

New Democrats run Bill Johnson

Party opposes death penalty

The New Democratic Party is opposed to capital punishment on principle, Bill Johnson said, but he personally favors selective capital punishment.

"That's the beauty of our party," said the candidate, "we all have different points of view and you're allowed to."

He said he favors the death penalty for such a person as a "contract killer for organized crime. I have no compassion for him—he kills for money."

Johnson said he "firmly believes" the day will come when would-be killers will be discovered and treated by educators and psychiatrists at an early age.

"But until that day comes, these people (contract killers, etc.) have to be taken out of circulation—and I mean out of circulation."

"I don't mean putting them away for a few years, and then they come out and commit the same crime again or a worse one."

Environmentalist, combative ratepayer discusses issues

Tradesman Bill Johnson operates high-pressure boilers, air compressors and pumps at the Domtar Fine Papers Ltd. mill in Georgetown.

He's called a stationary engineer.

But a transformation occurs when the whistle blows at 3:30 p.m.

Says the energetic New Democratic Party candidate: "I don't move around much

at work, but I sure do outside."

For the 53-year-old NDP standard bearer in Halton-Burlington riding is an environmentalist and concerned citizen who has been scrapping with local politicians, government agencies and quarry operators for 15 years.

Battles pit Johnson, who lives on 15 Sideroad in the former

Nassagaweya area of Milton, is also president of the Nassagaweya Ratepayers Association which has been battling this year to prevent creation of the proposed Springbank sand and gravel pit west of Campbellville.

As well, he has become what he calls a "garbage expert" since 1972 when he and three other persons set up Group United Against Rural Dumping (GUARD) after two companies proposed filling an Esquesing quarry with 350,000 tons of Toronto garbage.

He used information obtained in that fight to help other communities like Pickering ward off big city refuse, and became a land use specialist for the 60-organization Ontario Garbage Coalition.

Union member Although he's a proud trade unionist who belongs to the 150-member Local 474 of the United Paperworkers International Union, he has never been a union official.

Says Johnson: "I've always been busy in municipal affairs."

"I figured there were a lot worse things going on outside the union than inside it."

And he didn't align himself with the NDP just because of his union membership.

U.K. Laborite He says he supported the Labor Party in Britain before coming to Canada in 1952, and drifted into the CCF (now NDP) party upon arrival.

Johnson's a small man, with a greyish-black beard and moustache covering his deeply-tanned face. Bushy eyebrows jiggle when he starts speaking excitedly.

Yet his size hasn't affected

his combative nature.

He joined the British Army when he was 16 and served throughout the Second World War as a parachutist in the commandos.

Most of his action was in raids on the French and Norwegian coasts, and Johnson was in on the Dieppe raid, the D-Day landings and the liberation of Holland.

And yet he enjoys the tranquility of the home he built himself on five acres of tree land in Nassagaweya.

Carvings In his quiet hours, he carves animals and native figures from wood. They resemble Eskimo soapstone carvings.

The NDP candidate is married, and he and wife Mary have two grown children. Malcolm, 27, is a shipper in Kitchener, while Lynn, 25, is a nurse in Toronto.

Mrs. Johnson shares her husband's interest in the problems of society today, but expresses herself in a more subdued fashion. She handles most of the office work involved in his political and community actions.

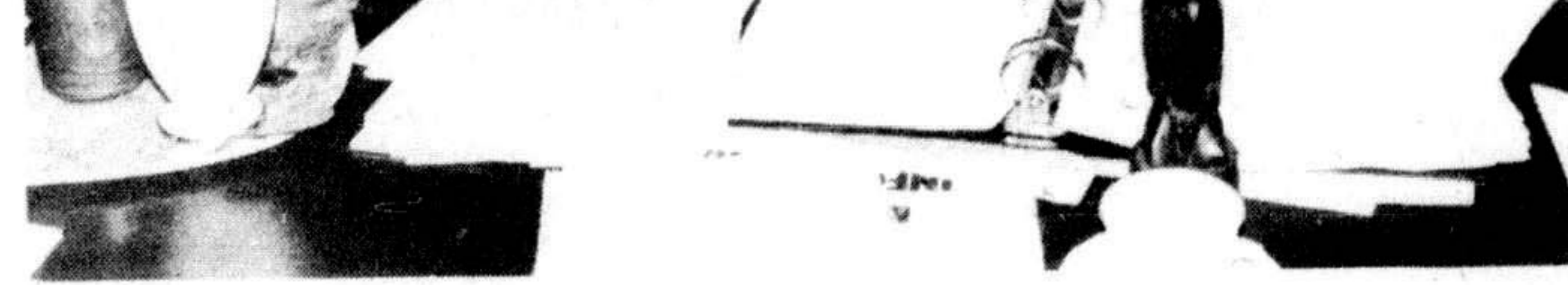
Studies history Mrs. Johnson had polo as a child and walks with the aid of a cane.

In her spare moments, she delights in studying British history and proudly shows visitors a 600-year-old brick from England she treasures.

The NDP candidate's campaign is being organized by a 14-member election committee of the Halton-Burlington NDP Riding Association.

Johnson says a "limited campaign" is planned because "I'm an environmentalist and I don't want to litter the countryside with garbage."

He will instead use lawn signs and TV and radio spots.



BILL JOHNSON studies NDP policy papers over coffee as he prepares to meet voters in Halton-Burlington riding.



CANDIDATE Bill and wife Mary relax on the lawn of their rural Milton home with dog Yuri.

NDP would change regional government

Bill Johnson says the NDP would not disband the system of regional government, but it would set up special committees and "each region would be studied and reorganized."

He said the law would be altered so that regional chairmen would have to be elected to their posts.

The NDP candidate said regional government "was doomed from its inception. We didn't do anything wrong but we were put under

trusteeship by the appointment of a chairman."

He called this a "puppet government."

Johnson said "in a democracy you don't do this. There are lots of people who could have run this region—various mayors and ex-reeves."

More problems He said "government appointments" are also a problem with the Niagara Escarpment Commission and the Halton and Credit Valley

conservation authorities.

"There are far too many appointees who are nothing more than bagmen or women for the Conservative party."

Referring to the conservation authorities, Johnson said that "being so involved in environmental problems, I could name many deserving people who could sit-people from Pollution Probe in Georgetown or the Bruce Trailers or people from the ratepayers associations."

Would expand role in housing

The basic position of the NDP is that a housing crisis exists in Ontario, and that it will not be solved by a combination of government talk and private profit-making.

Said Johnson: "They tell us slavery is abolished. Don't believe it. A young couple who have a 40-year mortgage around their necks are just as much slaves as a person with a ball and chain around the ankles. And they're the better off ones."

"If a husband doesn't make \$17,000, or if husband and wife don't make \$26,000 combined, then they're condemned to live in apartments for the rest of their lives."

Gouge "The NDP candidate said "and this puts them right into the hands of those who gouge you with rents."

"This is supposed to be the land of opportunity, but I think we've lost the ball."

Johnson said the Conservative government has failed to provide enough housing, and cited figures showing housing starts were 89,980 in 1971, 102,933 in 1972, and 110,536 in 1973 but that in 1974 this figure fell back to 85,503 starts.

He said a government commission in 1973 reported a "near crisis in housing", and then the housing starts dropped by 22 per cent in 1974.

25,000 more a year Johnson said "the government has put money into the private sector and said 'build us homes'. It's obviously been

a failure because we haven't enough. It's been in their (developers) interest to build a few homes and jack the price up."

The NDP would expand "significantly" the direct role of government in the housing market by increasing H.O.M.E. production to at least 30,000 units per year from the current 5,000.

It would maintain a land bank large enough for 10 years' housing needs for every major centre in Ontario, and this publicly-owned land would be developed for housing at low prices on a continuous basis to prevent land increases.

Six per cent As well, an NDP government would make low-interest (six per cent) mortgages available for first-time home-buyers.

Johnson said rent review boards would be set up to prevent "unjust increases" in rents and to guarantee security of tenure for tenants.

He scoffed at Tory plans to embarras the owners of apartment buildings publicly if they raise the rents too high.

"How can you embarrass a guy who lives in West Germany or America? He couldn't care less. It has to have more teeth than that."

He said the NDP would also broaden the government's direct involvement in rental housing to include apartments for moderate as well as low-income families.

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Plan no-fault car insurance

The New Democratic Party says a "basic part" of Ontario NDP policy is the establishment of compulsory no-fault automobile insurance to be administered by a public corporation, along the lines of the plan adopted in 1971 by the Manitoba NDP government.

Johnson said "Manitoba's car insurance premiums have been falling behind Ontario's ever since."

He gave the example of a 27-year-old commuter with a standard car insurance policy who drives a 1974 Ford Galaxie 500.

Differences He said the driver in Winnipeg pays \$198 a year, while the driver in Hamilton pays \$277 for the exact same coverage.

For drivers under age 25, he provided another example. Johnson said a 22-year-old

driving that same Ford Galaxie would pay \$213 per year in Winnipeg but \$348 in Hamilton.

And he said standard policy coverage in Ontario is "virtually identical" to Manitoba's.

Gas tax He said the plan is paid for in part by a two-cent gallon tax which amounts to \$15 annually for an average driver. That amount was included in the examples given.

Johnson said he finds the current difference in insurance rates between those below and above age 25 is "discriminatory."

"Kids today have been driving since 16, and they are much better and have better reflexes compared to some guy who just starts driving at age 30."

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Route 1 Limehouse & Pineview Schools—Departure Time: 7:40 a.m. 9th Line north of 27 Sideroad - north to Townline - west to 8th Line - south to 27 Sideroad - west to 7th Line - north to Ballinafad - west to 6th Line - south to No. 7 Highway - west to 5th Line - south to Limehouse School.

North of Norval - Departure Time: 8:20 a.m. South to 10 Sideroad - west to 10th Line - north to end and turn-around - south to 10 Sideroad - west to 9th Line - north to turn-around - south to 10 Sideroad - west to 7th Line. At Ashgrove - south to 5 Sideroad - east to Pineview School.

Route 2 Limehouse, Stewarttown & Pineview Schools—Departure Time: 7:40 a.m. 17 Sideroad - east of 6th Line to 7th Line - south to 15 Sideroad - east to 4th Line - north to 17 Sideroad - turn-around - south to 15 Sideroad - west to 25 Highway - north to Speyside School. Pick up Stewarttown students and proceed to Stewarttown School.

Route 3 Limehouse, Stewarttown, Pineview Schools—Departure Time: 7:45 a.m. 5th Line north of Limehouse - to No. 7 Highway - west to 4th Line - south to 17 Sideroad - east to 5th Line - north to Limehouse. Pick up Stewarttown students - thence to Stewarttown. South on 7th Line to Ashgrove - east on 10 Sideroad to Townline - (Start 8:25 a.m.) - south to Steeles - west to 7th Line - north to Pineview School.

Route 4 Speyside, Stewarttown, Pineview Schools—Departure Time: 7:45 a.m. 17 Sideroad - east of 6th Line to 7th Line - south to 15 Sideroad - east to 4th Line - north to 17 Sideroad - turn-around - south to 15 Sideroad - west to 25 Highway - north to Speyside School. Pick up Stewarttown students and proceed to Stewarttown School.

Route 5 Speyside, Pineview Schools—Departure Time: 7:45 a.m. south of Acton on 25 Highway to 25 Sideroad - west to Townline - south on Townline - turn-around - north to 15 Sideroad - east to 25 Highway - north to Speyside School.

Route 6 Speyside, Pineview Schools—Departure Time: 7:45 a.m. 3rd Line & Given Road - south on 3rd Line to 22 Sideroad - east to 3rd Line - south to turn-around - north to 22 Sideroad - west to 25 Highway - south to 1st Line - north to 25 Sideroad - east to 25 Highway - south to Speyside School.

Route 7 Speyside, Stewarttown & Pineview Schools—Departure Time: 7:40 a.m. 5th Line south of 17 Sideroad - west to 10 Sideroad - west to 4th Line - north to 15 Sideroad - west to 3rd Line - south to 10 Sideroad - west to 25 Highway - north to Speyside - thence to Stewarttown School.

Route 8 Stewarttown School - No. 1—Departure Time: 7:45 a.m. 10 Sideroad & Townline - south on Townline to Steeles Avenue - west on Steeles to 10th Line - north on 10th Line to 10 Sideroad - west to 9th Line - south on 9th Line to Steeles - west on Steeles to 7th Line - north to Stewarttown School.

Route 9 Stewarttown School - No. 2—Departure Time: 7:45 a.m. 8th Line and 15 Sideroad - south to Steeles Avenue - west to 6th Line - north on 6th Line to 15 Sideroad - east to Stewarttown School.

Route 10 Stewarttown School - No. 3—Departure Time: 7:40 a.m. No. 10 Sideroad and 6th Line - west to 3rd Line to Steeles Avenue - east to 4th Line - north to 4th Line to 10 Sideroad - east to 5th Line - south on 5th Line to Steeles - east to 7th Line - north on 7th Line to Stewarttown School.

Route 11 Glen Williams, Kennedy, Centennial, Park Schools—Departure Time: 7:55 a.m. Start No. 7 & 20 Sideroad - north to 22 Sideroad - east to 8th Line - north and turn-around - south on 8th Line to 20 Sideroad - north to Glen Williams.

Route 12 Glen Williams, Centennial, Park Schools—Departure Time: 7:55 a.m. Start Townline & No. 22 Sideroad (8:20 a.m.) - south on Townline to 17 Sideroad - west and turn-around - south to 10 Sideroad - turn-around - north on No. 7 to Kennedy and Centennial Schools.

Route 13 Glen Williams, Centennial, Park Schools—Departure Time: 7:55 a.m. 10th Line south-east of Glen Williams - north to 20 Sideroad - west to Glen Williams - east to 10th Line - north to 27 Sideroad - west to 9th Line - south to Glen Williams.

Route 14 Glen Williams, Centennial, Park Schools—Departure Time: 7:50 a.m. 22 Sideroad & Townline - north on Townline to Ballinafad side road - west and turn-around at 10th Line - south on Townline to 27 Sideroad - west to 10th Line - south on 10th Line - through Glen Williams - south to Georgetown - thence to Centennial.

GEORGETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS—Pupils attending Stewarttown Senior School:

Bus No. 1—Leave Wrigglesworth	8:15 a.m.
Bus No. 2—Leave Joseph Gibbons	8:15 a.m.
Bus No. 1—Leave Park	8:35 a.m.
Bus No. 3—Leave Chapel	8:15 a.m.

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Leave Harrison	8:20 a.m.	Leave Harrison	8:50 a.m.
Leave Wrigglesworth	8:25 a.m.	Leave Centennial	9:55 a.m.
Arrive Park	8:30 a.m.		

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