

Short, subdued nominations

# Young woman teacher NDP choice

By Dan O'Reilly

A pretty 24-year-old public school teacher, who is a supporter of women's rights, will be the New Democratic Party's Halton riding contestant in the Oct. 30 federal election.

Mrs. Carolyn Holstein of the Tenth Line Erin, will join Progressive Conservative candidate Terry O'Connor as a challenger to incumbent Halton MP member Rud Whiting. The Liberal MP has represented Halton in the House of Commons since 1968.

The lady teacher received the nod from Halton NDP members in a nomination meeting Wednesday, Sept. 13. The meeting was held in the United Auto Workers Hall on Martin St. in Milton.

Less than 100 people showed up for the event.

**One opponent**

An Oakville driving instructor, Albert Terpstra, 51, was the only other contestant for the position.

A third individual, Brian Tripletton, was nominated, but Tripletton, a high school teacher, declined. Tripletton had been the campaign manager for Ken Gelok, the NDP candidate in last October's provincial election.

The nomination was a short and somewhat subdued affair. The blonde-haired Mrs. Holstein defeated Terpstra by a 45 to 8 majority, when the vote was called.

Both contestants limited their speeches to about five or six minutes duration. Terpstra criticized the Liberal government for its handling of the unemployment situation. Among other things, he advocated the building of sports facilities to spur jobs.

Mrs. Holstein echoed Federal NDP leader David Lewis' attack on large corporations for not paying their fair share of taxes. Mrs. Holstein also knocked the Liberals for their job policy. One of the lady's key planks in the election will be women's rights, she stated.

**Beety housing**

Terpstra, who was a member of the Labor party in Holland for 20 years, spoke first. He predicted that if the NDP were to form the government it would push for better housing, aid to small businessman, better labor-management relations; a federal automobile insurance plan, and other social plans.

Wages and the price of living in Canada, were other issues he

touched on. "People aren't able to save \$75 in three months," he declared.

Canadians are in poor physical shape, he claimed. A physical fitness program would be one of his main demands if he was elected to Parliament. "When people aren't healthy, they're not happy," he suggested.

Almost as a side topic Terpstra argued for the implementation of party politics in the municipal scene. He denounced the squabbling and dicker of local politicians "who are individuals and not working as a team."

While the audience applauded Terpstra, many of his ideas appeared to be unconnected and lost. His somewhat bumpy style of speaking was in marked contrast with the smooth eloquence of Mrs. Holstein.

**"Just society"**

Without being virulent or overly-dramatic, the Erin area lady took into the Liberal government's record. "Perhaps in your memory linger the phrases 'Just society' and 'tax reform'—promises made in 1968, during the days when we were being courted by the Liberal government. Canadians were courted, kissed, then after the election, used and arrogantly ignored," she said.

People in Halton and in Canada have grown to distrust the Trudeau government, she charged. Canadians have discovered there is an inverse relation between policies stated and policies enacted upon, she quipped.

As a candidate she would commit herself to the issues Canadians are concerned about, suggested the speaker. "Canadians are concerned about how pensioners are forced to live on a subsistence level, about the shortage of good homes, about the enforced idleness of unemployment."

Women's rights will play a large portion of Mrs. Holstein's bid to become Halton's representative, if her speech is an indication.

**Minority**

She said the Canadian public is concerned that women are often regarded as second class citizens through ignorance and prejudice. "This is why only two per cent of our lawyers are women compared to 20 per cent in France," she pointed out.

Large corporations and the tax advantages they receive also came under the lady's gun. She

told the audience to look in their pockets and they would discover where the large handouts these companies receive come from.

After she was finished one delegate attacked her stand on woman's rights. "Isn't this women's liberation movement a counter-revolutionary plot to divert the public from the main issues?" asked Albert Tichel of Georgetown.

Tichel's question evoked howls of laughter from his own party members.

Without getting upset, Mrs. Holstein said she didn't go looking for differences. "I'm for people, that's why I chose the NDP—because of their lack of discrimination against young people, women, or what have you," she answered.

**Month off work**

Both nominees were asked how much time they would spend on the campaign trail, meeting the public and canvassing for votes.

Terpstra said he would spend as much time as possible although some of his time would have to be spent earning his "bread and potato."

Mrs. Holstein said she will exert all her time and energy for the election. "I have been given a leave of absence from work for the month of October." Having a month off work would greatly help her, she suggested.

Party member Dirk Nieuwlaaf of Oakville zeroed in on the question of personal views versus party policy. "How would you react when your personal feelings conflicted with the NDP's stand?" he demanded to know.

Terpstra said if the situation came up he would give it considerable thought but more than likely would follow the party line.

**Own conscience**

On the other hand, Mrs. Holstein said there would be occasions where her own conscience would dictate how she voted and acted on certain issues.

The question period was limited to 15 minutes and then the delegates were asked to mark their ballots. The vote was 45 to 8 in Mrs. Holstein's favor.

"Some people say a woman's place is in the home. You people have shown she has a place in House of Commons," was how the lady candidate summed up her victory.



WITHOUT MUCH FANFARE Halton New Democrats chose 24-year-old Mrs. Carolyn Holstein as their candidate for the coming federal election during a nomination night last week. Mrs. Holstein is pictured delivering her speech to the audience. Her only other opponent was Albert Terpstra of Oakville. The event took place in the UAW hall on Martin St., Milton.

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By Edith Sharpe

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## Lady enters political arena

When she was a youngster on her father's farm in Streetsville, Mrs. Carolyn Holstein helped her father and two sisters with the haying. There was a lack of boys in the family, so the girls were forced to pitch in.

Doing a man's job in her earlier years may have had something to do with Mrs. Holstein's decision to jump into what has been a man's preserve—the political arena—at 24 years of age.

Last week Mrs. Holstein a teacher, was chosen by the Halton New Democrats to be their standard bearer in the Oct. 30 federal election. The lady will be up against a tough opponent—incumbent Liberal MP Rud Whiting, who has held the Halton seat since 1968.

Mrs. Holstein declared her candidacy for the Halton NDP nomination after Stephen Alcock withdrew from the race. Alcock, 24, had been chosen by the NDP earlier in the year.

**Not a fanatic**

Women's rights or lack of them will be one of the key issues in Mrs. Holstein's bid for a seat in the House of Commons. However she is not a fanatical women's lib type, as is conjured up by some.

She says she can cite examples where women have almost been refused employment because of not producing their marriage certificates. However she says discrimination works two ways—there are laws which go against men. "What I'm really for is people's right," she points out.

One of the uppermost issues in the election will be Canada's taxation structure, predicts the teacher. She endorses NDP leader David Lewis' attack on large corporations for not paying their fair share of taxes.

Providing more than just a subsistence standard of living for Canadians, especially pensioners, will also be advocated by the lady in her attempt to secure a spot in Parliament.

**Sign Pollution**

She supports a plea from Terry O'Connor, PC candidate for Halton, that party contestants avoid sign pollution by only placing election posters on private property. She points out however, the NDP has had such a policy for the last three years.

Mrs. Holstein is a teacher at Centennial Senior Public School in Brampton. She teaches grade

seven and eight English. Also instructing at the school is one of her strongest supporters, her husband Brian.

Brian, who hails from Australia, says he's behind his wife all the way and will be "endorsing her for the next four

years". He teaches Science to grade seven and eight students.

The Holsteins were married about a year and half ago. Brian had been on a five year travel jaunt when the couple met.

They live on the Tenth Line of Erin Township.

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