

## Miller becomes new H-N liberal candidate



Gordon Miller stands victoriously with his eldest son Barry, left, and a younger son, Glen, right. (staff photo)

## Family planning available

by Richard Houghton

In an attempt to cut down the number of unwanted pregnancies and abortions, the Haldimand-Norfolk Regional Health Unit has begun a service to provide free private counselling on birth control and family planning. The service will be completely confidential and

will be available at the Langton Community Hall, and in Simcoe on Robinson Street above Woolworths. The counselling centres will be staffed on Thursdays between 4 and 6 p.m. The public is urged to come to these centres and talk over their family planning needs

The service is free and is cont'd on page 8



Miss Maralyn Antkiw and Miss Clare Duffy are in charge of counselling at the Langton family planning counselling centre.

by Trisha Banks

Gordon Miller a R.R.1 Jarvis farmer, toppled two other opponents last week to become the new Liberal candidate for Haldimand-Norfolk riding.

At a nomination meeting held July 16 in the Jarvis Community Centre, Mr. Miller told an audience of about 450 that he supported regional government. Mr. Miller is a regional councillor and Deputy-Mayor for the City of Nanticoke.

"I realize that there have been rising costs, but there has also been a rise in services we are expected to provide from local government," said Mr. Miller. "I am interested in our area, whether it be urban or rural. There have been tremendous changes and there will be more. We must accept the challenge and move ahead."

Edith Fuller, Town of Haldimand councillor for Ward Two, and Earl McConachie of Hagersville, President of the Haldimand-Norfolk Liberal Association were both defeated in their bids for the liberal nomination.

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Miller told the Liberals, "It is not going to be an easy job to defeat the Big Blue Machine, but we are going to give it a try." Mr. Miller promised his supporters, "I will contribute to the best of my ability to make this campaign a successful one."

Mr. Miller told the crowd "We must all pull together and get the right kind of campaign moving. We do not want to make any mistakes. We cannot afford to. This year we want to win."

Mr. Miller declined to comment on the chances of MPP James Allan running again for the Conservatives. "I admire Jim Allen," said Mr. Miller. "he is a tremendous politician. I only hope I am as active as he is at 82."

Mr. Miller agreed with Robert Nixon that the regional chairman should be an elected official, and not a governmental appointee. "I certainly feel that our regional chairman should be elected by the people, as are councillors, but Mr. McCombs has been a good chairman. They made a good choice. He has been a dedicated man and has responded as an elected officer, not as an appointee."

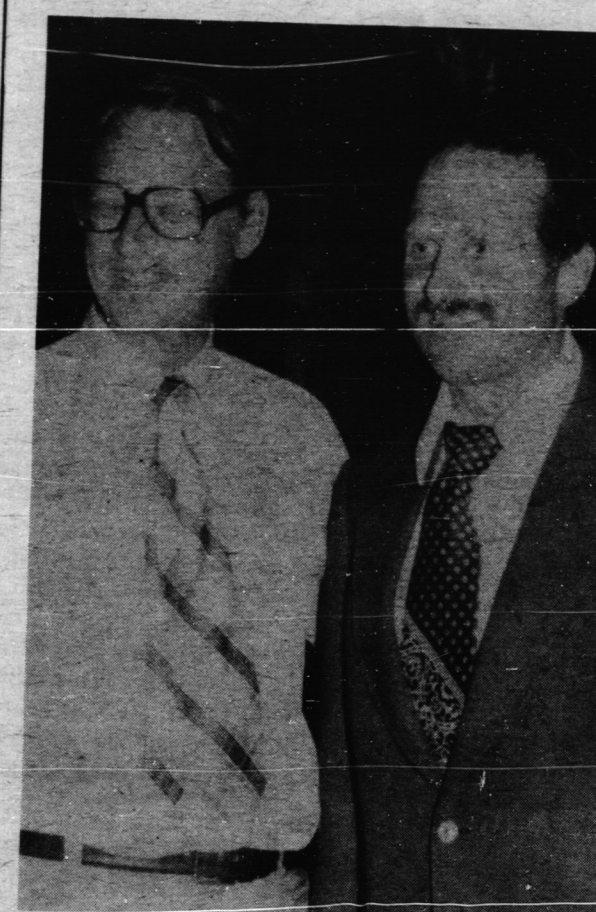
In his campaign speech, Mr. McConachie said, "I am concerned about regional government, from the method used to force it upon the people of this region, to the cold calculated and impersonal implementation of the

whims of Queen's Park that we are experiencing."

Mr. McConachie commented, "When John White and Darcy McKeough presented us with the regional government package, all

neatly tied up, including an appointed chairman, we were assured that there would be little if any increased costs. The Davis government has again com-

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Liberal leader Robert Nixon chats with Liberal candidate Gordon Miller after the nomination. (staff photo)

## Nixon and Agnew

by Trisha Banks

Putting the power back into local communities, fiscal responsibility, and a government that is designed to serve the individual and not pressure groups, will be part of the Liberal platform in the coming election.

The Honourable Robert Nixon, leader of the Ontario Liberal party, told Liberal nominations meeting July 16 the Jarvis Community Centre, "It has been a long time since our prospects in Haldimand-Norfolk looked so good."

"The people of this area are sick and tired, not so much of 32 years of Conservatism, but of four years of Davis and Darcy McKeough," said Nixon.

Mr. Nixon, called the last budget an attempt to buy votes with our own money. The freeze Mr. Davis put on petroleum costs is an election freeze.

"We do not believe the head of any regional government, such as a regional chairman, should be appointed at Queen's Park. They are in the position of always having to account to their masters at Queen's Park for everything they do," said Mr. Nixon.

The Liberal leader said, "We want to have a new partnership with local government. The Conservatives have taken the power of assessment out of the community and hold it in Queen's Park. We want to give it back."

"In the four years since Davis has been in power, Ontario has faced record-breaking deficits," said Nixon. "The last time Ontario was in the black was in 1970 under John Roberts."

The Liberal leader predicted that they would beat Davis in his own backyard this year--Brampton. "At our last rally in Brampton, over 300 people attended. Many of them were former Conservatives and NDP's. Our candidate in Brampton is an excellent man. His last name is Agnew so we are making up signs that say Nixon and Agnew For Integrity."