

# Chudleigh feels vindicated

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The New Tanner

There were furrowed brows and serious huddles among Ted Chudleigh's re-election team when the first poll results on Thursday night showed the Liberals leading provincially and in the new Halton riding.

But, less than 20 minutes later, they were lighting cigars and slapping each other on the back as it became clear Chudleigh would walk away with the riding - again - as a tide of Tory blue swept the Greater Toronto Area.

Chudleigh, the grandson of former Ontario Premier T.L. Kennedy and brother to the Milton apple-growing Chudleigh's, said he felt vindicated by the overwhelming majority when he arrived at Pineland, the Hornby farm of former transportation minister James Snow for his celebration.

"There was a large, vocal minority and you never know how that's going to play out in the polls," Chudleigh told the waiting media.

"It's very reassuring that the people of Ontario and the people of Halton feel strongly about the Mike Harris program. They feel strongly about a strong economy and they understand that a strong economy is the way in which you support a health care system, an educational system and a system to look after those who are unable to look after themselves," Chudleigh said, adding he was "somewhat surprised" with the size of his win, calling it an "awesome responsibility."

Speaking a short while later to his campaign team and supporters Chudleigh was grateful, proud and defiant.

"Four years ago we started out. We had a dream. We had a plan. We knew where we were going. It was probably the most definitive plan that a political party has ever put together in Ontario to present to the electorate and we followed through on that plan and damn it, it worked," Chudleigh said.

Both Liberal candidate Mohan Anand and NDP hopeful Jay Jackson stopped in briefly to congratulate Chudleigh and while Anand - who thought he was a contender - left quickly after shaking hands and waving to the crowd, Jackson was offered the microphone by Chudleigh who said although he and Jackson had philosophical differences, he thought they could be friends.

"Well Ted, the people have spoken and it was a good debate and good clean race and congratulations on your great victory," Jackson said to the cheers and claps of the Tory faithful who appreciated Jackson's grace in



**CHUDLEIGH CHAMP AGAIN:** Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh and wife Tonia were jubilant during his victory celebration election night at Jim Snow's Pineland Farm on Trafalgar Road. At the end of the night the vote board in the background showed Chudleigh, who said he felt "vindicated" had won all but one poll in the riding. - Frances Niblock photo

defeat. Both Family Coalition Party candidate Giuseppe Gori and Green Party hopeful Bill Champ were also runners. Gori, the FCP leader, received 795 votes and Green received 805.

**How Acton Voted**  
In Acton, like the rest of the riding, Chudleigh swept all of the urban and rural polls and in some areas, his margin over Liberal challenger Mohan Anand was more than three-to-one.

	CHUDLEIGH PC	ANAND Liberal	JACKSON NDP
MSB 6 polls	695	306	64
Legion 9 polls	1,120	671	110
Rural 7 polls	1,070	321	88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,885</b>	<b>1,298</b>	<b>262</b>

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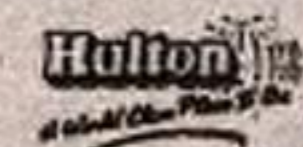


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Many thanks from Ab Irwin and Branch 197 to those who came out to help plant flowers and also feed the mosquitos, also many of the townspeople who were also cleaning and planting on Decoration Day Sunday.

While we are giving out accolades, we would like to thank the Andrews brothers, Bob and Keith, along with their sons; they spent all day Saturday cleaning the aircraft both inside and out. They have started painting it now but inform me they are not done yet; even the pilot got a new bomber jacket. It seems his old one fell apart.

Some of our members have been attending council meetings re the proposed by-law to ban smoking and make our Legion smoke free; the group is watching this matter carefully.

We have 42 members entered in the Zone golf. Good luck; also two teams going to Milton for horseshoes.

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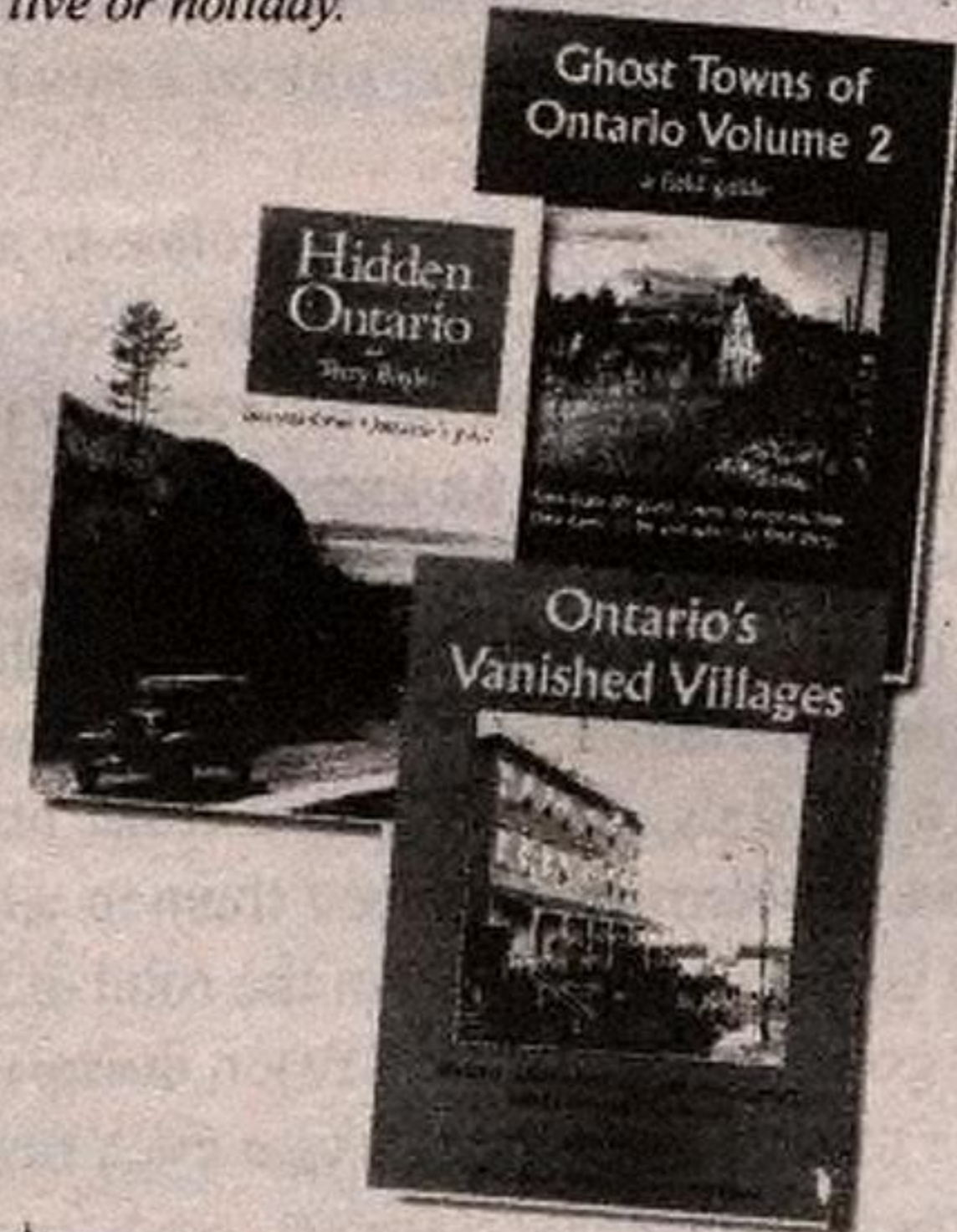
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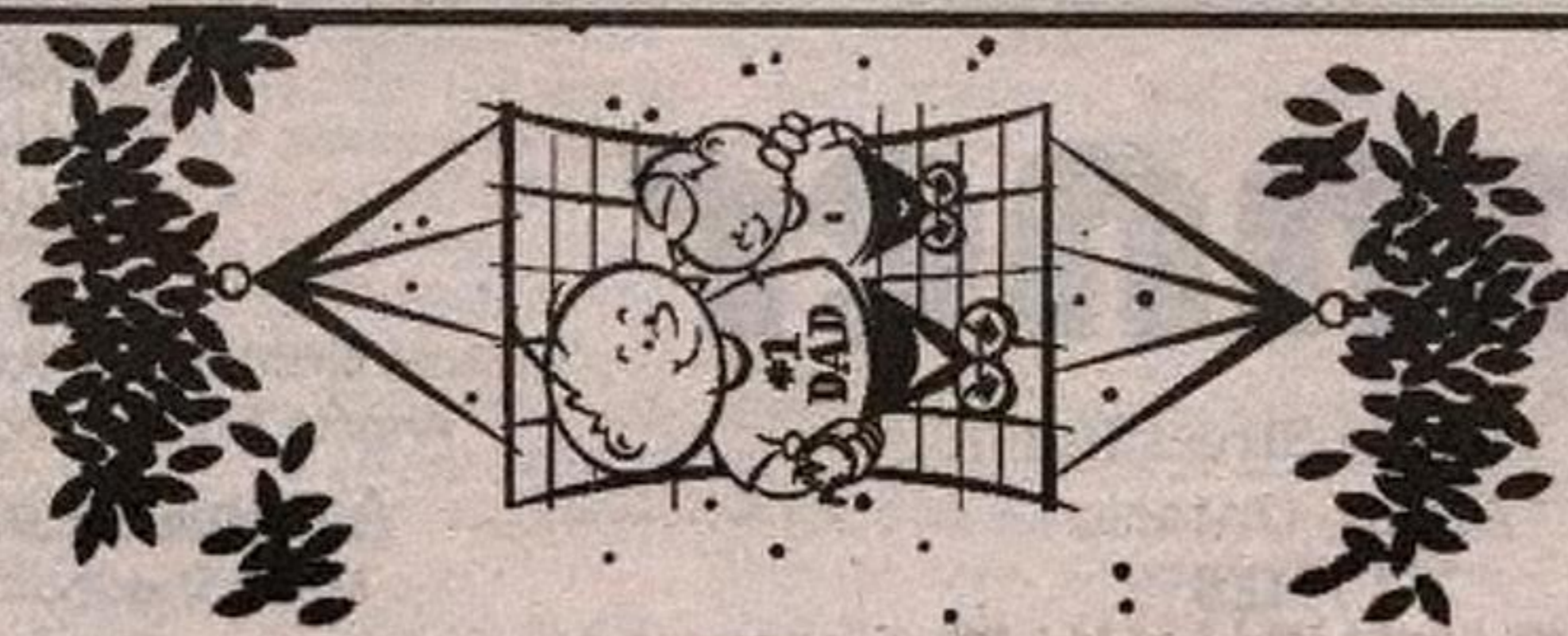
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