

Reed backs Peterson in Grit race

Halton-Burlington Liberal party, although MPP Julian Reed is backing London MPP David Peterson for the leadership of the Ontario party, although Peterson has not yet declared he will be a candidate. The position was left vacant when Dr. Stuart Smith announced recently he was retiring as leader of the party and the Official Opposition.



A special birthday. Fannie Bailey celebrated 90 years with approximately 90 guests Sunday afternoon at Bethel United Church. Helping perform the honors of cake cutting are her daughters Mildred Wheldon, left and Mary Hewton, right.

Drumquin resident celebrates 90 years

More than 90 guests turned out Sunday afternoon to celebrate the birthday of Drumquin resident Fannie Bailey at Bethel United Church. A life-long resident of the area, Mrs. Bailey turned 90 years of age last Thursday. Family guests included her three sons Gordon, Bill and Elmer and daughters Mildred and Mary, 17 grand-

children and 11 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Bailey, the former Fannie McHugh, was born in the Trafalgar Rd. area. She married George Bailey in 1917. The couple continued to reside in the area and Mr. Bailey worked as a carpenter. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1967. Mr. Bailey

Reed quashed rumors that he would run for the leadership with a simple, "I am not running."

Reed says a large number of small "c" Conservatives are looking for an alternative to the Tory Government believing that any party which has been in power as long as they have has to be purged and new blood brought in. He noted Halton has long been an historic Conservative stronghold but he has strong support from voters who remain Conservative but vote for him.

"They are looking for an aura of respectability—they won't vote socialist—and don't find the party of the centre offensive."

Reed had kind words for Dr. Smith whom he described as a "brilliant" man, good to work with and with whom he had a fine relationship. He said he disagreed philosophically with Dr. Smith about the direction in which the party should go but it never soured their relationship.

Dr. Smith didn't catch on with the electorate, Reed says because of his image. He knew he had image problems and did all he could to overcome it and still be honest with himself. He had an amazing capacity to distill lengthy reports and studies, had a keen

grasp of Ontario's problems. He says it will be hard to find anyone with his brain power to fill the spot. David Peterson has an image acceptable to a large number of people in the province. Reed maintains. He comes from a business community, understands financing very well and his own strengths and weaknesses.

"He knows what we have to do to get back on the rails," Reed said.

Peterson has also demonstrated his executive ability as president of an electrical firm and he works well with people, has an easy way with responsibility and is confident with it. He approaches his job with a sense of good humor, is not afraid to laugh at himself, Reed says in his description of Peterson's assets.

"He can also hold his own with the Tories," he says. It is fairly accepted that Premier Davis is in his last term—they pick a successor every 10 years—and they have a coronation."

Who will be back if Peterson doesn't run? There are a number of good people, Reed says, including Patrick Reed of Rainy River and Jim Breithaupt of Kitchener, a veteran MPP. Reed acknowledges he could not support John Sweeney of Waterloo who has already declared his intention to run.

"Whoever emerges will be of excellent calibre," Reed maintains.

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