



### Another beginning

The 1988 living history season began at 10:00 a.m. last Saturday at Midland's famous historic attraction, Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons. Historic interpreter

Carrie Leduc (left) and staff supervisor Sara Knight (right) are ready for the influx of visitors. The clothing

worn is a juxtaposition of modern and 17th century fashion.

# Time for a change, say NDP

A fresh face for the New Democratic Party may help unseat Conservative Cabinet minister Doug Lewis, says Simcoe North NDP riding president Richard Austin.

Because the Tories are so low in public opinion polls and because they stand for free trade, Canadians may want to turf them out, said Austin. Lewis, the MP and minister of state for treasury board, is a strong supporter of the Canada-U.S. trade deal.

The local NDP nomination meeting on June 27 in

Orillia will be the first to be contested in "quite a while," Austin said last week. After years of running in both provincial and federal election fights, Orillia-resident Fayne Bullen has called it quits.

Bullen had run unopposed for the last several elections. Most recently, he placed third in the 1987 provincial vote, running in the riding of Simcoe East.

"He really has given it his best shot and he was a super candidate," said Austin, an Elmvalle resident. "But it's time for so-

meone else."

Already, several people have shown interest in carrying the NDP torch whenever there's a federal election, he said. By this week, at least one will have declared so publicly, he predicted.

Potential candidates come both from the labor movement and the professions, says the party.

According to an NDP news release, Simcoe North (which will include Elmvalle and Flos if the election is called after boundary changes go into effect June 30) is a "priority riding." That means party organizers will target this area for an extra campaign effort. Austin says the fact that many manufacturing jobs de-

pend on U.S. branch plants -- which might leave the country if there is free trade -- means people in Simcoe North will be ripe for a change.

The party came with "a few thousand votes of winning" in the last federal election, said Austin.

"In this area it's close enough to win if public opinion is favoring the

NDP," he said. "And certainly public opinion right now is for the NDP."

"I'm hoping for an NDP-minority government."

Austin estimated that there are approximately 150 party members in Simcoe North.

The nomination meeting takes place in the Saturn Room of the Sundial Inn, Orillia, at 7:30 p.m.



Doug Lewis

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