



Contemplative

A thoughtful, disappointed Elinor Bingham watches final election results come in Thursday evening. Bingham lost 600 votes in the Simcoe East riding from her totals in 1975.

Vasey news

by Eleanor Edwards and Mrs. Harold Graham

Visitors during the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nixon were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dyball of Orillia, Mrs. Myrtle Nixon of Clearwater, Florida and Glenn Nixon of Toronto.

Mrs. Doug Smitham held a baby shower last Wednesday evening for her sister Mrs. Karen Moreau and new son Jason. Those attending were from Midland and Wyeale.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Edwards were in Mississauga to spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGurn and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Runney were in Hamilton on Friday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Bill Howe and family. They also visited Dr. W.J. Runney at St. Peter's Center Nursing Home, Mrs. Clara Jamieson of Galt and Ross Runney of Burlington, during the weekend.

Mrs. Orval Edwards entertained the ladies of the Red Cross

Homemakers Association on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Earl Jones visited in Orangeville with Mr. and Mrs. Murray Waples and also with Bradley Waples who is a patient in Sick Children's Hospital. It is hoped he will be able to return home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Faint of Scarborough were visitors on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Faint.

Visitors during the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown were Mrs. A. Konkle of Burnaby B.C. Mrs. Orval Edwards of Midland and Mrs. Ed Wismer of Barrie.

Emmaline Edwards of Toronto spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Manley Edwards. Visitors with the Edwards last Wednesday were Mrs. Luther Vancamp and Mrs. Gerald Latour.

Bob Kidd has returned home after a trip to British Columbia where he visited with Jim Kidd in Prince George and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Diebel of Vancouver. He is taking a summer position with the Ministry of Natural Resources as a lifeguard at Wasaga Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Robinson spent the

weekend in Brooklin with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Allens and family.

Mrs. Charles Rogers of Toronto is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. James MacKenzie.

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Mr. Joe Lockhart who passed away suddenly at his home on Monday.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smitham were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smitham and family of Sunnyside.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Wilson and David visited Mrs. Wilson's brother Mr. Cameron Kreig at the South Memorial Hospital in Waterloo on Sunday.

A number from the community attended the anniversary services in Waverley on Sunday.

'A good, clean campaign'

Bingham talks of Liberals' victory, not own defeat

Elinor Bingham knew very early in the election watch that she wouldn't capture Simcoe East. She'd never thought she could, not with 43 years of Conservative rule in this riding to back up the winning opposition.

But she did hope she would do better than 6,783 votes she polled for the Liberals on Thursday night.

"I was, and am a little disappointed," she admitted. "If I was in second place - I would have liked that."

But she took comfort in her leader Stuart Smith's victory as possible leader of the opposition at Queen's Park (final outcomes depend on recounts in two ridings which could see the NDP and Liberals tied with the same number of seats in Toronto.) In a post-election interview Mrs. Bingham, an Orillia resident and veteran of

two provincial elections, was a bit reticent when asked if she thought Smith and the Liberals could have formed a minority government if the campaign had been somewhat longer.

"I think...if there had been one more week in the campaign, it could have been very different," she said cautiously, adding she and her canvassers found an increase in the Liberal campaign's momentum in the final week of canvassing. "People were definitely more receptive."

Her camping, she felt, was by and large as she and her campaign manager Jack Andre wanted it. "I think I spoke to the issues, especially in this end of the riding, she said, referring to the fact that she pressed incumbent Gord Smith and the Conservatives into taking a stand on an acre

of provincially owned land needed by Orillia to complete its industrial park.

Clean campaign
"It was a good, clean campaign and I'm pleased with the fact that we are the opposition," Bingham said Thursday after the results were out. "A minority government is okay, this way we all have a say in the proceeds."

She did however admit that, if she could do it over again, she would do more campaigning in Midland area as this is where her 1975 strength had come from.

Mrs. Bingham polled only 21 per cent of the popular vote in 1977 compared to 24 per cent and 7,334 votes in 1975.

"I think the difficulty was that so many people didn't want the NDP for a government," Bingham explained. "The gap between Pretty and

Smith wasn't that wide in 1975 (1,100 votes) and people were afraid it would be closer this time so they voted Conservative."

The P.C.'s scare tactics and the heavy media campaigns, possible only with substantial financial support, propelled the Conservatives to victory,

Bingham concluded. "The P.C.'s spend the most...and it does translate into votes," she said. Her own political future

is now uncertain. Right now she's headed off on a vacation, then she'll decide what future paths she will follow with the Liberal party.

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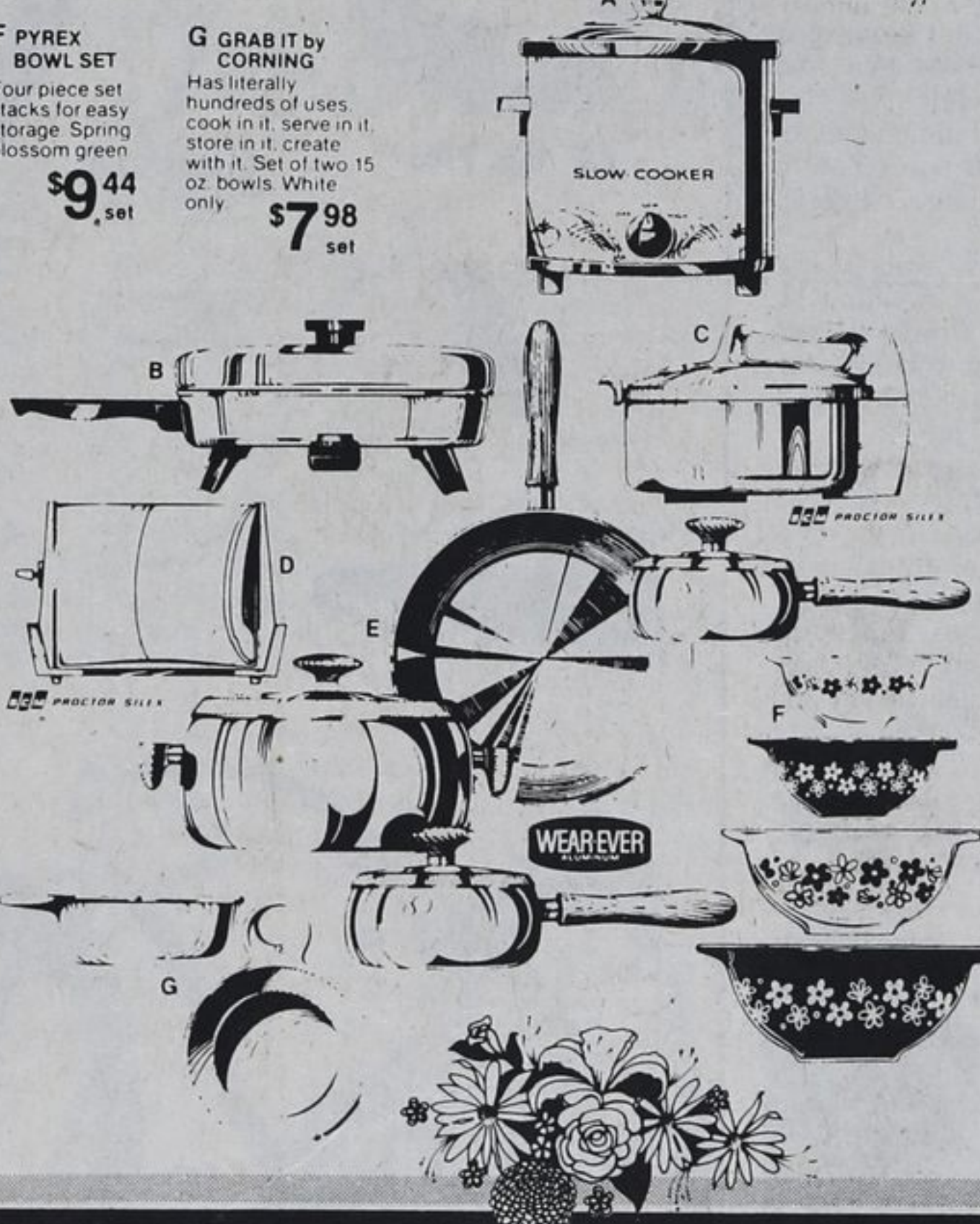
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