

## Out on the streets

# What do the people think?

Election day in Ontario is now just over two weeks

away. All three parties are campaigning in full speed

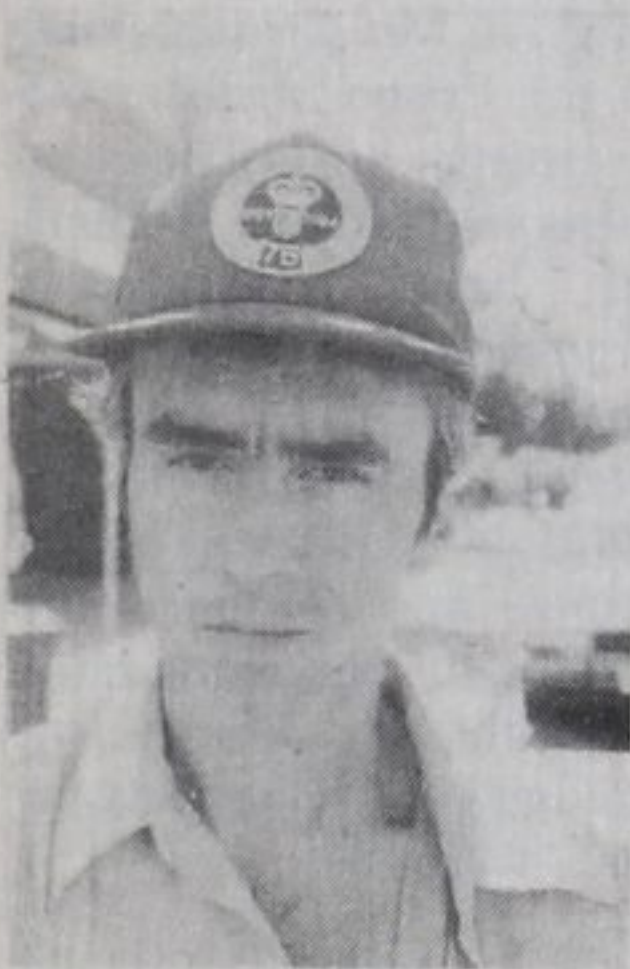
now, and voters are closely examining the can-

didates. The Midland Times wanted to find out

what some of the people are thinking, so we took to

the streets to ask: Which party will form

the next provincial government?



**Mark Kirkup**

The Liberals, but I don't think they should. I will vote for the NDP because they are working for the right things. Rae has a head on his shoulders. David Peterson looked silly the other night (during the debate). Larry Grossman doesn't have a chance.



**Rod Assance**

The Liberals. I hate to say it but I am going to vote Liberal. Most of the people on Christian Island vote Conservative. This time the Liberals are the better party. Larry Grossman doesn't have it. Bob Rae doesn't have the experience to run a majority party.



**Nancy McDivitt**

The new government probably will be Liberal. I don't expect to see much change from the way it is now. This election was not necessary. I don't think that there will be much of a change in the standings.



**Stacey Brash**

I hope that the Liberals will form the government. I have talked my mother into voting for Ken Black. I heard him speak: he sounded good, and honest. Honest and open. He's the one who I would choose if I could vote.



**Ken Webber**

There's no question that the Liberals will form the next government. I will vote Liberal. I like what they have done so far. I am not sure that free trade is the be-all and end-all that the Conservatives say it is. I like David Peterson's wait-and-see attitude.



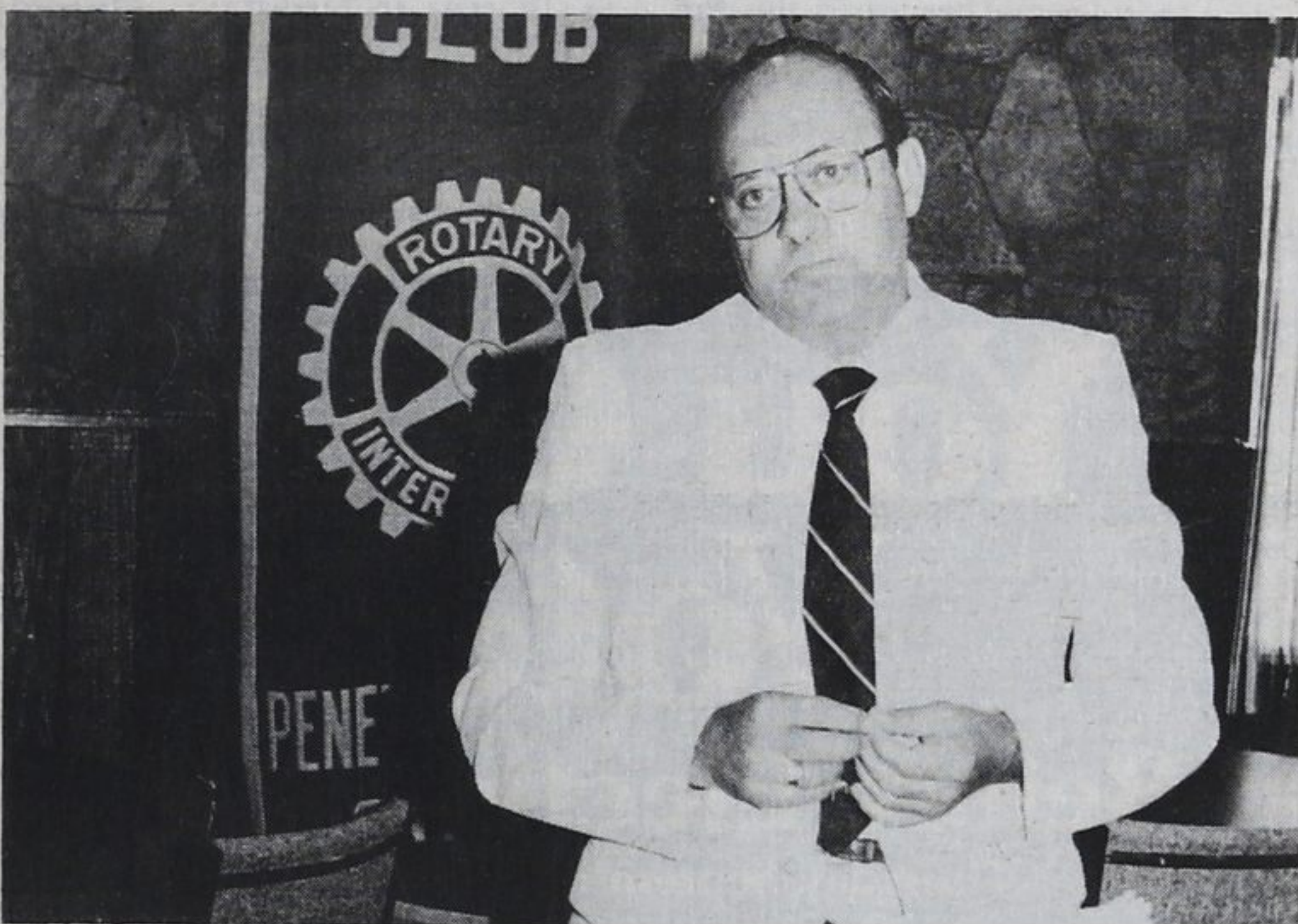
**Diana Abel**

Is there much choice, I mean really? I think probably it'll be the Conservatives again. I will vote Conservative. But I like the Liberal position better on free trade. As a small business person I am interested in the parties' small business policy.



**Ed Graham**

The NDP I hope. I will vote NDP. I have always voted NDP. I always like the party's policies. I'll stick with them again. We need a change of government. We need to vote out the party that's in there.



### Making a statement

MPP Allan McLean was given free reign of the Penetanguishene Rotary Club meeting last Tuesday. Rotarians have been inviting the candidates to speak at

their regular luncheon meeting. Today's meeting will be the final one with N.D.P. candidate Fayne Bullen.

### Orser to solve dump problem

Despite a request for a non-partisan delegation to fight the provincial government's order to dump North Simcoe's waste in Orillia, the proposed delegation cannot solve the problem and will therefore not try, said John Palmer, who was asked to lead it. Palmer added the delegation cannot possibly be non-partisan and will remain inactive.

The announcement was made yesterday afternoon, after a news conference called by Liberal candidate Butch Orser.

Orser told reporters and Palmer he could see no way the lobby group could possibly be non-partisan.

"If there's such a thing as non-partisan 17 days before an election, I don't know what it is," Orser said, adding he, along with Orillia city hall officials, could be more effective and efficient.

"I'm prepared to go (to Toronto to talk with representatives from the Ministry of the Environment) tomorrow," Orser added, "and the agreement I have to date from the

Minister's office is that they would receive me and a delegation from city hall." The Liberal candidate explained further that he wasn't sure whether, because of that arrangement, he could bring Allan McLean and Fayne Bullen or their representatives along.

"I have no interest in going with McLean or Bullen, because in the past, they've buried the issue," he added.

"I want to do it (solve the dump problem) and do it fast. I don't need guys down there to slow me down," Orser said.



**Orser, Liberal candidate**

### P.C. party now strongest says Long

The Ontario Progressive Conservative Party is now at its strongest, according to Tom Long, President of the Ontario P.C. Association.

"The debate (last week's leaders' debate) was extremely important because it demonstrated that David Peterson isn't as on top of facts and figures as he should be and that he isn't as on top of the issues as he should be," says Long. "It's caused people to take a second look."

However, the second

look still hasn't raised P.C. leader Larry Grossman's standing in pre-election polls. He is in third place behind Peterson and New Democratic Party Leader Bob Rae.

"In the last two elections our party has ran third in the north in the week before the election," says Long, explaining once election day arrives, people vote for Conservatives on the ballot.

"Polls aren't reliable," he says with conviction.

Long was in Elmvalle Saturday night, to attend a corn roast and barbecue hosted by Tina Positano in an effort to let local people meet Allan McLean, Simcoe East's current M.P.P. and Conservative candidate.

"(Allan McLean) doesn't need any on the job training. He knows the ropes," says Long, echoing a statement McLean has made repeatedly during the election campaign. "Al has been here a long time and has done a lot of things for

the community."

Long admits Ontario Conservatives have a lot of work to do before the September 10 election. However, he says the Conservatives are running a well organized election machine. "We are much more confident of getting our voters out on election day than the other two parties."

"If we just continue with our message you are going to see a lot of surprised faces September 11."

### Bullen greets members

### Rights of civil servants NDP concern

NDP Candidate for Simcoe East, Fayne Bullen greeted workers from the Mental Health Centre as they left work last Friday afternoon.

According to the Bullen's campaign manager Bruce Buckley, the NDP candidate was showing his concern for the over 800 members of OPSEU who are not allowed to participate in a provincial election because of a piece of legislation that was passed in 1896. According to Buckley, Bullen and the NDP party feel this act must be changed to reflect today's needs and to guarantee the rights of 50,000 Ontario Civil Servants.

Bullen reminded workers this issue was one of the major items included in the 1985 accord signed by the Liberals and the provincial NDP.

The issue of rights for civil servants is of particular interest to Bullen since his wife Vera has been employed with the Ontario Regional Centre in Orillia for the past 20 years and as a civil servant, she has had to keep a low profile during her husband's bid for a seat in the provincial legislature.



### Meeting the workers

Simcoe East New Democrat candidate Fayne Bullen spent last Friday afternoon at the Mental Health Centre in Penetanguishene meeting the workers.

He says his party will fight for the worker, and he arrived there when the shifts were changing, so he could meet both those going and those coming from work.