

Conway predicts provincial election next June

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A provincial election is likely in June 1995, predicted Ontario deputy Opposition leader Sean Conway on a Milton visit Tuesday.

"It's my guess we will be going to the polls a year from this week," Mr. Conway told 50 Liberal supporters at the Harrop House restaurant.

"We're in the midst of a truly significant — I don't want to call it a revolution — but the winds of change are blowing across the local community and the national landscape."

He was here supporting local Liberal candidate and former Hal on North MPP (1987-1990) Walt Elliot, who said he intends to win back the riding, area by area.

At times Mr. Conway's words stung. He quoted author Robert Blake, in reference to the NDP caucus. "When there are great explosions on the ocean floor, there rises to the surface of the sea all manner of submarine life not seen by the human eye."

"To be fair, Mr. Rae's government has governed in some of the most difficult times in the last 50 years. It's not good enough to blame the government," said Mr. Conway.

He said Ontario needs to create new wealth and warned, "if we don't, in the words of (former Prime Minister) Pierre Trudeau, we'll be in dire straits."

'Moderate middle'

Liberals offer "a moderate middle" said Mr. Conway, criticizing what he called NDP "high ideologies" as unfair, unaffordable, child-like notions.

Progressive Conservative leader Mike Harris, he said, "offers a slash and burn policy that has no hope of being implemented because the numbers just don't add up."

Mr. Conway called the Harris campaign "radical, right-wing, American-style conservatism which could initially appeal to some people."

"There's no doubt the issues of overwhelming concern to Ontarians across the province are economic growth and job creation. Other key issues are safety and security in communities and health care reform. As Liberals, one of our major concerns is what's happening to young people. They're facing the toughest times we've seen in 50 years."

The youth unemployment rate remains steady at 30 per cent, he said.

"The government can't continue to be all things to all people. We can't spend money we don't have. Decisions have to be made around priorities," he added, indicating job

creation, health care, education and security are those priorities.

"We're going to have to back away from a number of other areas," he warned, noting agricultural programs, manpower training, and costly programs begun in the (former Liberal Premier David) Peterson years. "The Liberal alternative," said Mr.

Conway, offers a moderate approach for business and labour, balancing twin objectives of economic growth and social security.

Damage done

Mr. Conway conceded the recent same sex benefits debate didn't win any political party praise.

"There was damage done to all of us. None of the political parties were covered in glory last week," he said, defending Ms McLeod who, he stressed, didn't flip-flop on the issue. He said, she indicated support of a bill dealing only with economic benefits, not the redefinition of spouses. "The government chose to bring a

much more complex bill ... that was beyond anything she could support.

"However, the same sex benefits is not a top concern of Main Street, Milton and I think one of the things that really bothered a lot of people was that the government was driven by special interest concerns," added Mr. Conway.

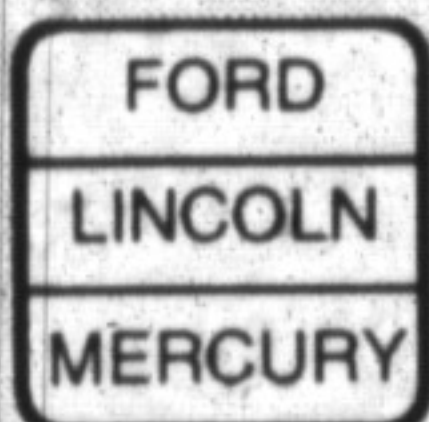
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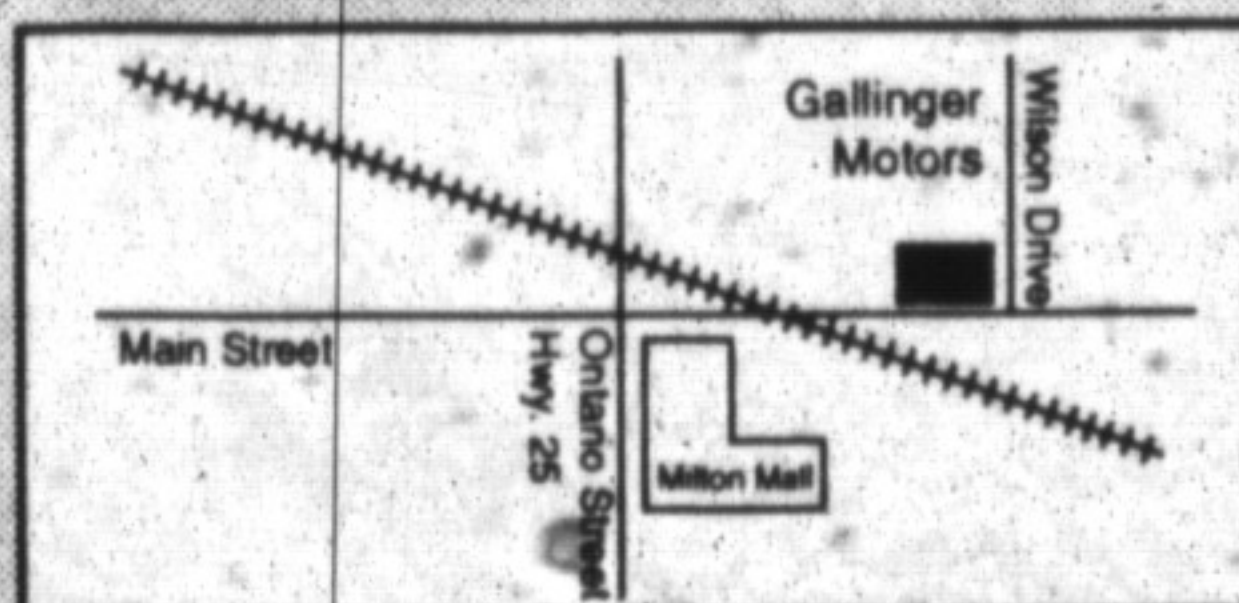


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