



Musselman's Lake sale to be repeated

The Garage and Rummage Sale held at Musselman's Lake July 27 will be repeated Aug. 24. The sale will be at Glendale Park on the south shore of the lake and operate from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those wishing to have booths in the

sale should contact Mary Morris at 640-5404. The funds from the sale will go to defray costs of the Musselman's Lake Craft Fair to be held Sept. 28. Don Bernard

York Simcoe MP Sinclair Stevens

New faces in Parliament

Sinclair Stevens, NEWMARKET — While Parliament appears at any particular time to be relatively constant, there is a surprising amount of turnover in its membership over a period of years.

The 30th Parliament, for example, will have 57 members (22 per cent of its total membership) who did not sit in the 29th Parliament.

In our own Progressive Conservative Caucus, 54 (57 per cent) of our 95 members have been elected for the first time in 1972 or 1974. In the past seven years, 80 per cent of our members have been elected to the House of Commons for the first time. They have never served under a leader other than Mr. Stanfield.

It is healthy that Parliament revitalizes itself with such constant change in its membership. The Liberal Caucus of 141 will have 38 new members who have never served in a previous Parliament. This quarter of their Caucus should have fresh new ideas.

The N.D.P. Caucus with 16 members out of 31 has been left in the most unfortunate position of all Parliamentary groups. They have lost their leader and many of their most prominent members. Father Andy Hogan from Cape Breton will be their only new member.

The 30th Parliament may be a more interesting Parliament than the 29th. Party lines will be more definite. There is now no question that the Liberals are the

Government. They have a majority in the House. The splinter groups will be less influential.

Clearly, the Progressive Conservatives will be the opposition and the obvious alternative to the government.

Commencing on Aug. 1, legislation passed in the 29th Parliament concerning the conduct of future elections will become effective.

There is no doubt these amendments will bring significant and still unknown changes to future federal electioneering. There will now be a ceiling for election expenses in each riding. If the legislation had been in effect in the past campaign, each party's candidate in York-Simcoe would have been limited to ap-

proximately \$31,000 based on this riding having over 67,000 voters. The election changes also limit the length of time each candidate may campaign. It is provided that advertising and that other advertising be made available at a preferential cost to the candidates. These advantages would have been worth \$4,000-\$5,000 in the past campaign resulting in comparable ceiling in future elections for a riding our size being \$35,000.00-\$36,000.00.

In the future, candidates receiving over 15 per cent of the vote will be reimbursed for their expenses out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in Ottawa. Again, had the amendments been in effect this year, each candidate in York-

Simcoe would have been entitled to be reimbursed to the extent of approximately \$10,000. This would have left approximately \$21,000 to be raised if the candidate had spent up to his ceiling. The raising of this local money should be easier in the future as the Income Tax Act has been amended to allow those who contribute to a political party to deduct from their federal tax, otherwise payable, 75 per cent of the amount donated, if it did not exceed \$100 and to a lesser extent on amounts contributed up to a maximum of \$500 per taxpayer. These deductions are from the tax payable to Ottawa, not just from income as is the case with charitable deductions.

MPP Bill Hodgson

Hydro expansion to meet 'crisis'

By BILL HODGSON STOUFFVILLE — The pace of events is ever quickening. Nine months ago every radio, television and newspaper was reporting on the urgency of the energy "crisis." You may think that I use the term "crisis" in quotation marks as if North America did not experience any crisis. Rather I use "crisis" this way out of consideration that certain words get overworked. Defining every critical public issue as a "crisis" finally leads to widespread public indifference and hurts governments in leading their electorates when a real crisis does call for strong leadership.

No one can deny that the impact of the energy problem drastically changed the lives of American citizens. It could be seen in the lineups of motorists at gasoline pumps and the lowering of speed limits on American highways.

Fortunately, for Canadians, the energy problem did not hurt the overall economy in the bankruptcy of industries and businesses. Possibly

the Maritimes experienced the most severe strains of the shortage because of the international importing of oil. While we can feel blessed that Canada has a reliable source of energy, it is no time to be complacent. There can be no doubt that energy will be a serious issue for the rest of the century. While the public may forget much too quickly about energy shortages, government continue to plan for the future.

In this Province, Ontario Hydro is busily engaged in the planning and development of the proposed 1977-1982 Generation Development Program. The one area of energy, of course, in which we have control is in the generation of electricity, and in terms of electricity, we are making major and positive moves.

The Ontario Government has approved the plans, on Ontario Hydro to proceed with a 2000 megawatt oil fired generation station at Wesleyville, has approved the construction of the second nuclear generation station of 2000 megawatts capacity at

Pickering, and has approved two additional heavy water plants at Bruce, each with a nominal capacity of 100 kilograms per hour.

In such a major construction program tremendous amounts of money are required. Governments can undertake to finance this projects through extensive borrowing in the capital markets or undertake the financing through private financing, yet retaining basic control on the design and operation of these plants. Ontario Hydro will be the controlling body for these responsibilities.

In inviting private companies to submit proposals for the construction and operation of the heavy water facilities at Bruce, it avoids an unnecessary expansion of public investment at a time when Hydro's investment program is very large. In another important way, the participation of private companies in our nuclear program will help to expand employment opportunities and to compete in world markets.

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