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# Lou Brownridge



There's a brand new, different breed of the Lady Known as Lou on the South Peel political scene.

It's Lucy Brownridge, wife of Progressive Conservative candidate for Peel South, Earl K. Brownridge.

This slim and gracious grandmother is undeniably young and undeniably a lady in every sense of the word.

She denied that her husband's "top executive" image has to be lived down during the campaign. He resigned as president of American Motors to devote himself to the election.

"I've never felt like a president's wife," said Mrs. Brownridge. "Earl's success in business has never altered our basic

living habits or our aims in life.

"We're down-to-earth people who have many of the same friends now that we had when we were married 27 years ago. And we're still the same closely-knit family."

Mrs. Brownridge's love for and devotion to her family is apparent in every account of her activities. She's revelling in her grandchildren, progeny of her eldest son Gary, 25, and his wife, Iris.

Gary runs the Lorne Park Hobby Centre and so, with his family, is a frequent visitor in the Lorne Park home of his parents and other brothers and sisters.

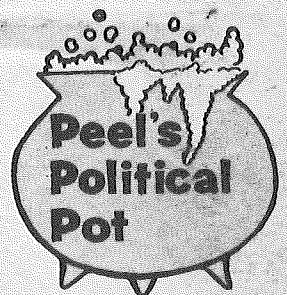
Mrs. Brownridge has no desire for a career outside her home, and

had trouble putting her finger on the exact times and places (involving only a few months), she had worked during her marriage. She's never missed her early career as a hairdresser.

Daughter Gail, 22, has just graduated from Queen's University and plans to take a summer course before she begins teaching in Brampton this fall.

Glenda, 21, quit her job to work full-time at party headquarters. She answers phones, runs errands, and helps control the myriad arrangements and appointments that must be made and enquiries that must be answered.

The two youngest children are boys, Gordon, 17, and Glen, 14, are both students at Lorne Park



High School.

Lou Brownridge's mouth pulled a moue when she was asked what she thought of her husband standing for nomination in the first place. She was dubious, she says.

But as the campaign gained momentum, so has Lou's enthusiasm for it, and now she is really enjoying it.

She's not above tackling the small campaign jobs as well as the big ones, and has startled more than a few supporters at headquarters when they discovered who she was.

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