

Grossman drums up support on weekend

by VALORIE BRUCKER
Delegates from Simcoe East and Simcoe Centre met with Larry Grossman in his final leg of the campaign for leader of the Conservative Party of Ontario.

There were 50 people in attendance Sunday afternoon, at the Sundial Inn in Orillia including former Solicitor General George Taylor, Earl Rowe MPP and Al McLean MPP.

Grossman was introduced by Rowe as "the man to fill a job that requires tremendous ability." Grossman full of optimism for the party

made it clear to all those in attendance that "the party was not demolished on May 2 the only difficulty the party has is that it is on the wrong side on the Legislature."

Grossman said, he "wouldn't run for the leadership if he didn't think Conservatives had the better caucus, cabinet and organization."

He stressed he "wasn't interested in discussing what they could or should have done, but rather the future and what can be done."

"Liberals budget proves why Conservatives should be back in power

immediately," he said.

In the last election, Grossman pointed out, "Only 6 percent of the public voted, the other 39 percent are wondering if they make a difference they do. Too many people believe their vote doesn't make a difference, it does."

Conservatives had the same number of votes in 1981 as they received in 1985, only 400,000 more people voted in the last election and voted against the Conservatives.

Grossman stressed, "If you don't do it right on Nov. 16 the Party will be fighting frustrations for the next 10 years." "It all depends upon

what you decide in the next days, there is no fooling the public."

When questioned on tuition increases for college and universities "Grossman felt it was fair to look to students who presently pay only 17 percent of the cost, more money must come from those who benefit, tuition should increase at a rate just above the inflation rate."

Grossman first entered the Legislature in 1975, elected for St. Andrew-St. Patrick Riding in Toronto.

He entered the cabinet in 1977 as Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations, 1978 Minister of Industry and



Tourism, 1982 Minister of Health, 1983 Treasurer of Ontario and Minister of Economics.

He ran in 1984-85 for the leadership of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party, after the election he was appointed Minister of Education and Colleges and Universities, Provincial Secretary for

Social Development and Government House Leader.

Grossman was appointed leader of the Opposition House after the change of government in June.

Grossman left this question to the delegates, "Who do you think David Peterson does not want as leader?"

Lack of growth, progress main issue, Sherk says

Don Sherk is one of six candidates for one of the three Ward 2, Midland alderman seats.

Sherk, a contractor who owns property in the ward, joined the council last January. He was appointed to fill a vacancy created by a resignation.

Sherk's construction company was affected by the stop work order given in the summer by the town to work on a subdivision project of

Jack Stollar of Barrie. The most significant result of that dispute is a \$1.6 million claim for damage against the town instituted by Stollar. Sherk Construction is attempting to collect more than \$100,000 he claims in lost revenue because of the stoppage of work.

At last report Sherk has submitted a bill to Beamish Construction, the contractor which hired his company to

work in the subdivision. According to Sherk's election platform: "The main issue in this election is lack of growth and progress for Midland."

"When elected, I will co-operate and work with all members of the new council to promote and develop new job creation, and expand on the present base. It is amazing what a group can accomplish when they work together.

Special priority must be given to create a positive image of the town of Midland in order to attract industry and tourism."

"Midland's population has not grown in the last 15 years - I see this as a major problem. An acceptable growth

should be three percent of five percent. A healthy growth expands the tax base, creates jobs and lessens the burden on existing taxpayers. The methods of solving this problem is to take a positive attitude to potential developers

and outside industry." "Another special priority is the streamlining of the town administration into a more cohesive and effective working group. This will be done by setting out clearly defined community oriented goals."

Keefe's ambition is to help people

by MURRAY MOORE

Nancy Keefe describes herself as a politician with an interest in practical matters. "I want to be a honest, concerned, dedicated politician for the people of Midland who need assistance to get where they want to be."

The deputy-reeve of Midland candidate is interested in the areas of welfare, education, health, and many aspects of housing. Following these interests "drove me into the political arena."

Keefe is a Ward 1 alderman. She was elected an alderman also in 1977. As a person with 20 years of experience in the industrial and tourism development field, she believes she knows how to "lure" industry.

Her hope for the election is that the voters' choice of mayor will be a person "able to lead a together council." The new council will leave "the verbal shotguns at the door and come in and do business for the town."

"Put the Devil opposite me and I can get along with him for three years," Keefe says by way of explaining her approach during the past three years on an often disputatious council.

Every member of the council is elected fairly, and they, as members of the council, go to the council's



meetings. "That's what it's all about."

Keefe's interpretation of the outgoing council is that some members of the council were disappointed that their "confreres" were not also elected. The past three years have been for her personally "very stressful." The resulting tarnish on the town's image outside of the town upsets her.

"It's a shame to take the shine off a little town that is so beautiful, that has so much to offer to the people who come to visit and to those who live here."

"The voters are not stupid" in her opinion. "It will be a most interesting election."

The big issues of the election she says, are extension of the town's storm water collection system, protection of Little Lake, and improvement and repair of the town's streets. Only 25 of the town's 45 miles of streets are serviced, she said.

Dealing with provincial and federal agencies can be hard for the average person, Keefe said. Because of her background, "I know those departments. I am skilled in that area."

Keefe does not consider that she was a part of any clique on the council. Her vote was given on the merit of a proposal.

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