

Upset at lost vote

Member sues PC Association

By Linda Kirby

Oriena Currie, of Campbellville, has never really dabbled in politics. She has never attended any political meetings of any importance and has supported either the Liberals or the Conservatives in various federal and provincial elections.

But last month, she decided to join the Halton-Burlington Progressive Conservative Association and

Her reason for joining the Association was simple. "I had met Brian Penman (one of the candidates) half a dozen times. I thought, 'there is a good man.'"

"By joining and voting, at least I would have a part of selecting a candidate," she said.

An Association rule states delegates must be paid-up members 14 days before the nominating convention. The convention was originally scheduled for Feb. 24, but was moved ahead to Feb. 5 as a result of an early election call, therefore making many new members ineligible to vote.

Although it was bought in advance of the deadline, Mrs. Currie's membership was declared ineligible because it was not turned in before the deadline by Brian Penman campaigners.

According to Mr. Penman, the memberships were not turned in as they were sold because they were working towards the original Feb. 10 cutoff date set by the executive.

When the early election call was given and the cutoff date moved forward to Jan. 25, no consideration was made for those who had purchased their memberships including those sold Jan. 25 or earlier, said Mr. Penman.

"An affidavit was signed by several people including Ken Hassard (chairman of the Halton riding) attesting for the fact they were sold on Jan. 25 or before. The affidavits were dismissed by the executive and the subject

never discussed," he said.

"It is not too late for another nomination. And I still want my vote."

Although angry and frustrated with the chain of events surrounding the PC nomination, the affair has not dissuaded the Campbellville business-

woman from taking part in another election.

"Next time around, I will be watching them!" she said.

"But oh, well I be watching them!" she said.

purchase a membership so she could vote at the party's nomination convention.

Like 400 other members however, she was denied her voting privilege due to a technicality.

This is her story and when it all ends, she hopes to win back that right to vote.

Mrs. Currie has issued a writ against the Halton-Burlington P.C. Association and hopes the court action will prompt another nomination convention.

Candidates at Chamber

Milton Chamber of Commerce has arranged a meet-the-candidates night for Wednesday, March 4, to give local voters a chance to see Halton-Burlington riding's three candidates in person.

The meeting is at 7.30 p.m. in Ernest C. Drury School auditorium (beside the clock tower) and everyone is welcome. Candidates Julian Reed of the Liberal party, Fran Baines of the Progressive Conservatives and Chris Cutler of the NDP have been invited to give speeches and answer questions from the audience.



Premier at glass plant

Ontario Premier Bill Davis devoted close to an hour of his 1981 election campaign touring the new Consumers Glass plant in Milton Wednesday, accompanied by local PC candidate Fran Baines, party workers and a herd of media representatives. Here Mayor Gordon Krantz, Consumers plant manager Pat Fitzpatrick and personnel officer Bernice Champagne welcome him to Milton and the modern factory.

Davis calls vote watershed election

The province is in the midst of a watershed election and the results will demonstrate the pride and confidence Ontario citizens share going into the 1980s Premier William Davis told a breakfast gathering of the party faithful last Wednesday morning in Georgetown at North Halton Golf and Country Club.

The Progressive Conservative leader put the rap on not only Liberal leader Dr. Stuart Smith, who Davis dubbed "Dr. No", but also blasted New Democratic Party chief Michael Cassidy for the first time in this election.

Coming out of this election campaign is a growing awareness or sense of where Ontario is going in the 1980s, Davis declared.

He wondered how many negative comments about Ontario's economy the people working in the huge Ontario manufacturing sector can take from Smith. He predicted workers won't tolerate Smith saying Ontario's manufacturing sector is "crummy" much longer. "He just doesn't understand our pride and confidence."

Davis said Ontario has experienced greater

economic growth than competing jurisdictions in the United States and Europe.

The Ontario Davis declared, warning at the 11th hour they'll bring a platform out and then proclaim another at the 12th hour.

Only the Conservatives have a "sense of realities" about Ontario.

The government's BILD economic program has been greeted with enthusiasm the Premier said, noting it will exploit what Ontario does best. Over the past five years over 100,000 new jobs have been created in Ontario and with \$1.5 billion in government and private sector funding BILD will result in many more jobs in fields like high technology.

Davis warned Cassidy's brand of economics, nationalization, won't work. He said while the NDP leader hasn't done it yet, before the end of the campaign he'll likely have advocated nationalizing, "everything that walks."

Davis said Tory financial management in Ontario has resulted in reduction of the provincial deficit while holding the line for two years on tax hikes.

Excellent financial management has resulted in a grants program which gives Ontario senior citizens economic security not comparable with any jurisdiction in the western world, he noted.

Halton-Burlington Progressive Conservative candidate Fran Baines is the type of quality candidate the party has attracted for this election and Davis thanked Brian Penman, who was at the breakfast with his wife Heather in a show of Tory unity and support for Baines, for his excellent fight at the convention.

The theme of the Prayer Day this year is "The Earth is the Lord's" and the theme was prepared by the Native American Indian women.

Plan Day of Prayer

Henry Stanley, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food representative in Halton, will be guest speaker at the World Day of Prayer services in Milton Friday, March 6. Adult services are at 2 and 7.30 p.m. and a children's service will be held at 7.30 in the Grace Anglican Church.

Babysitting will be offered at the adult services.

A combined choir led by Marjorie Magee will sing in the afternoon, and

the Grace choir will sing at the evening service. Laurie Walker leads the Grace choir, with Bob Argall organist.

A social time will be held prior to the afternoon service, and following the evening service.

Halton Manor will have a separate service for residents.

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