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Candidates not surprised by election call

DURHAM-YORK — The Progressive Conservative and Liberal candidates were ready. To date, there's no 'official' word from the N.D.P.

Both Ross Stevenson of the PC's and Liberal standard-bearer Bill Ballinger broke from the starting gate the same day Premier David Peterson made his Sept. 10 provincial election announcement.

"It came as no surprise," said Stevenson, "there were enough 'leaks' around Metro. I knew when it was."

While Stevenson said it "was good to get on with it," he assailed the premier for using the election "as an excuse for what he hopes will be a timely power grab."

He plans to open "six or seven" campaign headquarters across the Riding including Stouffville, Uxbridge and Keswick. Mr. Ballinger will do the same.

Both have election signs ready and waiting. None can be erected on regional and municipal roads in York. However, there's no such restriction in Durham.

Bill Ballinger has already hit the campaign trail. He canvassed an area of north-east Stouffville Monday, and described the reception as "very good." The lack of full-time ambulance service is a top priority in Whitchurch-Stouffville, Ballinger said. "It's an area I intend to deal with."

Stevenson listed the environment, transportation, agriculture, health care and education as high on his list of priorities.

The incumbent says it's too early to "consider all candidates" meetings.

"I'll be happy to participate," responded Ballinger. In discussions to date, most people seem pleased with the Liberal Party's performance in the last two years, in particular with the leadership provided by Mr. Peterson, Ballinger observed.

Stevenson has been the Riding

MPP since 1981, winning by a majority of about 4,500 votes in 1985.

"With redistribution, it's a whole new ball game," noted Ballinger.

Ross and Elaine Stevenson operate a 350-acre farm near

Udora. They have a son, two daughters and two grandchildren.

Bill and Donna Ballinger and family reside on Franklin Street in Uxbridge. Mr. Ballinger is the former mayor of Uxbridge Township.

Open offices

Both Ross Stevenson of the PC's and Bill Ballinger of the Liberals will open campaign headquarters in Stouffville.

The Stevenson office will be located below Guaranty Trust at 81 Main Street West.

The Ballinger quarters is situated near the Post Office at 28 Main Street East. An official opening is set for Aug. 13 at 8 p.m., with The Hon. Greg Sorbara in attendance.

Heading up the Stevenson campaign is lawyer Bob Dailey of Keswick. Mr. Ballinger's campaign manager is Doug Alles of Stouffville.

Mr. Stevenson expects to spend up to \$46,000 on his campaign. Mr. Ballinger hopes to limit his expenses to \$42,000.

Both candidates reside in Durham Region. Stevenson at Udora and Ballinger at Uxbridge.

Town receives letter of credit

STOUFFVILLE — Mayor Fran Sainsbury is optimistic outside work in the Westfield Estates subdivision will be quickly completed now that a letter of credit has been signed by Revenue Properties Limited and accepted by the Town.

The agreement was finalized July 29. Mayor Sainsbury refused to reveal the amount of money involved, describing the figure only as "sizeable."

Mrs. Sainsbury told The Tribune she's hopeful Revenue will complete all work on its own. She claims the Town has neither the time nor the personnel to do the job. A deadline of Sept. 30 has been established after which the municipality can move in.

Fifty-five properties are affected.

Mrs. Sainsbury admits "these people have lived with dust and mud too long." Action by the Town, she explains, has been difficult because "the development has never been assumed by the municipality."

Presidential Homes, Revenue's successor, has been issued 24 building permits, 16 of these last week. Eight more permits are pending.

"Presidential will no longer be left out on the limb," she said.

Mayor Sainsbury denies there's been buck-passing by the Town. Rather, she claims Council is in sympathy with the residents and wishes to rectify the situation as soon as possible.



It was 20 years ago that Howard Hoover, R.R. 2, Markham, was seriously injured in a tragic farm accident. He was left partially paralyzed when run over by a bale wagon. Howard and

Margaret have learned to cope, however. "Fifty per cent of one's well-being is attitude," says Howard. — Jim Thomas

Learns to cope

By JIM THOMAS

Editor: It was 20 years ago the fall of '67, that a near fatal accident changed the course of life for Howard Hoover, McCowan Road, R.R. 2, Markham.

Mr. Hoover, then 49, suffered a broken back and other injuries when run over by the front wheel of a loaded bale wagon.

He spent four months in Toronto General Hospital and a year at Lyndhurst Rehabilitation Centre before returning to the family farm on Hwy. 48.

The accident left him a paraplegic, restricted in movement from the waist down.

But Howard and Margaret Hoover have learned to cope. Their home, built in '71 by contractor Bruce Vandenberg, is geared to wheelchair convenience including an elevator. There are no steps and the doorway is wide.

Alliavan, equipped with hand controls, allows Mr. Hoover to transport himself. His wife usually goes along in case of a breakdown.

Physicians didn't withhold the bad news, Howard recalls. "They told me the next morning I'd never walk again, but I refused to give up hope." He notes how many patients travel round the world looking for miracle cures.

Attitude, says Howard, is 50 per cent of one's

well-being. Friends are amazed by his positive approach. "He always looks on the bright side," a neighbor said. Visitors are made to feel welcome.

Howard says he has much to be thankful for: a kind and attentive wife, a considerate son and daughter, four lovely grandchildren and a host of close friends.

Philip and Julie, Andrea and Ashley live at Ballantray, Brenda and Ted (Mortson), Ryan and Colin, reside in Stouffville.

Now, says Howard, for gotten the assistance provided by his late brothers, Earl and Carl. It was Carl who designed the hand controls for the van. The Hoover home is a rural beauty spot with immaculately groomed lawns and a long winding drive. "We wanted to stay in the country," Howard says.

Mr. Hoover appreciates the convenience of the elevator. It was installed by Earl Cox of Markham. A similar convenience, built into the new addition at Wideman Missionary Church, is also appreciated. Howard and Margaret attend services there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover enjoy visits to Markville Mall where wheelchair accommodation is a convenient consideration. But most of all, they appreciate the thoughtfulness of friends who come to call. The welcome mat is always out.

Trapped in wreckage

WHITCHURCH — Three Toronto people were injured, two seriously, the result of a car-truck collision Saturday at the intersection of Bloomington Road and Kennedy Road, Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Firefighters had to use their 'Jaws of Life' to roll back the roof on a 1982 Toyota and extricate the driver, Basil Henriques, 24, and his wife, Christine, 22. Both were taken by ambulance to York County Hospital, Newmarket.

Mrs. Henriques was later transferred to St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, when the seriousness of her injuries was diagnosed.

"Less seriously hurt" was Bui Quang, driver of the van.

Constable Kevin Cross of York Regional Police said the Chevrolet truck was southbound on Kennedy. The Toyota was travelling east. Time of the collision was placed at 10:35 a.m.

Fire Chief Bill Brown arrived on the scene minutes after the

crash. He was assisted by volunteers Keith Lewis, Al Sisco, Paul Stover, George Wilson, Joe Lewis and Dave Glover. Two bystanders, one a registered nurse, also provided first aid.

Force of impact hurled the smaller vehicle into the south ditch. The two occupants were trapped inside and had to be removed with care. The woman was unconscious when freed.

Property damage was estimated at \$8,000.



Three people were injured, two seriously, Saturday when a van and car collided at the intersection of Kennedy and Bloomington Roads in Whitchurch-

Stouffville. In the photo, (left), ambulance operators attempt to reach the husband and wife victims trapped



In a wrecked 1982 Toyota. In the photo, (right), firefighters use the 'Jaws of Life' to cut away the car's roof and

release the passenger. The driver is being transported by stretcher to a waiting ambulance. — Jim Thomas

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