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Candidates' platforms heat up

By ROB KELLY

In a bid to generate some excitement around a campaign that has taken a back seat to backyard barbecues, the six Halton North provincial hopefuls unleashed some strongly worded speeches last Thursday in the final all candidates meeting at E.C. Drury School.

There are five men and one woman vying for the seat Liberal Walt Elliot is defending in the provincial legislature. His competitors are Dave Whiting of the Progressive Conservatives, Noel Duignan of the New Democratic Party, Giuseppe Gori of the Family Coalition Party, Patricia Kammerer, representing the Green Party and John Shadbolt carrying the Libertarian banner.

The NDP is running a strong second to the Liberals in the polls and predictably Mr. Duignan opened with a speech that drew a bead on Liberal policies.

"Time after time the Liberals ignore the voices of the working people," Mr. Duignan said, because "the government is too busy serving the interests of big business instead." Premier David Peterson deflects criticism of the Grit government by painting himself as a savior on national stages, Mr. Duignan said, in obvious reference to the Meech Lake debacle. "The Premier dons his Captain Canada suit at the first sign of trouble."

Yet leadership is not there on issues that gravely concern Ontario's residents, such as environmental problems, Mr. Duignan contended. "Under pressure the Liberals have pulled back from every environmental initiative they promised."

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Golfers, hospital win in tourney

The world could be at your fingertips if you're a very good, or very lucky, golfer on Sept. 12.

The Canadian Champion Charity Golf Tournament is offering two exciting prizes, courtesy of Bruce Hood Travel. If a golfer is lucky enough to make a hole in one on a certain par 3 layout at Wyldewood Golf and Country Club, the prize is a flight to anywhere Air Canada flies. On another par 3, the same offer comes courtesy of the travel agency and Canadian Airlines.

To sign up for the tournament, call Dennis Willis at 878-2341. Tournament proceeds benefit Milton District Hospital and tax receipts will be issued upon request.



Photo by JOHN WARREN

Steam Era was a family event for the Stirk siblings. Five-year-old Andrew (left) and three of four four-year-old quadruplets Ian, Jennifer and Margaret found plenty to do at the show.

Balmy weather brings big crowds

Thanks to a weekend of gorgeous weather, attendance at Milton's annual Steam Era was "equal or better" than the last few years.

"All in all," said organizer Gord Rayner, "we were very pleased."

Including all the steam engines, tractors, gas engines, antique cars and trucks and models, there were about 500 exhibitors.

Refusing to be impartial, he chuckled that his own favourite exhibit was the 110 Case steam engine that made up part of the special display from the J.I. Case company.

"My father had a 110 Case just like that in

Saskatchewan," he said.

He added that a new exhibit, featuring the toys of yesteryear, also "went over really well."

With another successful show in the books, he said the board of directors for the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers Association will begin planning for next year's edition this month.

Next year's special display, he said, instead of highlighting a particular equipment maker, will pay tribute to homemade exhibits — "anything people have put together

themselves."

This year's show, he said, wasn't affected at all by a dispute between the fairground operators (the Halton Agriculture Society) and a group of horsemen who claim the agriculture society reneged on an agreement involving use of the fairground facilities.

"If anything, it brought us publicity," he said.

Also helping greatly to promote the event, he said, was a Saturday campaign stop by Ontario Progressive Conservative leader Mike Harris.

Court orders fairgrounds fence removed

By KAREN SMITH

Because of a court injunction obtained by the Halton Agricultural Society, members of the Milton Horsemen's Association have been forced to remove a fence they built at the Milton Fair Grounds last week.

In another episode of the continuing dispute between the two groups over ownership of a piece of land at the fairgrounds, District Court Judge J.H. Clarke ruled Friday that the horsemen must remove the fence.

He also gave the agricultural society "exclusive possession" of the land during the

weekend's Steam Era show, said the society's lawyer, Barney Henderson.

Because Steam Era organizers are an innocent party in the land battle, the agricultural society was successful in obtaining the injunction, said Chris Caputo of the Milton Horsemen's Association.

"The judge said there's a third party involved and they shouldn't be hurt by it," Mr. Caputo explained.

Claiming ownership of a 72 by 409 foot strip of land, the horsemen erected the fence around the property Thursday. Mr. Caputo said they

were planning to use it as a parking lot during Steam Era and to donate the proceeds to the Canadian Cancer Society.

"We weren't out to hurt anyone," he added. "The only one who got hurt was the cancer society."

Mr. Caputo also said the president of the Ontario Steam Era Association was aware the land would be fenced during the show and was prepared to work around it. Meanwhile, agricultural society members maintained their group owns the land and the horsemen had no

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