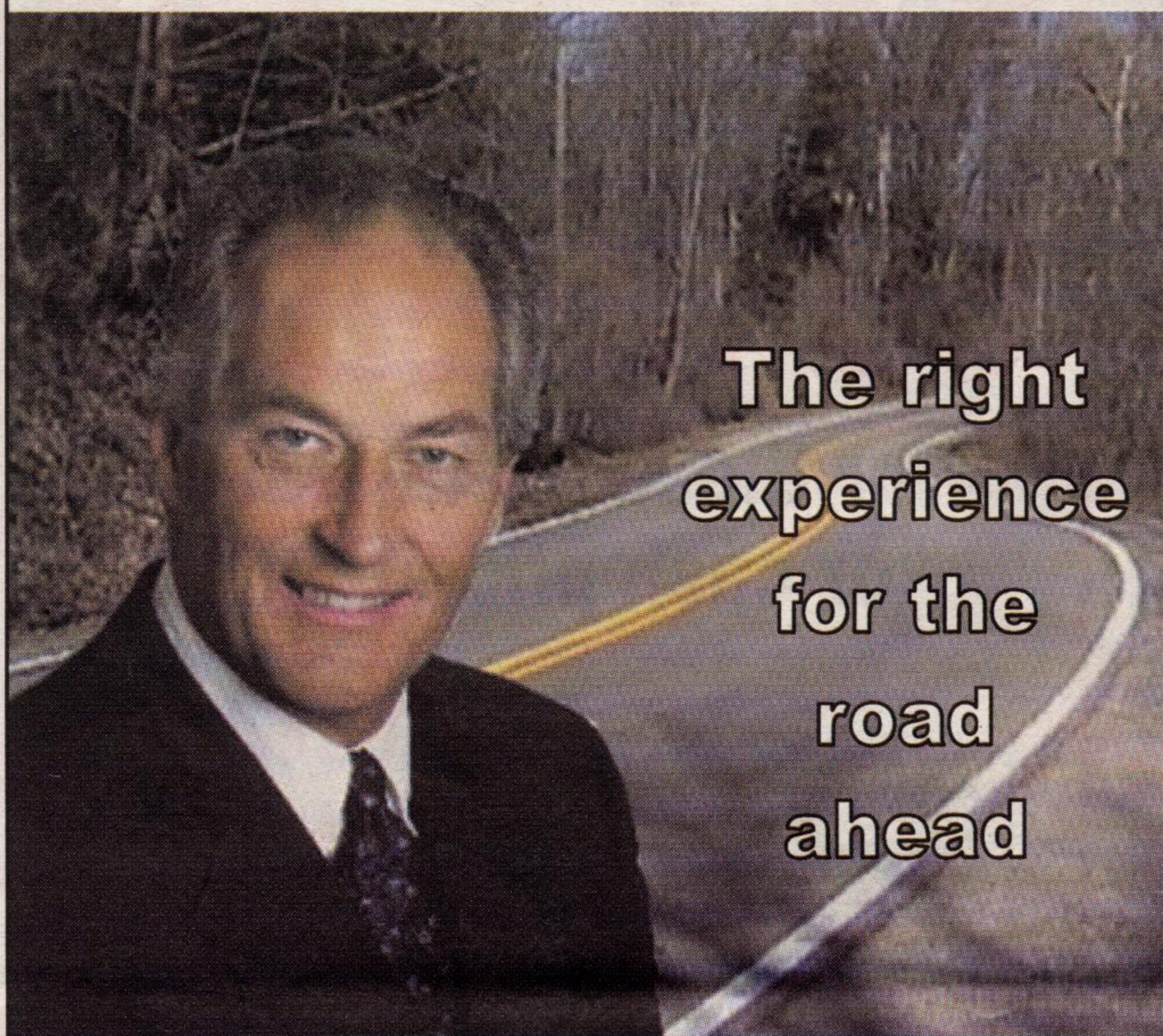


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## MPP Chudleigh says Ontario's future relies on more tax relief for more jobs

BY KAREN BOOTHROYD

The Chudleigh name in Halton is synonymous with more than just apples.

A MPP representing a segment of Halton since 1995, Ted Chudleigh's family bought a farm north of Milton on Highway 25 in 1955. At the time two young sons, Tom and Ted, were 15 and 12, respectively. Both sons attended university to study horticulture, but after graduating their lives took different career paths.

"Tom", the younger Chudleigh states, "was more interested in the farm" and returned to the family property after school. Meanwhile, a young Ted Chudleigh dove into business world and worked for The Oshawa Group and The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Before joining the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party as its candidate for North Halton, Mr. Chudleigh was working for the Ontario Food Processors Association as its Executive Vice President.

By 1995, according to Ted Chudleigh, "Ontario was in sad fiscal shape. My three kids were by then having their own children. They were all struggling in their chosen fields. They were underemployed. It certainly wasn't the Ontario I graduated into."

"When Mike Harris came out with his 'Common Sense Revolution', I said that someone should run with this in Halton. Now after eight and a half years, I believe our party has made a tremendous difference all across Ontario."

Basically, MPP Chudleigh believes the more taxes are cut, the more businesses are attracted to Ontario. These businesses then have more money to spend and, therefore, they hire more people. As a result, these new employees are now contributing to the provincial tax base plus they have money to spend on more products and services. And so the economic circle grows.

Mr. Chudleigh proudly points out that "We created a million new jobs in the province, therefore, a million new tax payers. They are able to help finance the improvements in the health care and educational systems and all things that make this province such a strong and dynamic place to live. The strongest economies in the world have low taxes which allows you to make investments at home."

One of PC's major platforms in the upcoming election is mortgage interest tax

deduction. Mr. Chudleigh is confident that this "will make it easier for people to get into their first home and to pay down their largest debt. It will apply to everyone who has a mortgage."

If re-elected, the PC's will also give seniors a tax rebate through reimbursement of the educational portion of their municipal taxes. Although Mr. Chudleigh freely admits, "most seniors do not mind contributing to education since their children and grandchildren are benefiting", he also believes that it is important to give back to seniors since they have given so much already to their communities.

The PC's also plan to declare teaching an essential service and prohibit teachers from striking or working to rule.

As Halton's MPP, Mr. Chudleigh stands by his public record. "As we all know, getting money out of the Ontario government is not an easy task, but I have managed to pry a good share of it out of the provincial coffers for Halton." He points to the \$75 million expansion at the Milton Hospital, the new women's shelter located in Milton and the \$7.2 million expansion at Trafalgar Road and Highway 7 as important infrastructure expenditures within his constituency.

"Another one of the biggest issues when I was first elected was our lack of long term care beds for seniors in Halton. Developing 1,664 more beds was a initiative that I am also quite proud of."

For the environment, Mr. Chudleigh has been able to funnel \$400,000 to the reconstruction of the visitors center at Mountsberg Conservation Area and funding to purchase \$1.2 million of sensitive Niagara Escarpment land to help further connect the Bruce Trail.

Politics has been a very rewarding experience for the MPP, "you help individual people on an individual level." He is looking forward to seeing the results of what his party has done in the last eight years; to start reinvesting in education, health care and the environment because Ontario now has the right economic base.

When his schedule permits, Mr. Chudleigh enjoys his membership at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. He lives on a 30-acre property west of Georgetown and maintains a close relationship with his three children and seven grandchildren.

## Art in Escarpment Country

BY DEBORAH QUAILLE

New and exciting artists will be featured on this year's Milton Area StudioTour, running October 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Fine Arts Society of Milton plays host to the sixth annual arts and crafts tour, offering diverse media such as paintings, sculpture, wood, pottery, jewellery, blown glass, mosaic, stained glass and garden furniture.

The free, self-guided tour includes 28 studios in the town of Milton and along picturesque byways in Kilbride, Moffat and Eden Mills. All locations are marked with blue, yellow and white balloons and a studio tour number sign at corresponding driveways. Visitors can follow arrow signs or create their own route. Brochures are available at Eden Place in Eden Mills, or the Leisure Centre, the Seniors' Centre, the Town Hall, the Milton Mall information board or Galactic Art Glass Studio in Milton.