

Orser starts off campaign in Elmvale

Butch Orser has hit the campaign trail, trying to win the Liberal Party nomination in Simcoe East. Last Friday evening he was in Elmvale, at the home of Larry and Luella Simpson, meeting supporters and garnering votes.

"This an example of the support," said Orser, surveying the crowd of about 35. "I have lots of friends in these towns. Several have agreed to have one of these meetings. They're the ones who can get me nominated. I'm finding I've got excellent support."

Orser says he will sell himself to the public as a businessman who really cares about Simcoe East. Until recently he owned

three Coca-Cola bottling plants. Coca-Cola bought the plants in Uxbridge and Peterborough. Orser retains ownership of the plant in Penetangusihene, but his son-in-law operates it.

Free from business interests, Orser says he finally has time to pursue a career in politics.

"I've always wanted to work in the community and work in government," he says. "Now there is no reason I can't. I have the time, the opportunity and I want to do it."

To his advantage, he says, is that he can bring a fresh outlook to issues in the riding.

"I have absolutely no axe to grind," he says. "There

are some issues that have been beaten around for four or five years and I think when something has been beaten around for that long, there's nothing more anyone can say about them."

Orser is convinced he can win the Liberal nomination in Simcoe East and then the election, although the riding has traditionally been a Conservative one.

"I believe that everybody in this riding is starting to feel the strength of the Peterson government," he says.

He is also certain the government after the next election will consist of a Liberal majority and that the citizens of Simcoe East will fare better if they are

part of that government.

"I see nothing wrong with people deciding they want to vote Liberal. We will have a Liberal government, they are going to be in power."

"On the street I've had people walk up to me and says they are going to support me and some of these people have been Conservatives for years," he says.

Orser concedes that the Orser name is a popular and well known one in the riding and that that may help in his quest for the nomination.

"I think it should help us because we've all worked hard at making it a good name," says Orser of his family. "But if anyone is

going to vote for me because I can skate, I have to be upfront with them. They shouldn't, because I can't."

So far, Orser faces three other candidates for the Liberal nomination in Simcoe East. They are Myron Humeniuk of Tiny Township, John Moreau of Port McNicoll and Gerry Wink of Orillia. Members of the Simcoe East Provincial Liberal Association will choose amongst them at a nomination meeting June 20 in Coldwater.

To vote at that meeting, riding residents must become a member of the party. Membership fees are \$5 per person, \$10 per couple and \$15 per family. The student rate is \$1. Membership forms are available from any of the candidates.



Harl Orser



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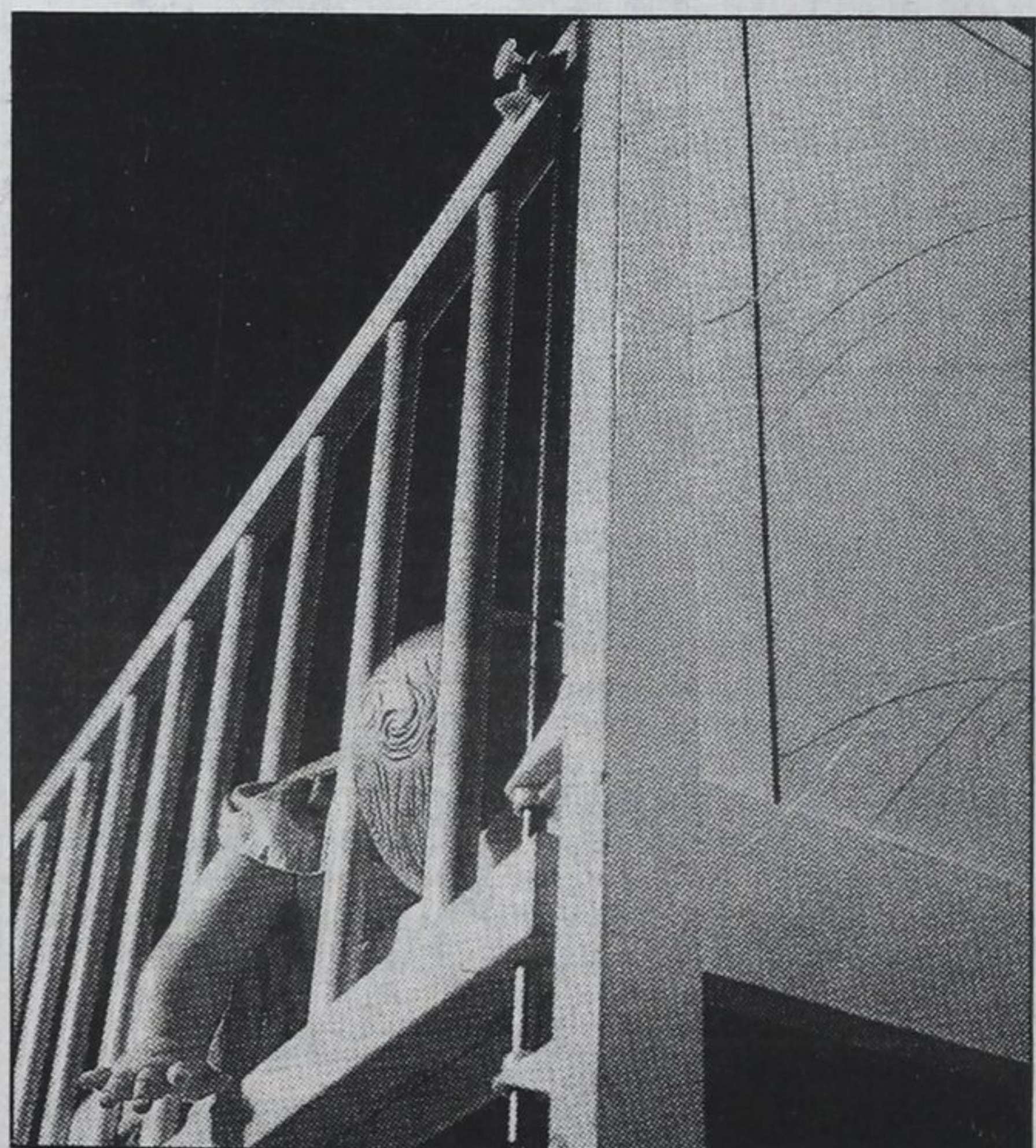
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