Region review resource recovery for Halton-Reed

By Jane Muller A review of Halton regional government and the implementation of resource recovery technology in Halton are two of the issues Halton-**Burlington Liberal MPP** Julian Reed is addressing in this, his third election campaign.

As a fourth generation farmer in the Norval area, Mr. Reed speaks sympathetically about the need to retain valuable agriculture land especially in the case of site F which threatens to turn valuable land into a

garbage dump. He commended the Tremain-Britannia Citizens' Group for their five year fight which has in reality just begun with the recent decision to adhere to the Environment Assessment Act instead of the Environmental Protection Act as the region had hoped.

Mr. Reed considers resource recovery systems to be the only answer to what he calls our "garbage problem."

"We have to work toward a resource recovery system. Garbage should be looked at as a potential resource," says the Liberal energy critic. "We are the last jurisdiction to come to grips

with this. He points to the fact that European countries have been involved in resource recovery since the Mr. Cutler said his party turn of the century and the United States government which declared garbage as a natural resource in 1973 has put "seed" money into the individual states implement resource recovery systems. Now such systems are in place

in 68 centres. Mr. Reed suggests if the federal government could supply similar seed money, advances in resource recovery could be made in Canada as well He cites Milton and Halton as a prime area for resource recovery as the need is accute and the population is centrated and enough to support such a

system. He said the Ministry of the Environment's claim that markets are not available for the products of resource recov ery is "a lot of gargabe."

"As the population becomes more and more concentrated we have a heavier impact on the environment.

In 1973 provincial Liberal leader Robert Nixon and the party opposed regionalism and the leader offered predictions of what would happen if such a governing body were formed, according to Mr. Reed. Duplication of services and excess costs were predicted and have resulted.

Mr. Reed said the first priority of a Liberal government would be an immediate review of regional government. If parts of the system could be salvaged they would be but if not, regional government would be dismantled.

"It can't go on the way

it is subjecting taxpayers to those expenses.'

According to Mr. Reed regional government has not stood the test of time as the provincial government had hoped.

"History has shown us it's not getting better. If it were, then they might have a case."

He calls regional government a "mini province in essence but you don't have a opposition party. There must be some means of having a finger on the pulse with another point of view."

Expansion approval for Milton District Hospital from the Ministry of Health last week was cal led a classic case by Mr.

"Hospital administration has been fighting to get permission for two years. It is typical non-

by Jim Robinson

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Mr. Wright said this

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Mr. Cutler said his

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sense to delay a decision until it has reached a crisis and drop it in at election time.

His main concern is the delays will probably mean the bricks and mortor won't be put in place for at least another two years. "If the administration

had been allowed to start when the need arose then the construction would already be underway." Mr. Reed said the Lib-

erals recognize that medical care is a priority. He says if doctors especially practitioners were paid more, fewer would be opting out of OHIP. He feels if OHIP paid adequately and if such payment was made on time, then the system would be more agreeable to those in the medical profession.

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Mr. Cutler said.

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"The low rental housing issue in Milton has probably occupied more hours in my office than any other. The province should be involving itself in the way it supported low rental housing in other communities."

He said the govern-ment hides behind the fact that Milton's need is not high enough for a low rental complex. Mr. Reed claims an attempt to correspond with the Ministry of Housing in regard to those in Milton desperately in need of housing in December and again in February has produced no input by the ministry so far.

Mr. Reed suggested

Mr. Cutler and Mr.

Wright both confirmed

they had no actual ideas

for changes in Halton

regionalism themselves.

but would prefer any

changes to come from the

NDP reviewing body,

But Mr. Cutler said

Halton is a prime area

for a provincial review

because this has yet to

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believe that a review of

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package of reforms to the

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These reforms include

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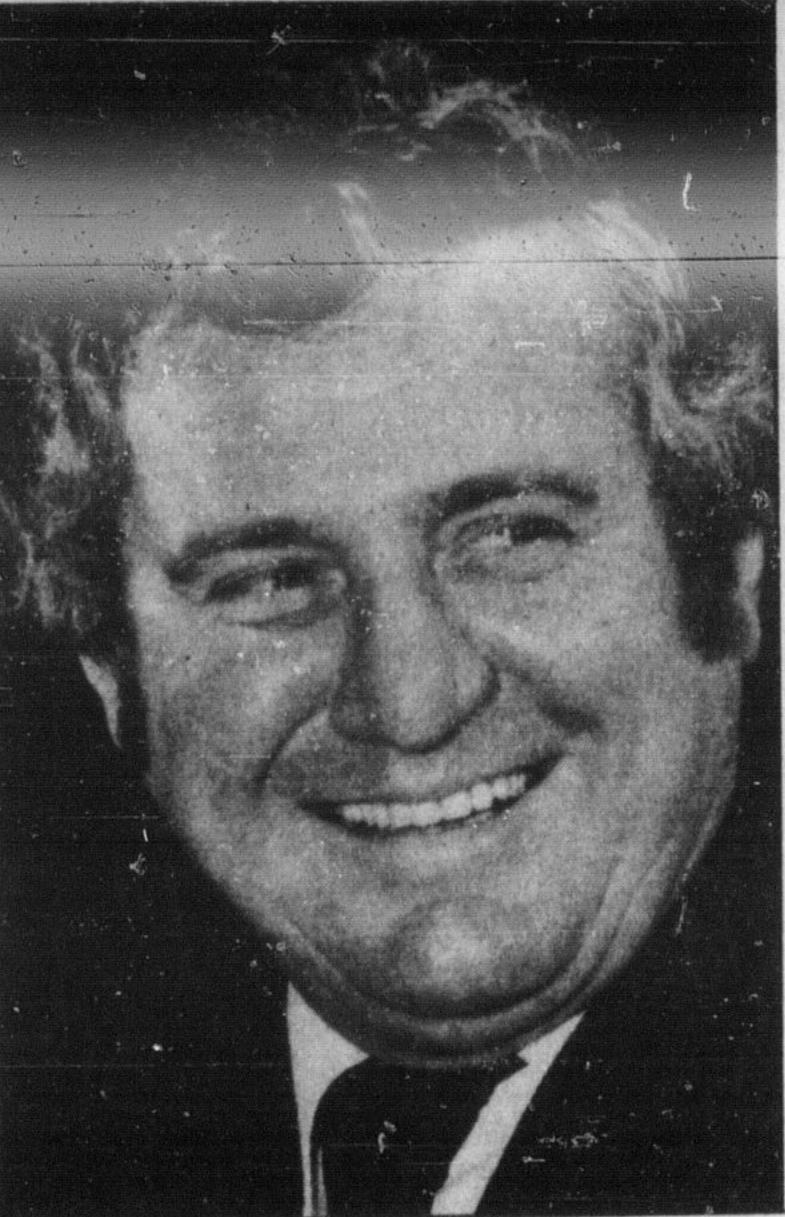
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NDP would hold regional review

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Seeks third re-election. Liberal MPP Julian Reed says government should be

图像例例 Non-profit housing is Fran Baines'

issue

By Linda Kirby

Private non-profit housing should be a top priority item on a list of "musts", according to Progressive Conservative candidate Fran Baines.

The 47-year-old Georgetown resident said she is concerned over the lack of low-rental housing in the Milton area, where it is badly needed.

The long-standing issue of providing non-profit housing must be worked out soon, she said. adding the Domus Foundation, a charitable housing or

ganization, qualifies for federal aid. Continued complaints from the public sector and within the region on the subject of regional government indicates an obvious problem, said Mrs. Baines. "But that doesn't indicate the problem is with the

set-up of regional government." Necessary changes should come from within Halton and should not be dictated by outside governments, she said.

During her rounds of door-knocking Mrs. Baines said she has met with concern over the general economy, rising costs and growing interest rates.

"As far as interest rates go, there is nothing we can do about that."

"The problem is of national dimension and tied to the American economy," she said. Mrs. Baines is concerned that Ontario residents are

not buying locally-grown produce, but instead rely on fruits and vegetables. She said she would like to see some means of stor-

ing more Ontario produce, therefore lessening the need for imported goods.

A second indoor pool for Milton would certainly receive her support, she said. The \$500,000 has yet to receive town approval, said Mrs. Baines. Then the town could go after a govern-

ment grant. "And I would certainly push for a pool grant," she

If elected, Mrs. Baines said she plans to hold monthly meetings throughout the riding to meet with her

"I would like very much to be available to the people," she said, adding she would likely have a constituency office in the centre of the riding.

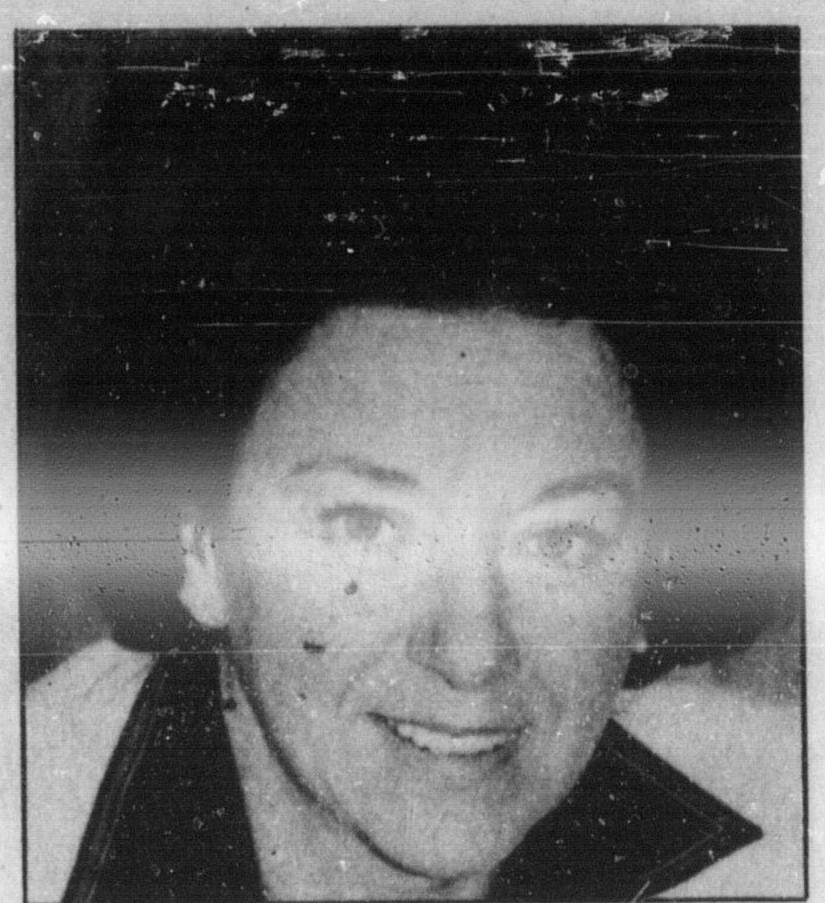
Mrs. Baines said she is seeking the riding seat after many years of party work at both the federal and provincial levels, because she feels she can do a better job for people from inside the government.

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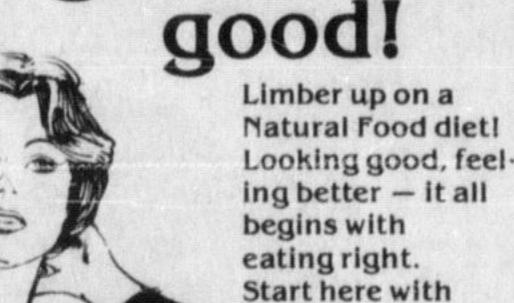


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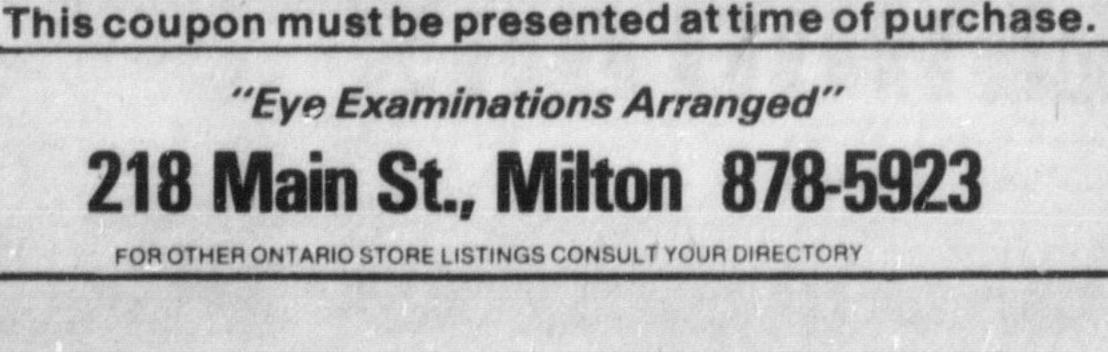
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