

## Community Notebook

**Swanky Swarty:** Find out just what a Swanky Swarty is on Saturday night when swamp fever hits Nassagaweya. Billed as the "swamiest dance of the season" this fund raiser will support the Nassagaweya Community Centre Fundraising Project. Tickets at \$20 a couple are available by calling 854-0468. The dance will be held at the centre on Guelph Line in Brookville. Party goers are advised to dress swanky!

**Picnic:** Old-time round and square dancing will kick off events at Kilbride this weekend from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday. Starting at 1 p.m. Sunday will be a parade from the fire hall which will end up at the school where a Father's Day picnic will be held. There will be children's rides and contests, antique tractor and sports car display, art and craft show and more.

**Family Day:** It's being called a Family Picnic but the event this Saturday at the Royal Agricultural Museum is actually a celebration of Ralston Purina Canada Inc. 60th anniversary. Music will be provided by the group Tamarack during the barbecue lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and after lunch until 3 p.m., Charlie Farquharson will be the celebrity guest during an afternoon of entertainment. Visitors are asked to bring lawn chairs.

**Berry Fair:** Victoria Park will be a haven for strawberry lovers Saturday when the Milton District Hospital Auxiliary presents its annual strawberry fair. Fresh strawberries and ice cream are on the menu for this event. There will be crafts for sale, games, face painting, sponge throwing and an auction sale. In the event of rain the fair will be moved to St. Paul's United Church.

**Festival:** A celebration of the strawberry season is planned at Crawford Lake on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be wagon rides to the escarpment lookout and tours of the pre-historic Indian Village. Highlights include demonstrations in leather and bead jewelry, wood carving and silk screen making. Crawford Lake Indian Village is located on Guelph Line at Steeles Ave. To find out more call 854-0234.

# Klein wins nomination despite opponent's complaints

By ROB KELLY

The first federal Liberal nomination in Halton-Peel's history turned ugly Friday night when the loser questioned the integrity of the winner's campaign team.

Campbellville businesswoman Oriana Currie, 53, said at the time she would seek an arbitration hearing with the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario). Bitter following Mr. Klein's resounding victory at the Gordon Alcott Arena in Georgetown, Mrs. Currie dismissed the proceedings as "just a Friday night out."

Mrs. Currie said she filed a protest June 8 with LPCO in Toronto. "We submitted the whole meeting to arbitration on the grounds that there are too many irregularities in the procedure."

Tuesday morning Mrs. Currie reversed her stand, saying she had withdrawn all protests. While it appeared she was willing to remain silent in the interests of party unity, she did not attempt to change any previous allegations of misconduct.

She said the process was corrupted to such an extent that, "we didn't call on any of our people to come out (and vote). Why call them and tell them to go through this procedure when we knew there were so many irregularities?"

When Mr. Klein was announced as winner, Mrs. Currie conceded in a statement dripping with sarcasm, although it was cleverly concealed and appeared lost on him. "I'd like to congratulate Pierre Klein and his team on a very innovative campaign. I hope to see you all in the next election."

While intimating at the time that she would stand for nomination if an arbitration board made the riding go through the whole exercise again, Mrs. Currie appeared to have changed her mind (for the first time) by Monday.

She said she still wanted Halton-Peel to re-stage the nomination but answered "I don't know" when asked if she would run again. She appeared more intent on rapping the Klein people's collective knuckles. "It's just straightening out something that was wrong."

Mr. Klein denied any knowledge of wrongdoing. When told of his opponent's arbitration request following his victory speech, he said, "I have no idea what it's about. I haven't been informed of it."

Earlier in the evening the 26-year-old Bolton resident appeared extremely sensitive on the issue. It marked the second time his opponent had challenged his campaign ethics. Mrs. Currie had withdrawn a previous arbitration request a week before the nomination.

Asked about his feelings on that matter Mr. Klein was curt. He had counterattacked the Currie camp with his own allegations of foul play, challenging 47 of her memberships after she launched the initial ar-



Pierre Klein raised his arms in victory after he easily won the Halton-Peel Liberal riding nomination at Friday night's meeting. The 26-year-old candidate says the Liberal party has been reborn.

bitration request.

"I'm not making any accusations," he said. Then he added tersely, "excuse me, I've got to go mingle with some people."

Mrs. Currie withdrew her initial complaint because it revolved around what she charged were bogus memberships delivered to the party by Mr. Klein's campaigners.

Instead, Liberal returning officer Nick Masciantonio was to rule on voter eligibility in person Friday night. Mrs. Currie had challenged 160 of Mr. Klein's memberships.

It dragged out the voting, but once the lopsided contest had been decided Mr. Masciantonio was determined to put the matter at rest.

"This goes down in the history

books," he said. "There is no way this meeting can be rescheduled. The situation does not warrant a new meeting. I don't think that's an option for the arbitration board."

Without saying it in so many words, Mr. Masciantonio made it clear Mrs. Currie's situation was hopeless even if all 160 of her challenges had been upheld (they were not).

Going by sheer numbers, that would have been the case. Mr. Klein won by a yawning margin, trouncing his opponent 263 votes to 59. However, the question of voter eligibility was only one area of complaint from the Currie camp.


The Campbellville woman was reluctant to reveal the full extent of her critique. But a good portion of the charges related to errors she feels the riding association made.

"The whole thing (nomination process) was mismanaged." Asked if she felt it was incompetence or intentional, she replied, "I don't know."

Mrs. Currie is known to believe the Halton-Peel association is controlled by Mr. Klein's supporters. She underscored that belief with what she saw as an example of bias. She alleges the nomination date was called without her prior knowledge or consent.

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