

## Candidates' profile

### Vote for experience; McLean

Simcoe East M.P.P. Allan McLean is encouraging constituents to vote for experience in the current provincial election.

"I have over 20 years experience as an elected person dealing with all levels of government and all municipal councils," he says. "People think you just run for government and you automatically are able to do things for people. You have to know who to talk to, who to phone."

McLean, first elected to the provincial legislature in 1981, is quick to point out that neither of his opponents has ever been

elected to a political post. He, however, started out in local politics, was warden of the county in 1980 and as such, has dealt with all municipalities.

"Who's elected depends on if people are going to vote for the person in their area or for the person with ability, experience and on what he's done for the area," says McLean.

McLean says there is no one major issue in the riding, each area has its own issue.

"In Tiny Township it's the landfill site, in Flos it's agriculture and farming

and in Orillia the hospital is a major issue."

McLean says he is a firm believer in recycling. "It's just got to be a policy of government in the near future that recycling is part of our disposal system," he says.

He also suggests waste disposal and heating local hospitals be intertwined.

"Perhaps there should be a system built in to heat the hospital through incineration of domestic waste. That way we would be doing two things at once, getting rid of waste and supplying energy."

McLean, a former dairy farmer, says he is very concerned with agricultural policy.

"The major thing is to keep farmers on the farm and the only way you can do that is by controlling marketing boards."

McLean says a Conservative government in Ontario would keep marketing boards for agricultural products in place.

As to whether party leader Larry Grossman's stand on bilingualism - a Tory government, Grossman says, will never entrench official bilingualism in the province - will hurt his campaign in Penetanguishene, McLean says not likely.

"I think our Francophone people have been well served by the expan-

ding service which is their right. I think it's only fair their rights, as in the Constitution, should be expanded, but I certainly do not see a need to make Ontario officially bilingual."

A questionnaire McLean sent out last year asking constituents if they wanted to see a bilingual Ontario by 1990 had 91 per cent of respondents saying no, says McLean.

Another major concern of McLeans's, he says, is senior citizens. He's interested in programs which try and keep the elderly in their own homes as long as possible and then in homes for the aged or nursing homes rather than in hospitals.

"We've got people in the hospital where it is costing us \$350 a day where they should be in a more homey atmosphere at a third of the cost."

McLean says although Orillia is the largest centre in the Simcoe East riding, he will maintain offices in Elmvale and Penetanguishene as well, and campaign equally throughout the riding.

"I think that's why I've always been successful in politics. I've always treated everyone the same."

### A new approach; Orser

Liberal candidate Butch Orser is a new arrival to politics but he says his business background gives him a practical insight into the problems facing Simcoe East.

The Penetanguishene resident says government should provide incentives to bring industry into the riding but not in the form of hand-outs.

Orser believes that government should look at providing such incentives, the way a bank or financial institution would.

The manufacturer or producer draws up a proposal and presents it to the appropriate government department.

Depending on the viability of the proposal the company would be eligible for government help.

Orser also says providing the right educational background for potential employees is important.

He favors the practical exposure provided by such institutions as Georgian College.

He says Simcoe County has gone un-noticed in the past.

"Our area is the best kept secret in the province."

He plans, during the campaign, to bring as many front-line liberals as possible into the riding.

"That will increase our exposure at Queen's Park."

Of free-trade, Orser says it is one of the biggest

issues facing both Ontario and Canada.

"It is the province's responsibility to see Ontario is taken care of."

He describes agriculture as the cornerstone of the provincial economy and says the needs of farmers should be protected in any free-trade deal.

Tourism is also a major economic fact of life in

Simcoe East and Orser said he would work to boost the area province-wide.

At his nomination campaign in Coldwater recently, Orser referred to the Peterson Government as "the light at the end of a tunnel."

He predicts a majority Liberal Government on Sept. 10, "...that light has become brilliant" he said.



Allan McLean

### Housing and jobs; Bullen

Fayne Bullen of Orillia could be the spoiler in this riding. The NDP candidate's undisputed popularity in Simcoe East could cause the vote to go either way.

Bullen came a very close second to PC Allan McLean in the 1985 provincial election. So far says Bullen, that popularity is still there.

Bullen entered political life because he says he is committed to sharing.

As a young man he noted that people in his community were committed to communal rather than individual welfare.

"We have a responsibility to one another. I am not opposed to free enterprise. But we have a social responsibility to help those in need."

Bullen, a history teacher for the past 25 years, says the lesson of history indicates a communal rather than individual approach to social issues.

Bullen says there are a number of issues critical to the riding.

"There has been a decline in skilled jobs."

He says more money should be spent on research and development, and skills training.

He says the service industries do not provide the

"sense of accomplishment" and long-term employment that manufacturing and secondary industries do.

He describes the present automobile insurance system as "rip-off."

"There should be an average basic rate (for those being insured for the first time). We should not prejudice... There are people who can't get insurance."

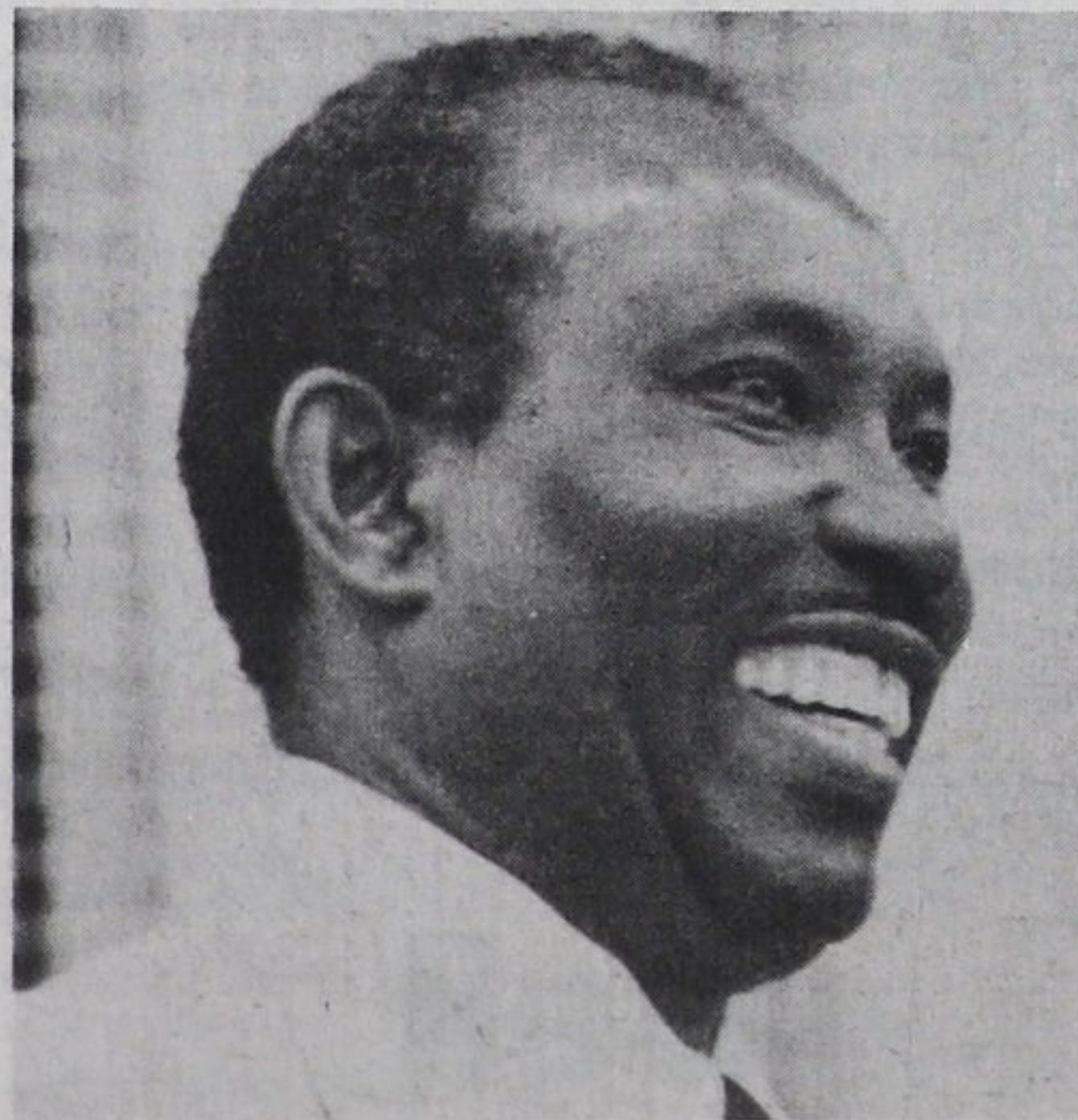
Bullen describes the current attitude of the insurance companies as arrogant.

He says the lack of affordable housing is another major issue facing some residents of Simcoe East. He describes it as "...basic social need."

"Municipalities could generate housing through provincial and federal incentives."

Bullen is confident about the New Democrats', and his chances in the election.

"There is a new concept about the NDP in the area. Nationally we're at the top of the polls. That thinking is being transferred."



Fayne Bullen



Butch Orser

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