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# NDP candidate

people." He predicted that education, regional government, environment and housing will be the four keys in the election which is expected to be called sometime this fall.

Mr. Johnson has been involved with the local NDP riding association since 1961 but his most noteworthy achievements have been in the environmental field. He was instrumental in the formation of GUARD (Group United Against Rural Dumping) which opposed plans to open a garbage dump in Ashgrove. He is a director of the Ontario Garbage Coalition as well as president of the Nassagaweya Area Ratepayers Association.

Commenting on the educational system Mr. Johnson noted that "The teachers are not satisfied, the students are not satisfied and the taxpayers are certainly not when they get their tax bills..."

"But don't blame the teachers or the students. Blame the architect of our present day education system, the Flourentown Flop, William Davis... (who) brought us an all-time high in education costs and an all-time low in educational standards." Turning to regional government in Halton Mr. Johnson said, "The regional system, designed to streamline services, cut costs and eliminate duplication, has developed into a tax-gobbling monster. Worse than that, your elected representatives serving that monster, have been emasculated.

"They are not answerable to you, the taxpayer, they are answerable only to the bureaucrats at Queen's Park. Appointees on the Niagara Escarpment Commission or on the various conservation authorities have far more say and carry more weight than your elected representatives."

Terming Ontario "an environmental disaster" Mr. Johnson strongly criticized the Progressive Conservatives' environmental stand. "Government's long-range plans for garbage plants are no more than a gesture. Quarries, gravel pits, and the subsequent truck traffic are a law unto themselves."

He rapped the "clean-up" campaign the provincial government has undertaken to fight violence on TV. "Yonge Street may be sleazy and TV may be violent, but shouldn't the Tories be cleaning up their own house? For under the Tory rugs there is still the old dirt of Bales, McKeough, Shouidice, Moog, and the Harbortgate can of worms that has yet to be fully opened."

Before the Liberals have even put their candidate into the thick of things Mr. Johnson was attacking them. "As usual they are fence sitting, waiting to steal someone else's thunder. We mustn't discount the Whigs in this election but we in the Ontario New Democratic Party have the edge."

That optimism continued into the speech by the meeting's featured speaker, Ted Bounsall, MPP for Windsor West and the NDP's labor critic. He told the NDP members present that the "Tories have managed to affront virtually every special interest group in Ontario that has felt it had a gripe. From hospital workers to teachers to daycare centre operators to truck drivers. They've crossed them all."

"It has been this total lack of response that has hurt them."

Mr. Bounsall added that the PCs have been negligent in the environmental field "to the point of being virtually criminally negligent."

He voiced criticism also of the government's study of violence on television, headed by Judy LaMarsh. "The government pays widows and widowers of anyone killed in the working places of Ontario \$260 a month yet there they are paying Miss LaMarsh \$250 a day for a report that is going to contain no surprises and which can have no effect at all upon the American-oriented media."



Bill Johnson



Don Wackley (left) with Bill Johnson

# Commander presents pin to Ward

By Roma Timpson  
Wasn't able to make last Thursday's meeting but the new executive were installed and Norm Ward was presented with his past presidents badge from Zone Commander Bernie Greenfield. Norm has been president for the past five years and a very popular choice each election day. Due to his being Deputy Zone Commander and going from each of our 11 branches in duties that he will assist Comrade Bernie in this will take much of his time, but it will be time well spent in work in the Zone. We wish you well Comrade Norm and good old No. 120 is behind you all the way.

summer in the Lounge since no one told me any different. Well I erred there folks and there will be entertainment so come on down to the Lounge, bring your guests with you and enjoy, enjoy, enjoy. Sorry, but I haven't been informed who will be appearing or on what

rights, but as I find out I'll let you know.  
Glad to report that Jack Hooper is home as is Jim Ross, Tom Harlow and Bob Eason

whose home is in Harrison, Ont. Roy Wiggins is in St. Mike's and is coming along very nicely after an operation. He could do with company or

at least a card Comrades.  
Bert Tock is also in St. Michael's. Jan Narey is in Georgetown and Keith Lee is on our sick list but where he is has been rubbed out, but I imagine he's in London's Westminster.  
How is my old pal Harry

Atkinson doing? I haven't seen him since he got out of hospital. Hope you are 100 percent by now. To all our sick and shut ins, we wish you a speedy recovery and to all of our convalescing comrades, take it easy and don't try to do too much, too soon.



THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 120 held its annual installation of officers last Thursday evening. The officers for 1975 are (back row, left to right) Bruce McCartney, executive; "Tat" Harrison, executive; Bill Kuznack, executive; Frank Nicholson, treasurer; Tom Elliott, executive; (front row, left to right) Mac McLean, secretary; Harold Badham, first vice-president; Norm Ward, past-president; Denny Wright, president and Pat Chamberlain, second vice-president. Missing is Roma Timpson, publicity officer.

Don't have very much news this week as I have been away holidaying and had a terrific time. We went to Westmeath which is around the Renfrew and Pembroke area and had a most enjoyable week at a lovely secluded cottage, a stones throw from the bay which was just off the Ottawa River. The trip home was something out of this world with scenery the likes of which I had never laid eyes on.

A tree is a tree and a lake is a lake but the way nature has put some of them together is the difference.

The trip home through Wilno (the first Polish settlement) through Barrys Bay, Bancroft, the Madawaska Valley, was everything I had heard it to be.

We covered about 1,100 miles and in Bancroft met my next door neighbour who was down from her summer cottage, shopping. Small world isn't it. I'm all set to go back to that area again. It really ought to be something else in the fall.

At our up coming picnic there is a need for help. First, this Thursday a work crew is needed. Meet at the branch at 8.30 and bring your own rakes, please. Second, there is help needed the afternoon of the picnic. There is a notice up on the green bulletin board for one area of help wanted. Bruce is the fellow in charge of the day so please give him a hand and let him know you are willing to help.

Mrs. E. Bradley was a winner in a recent Air Cadet draw with the winning ticket No. 1358. Nice going Allene.

I was under the impression that there was to be no Friday and Saturday night entertainment during the

## High flying supervisor?

Work on the banks of the Credit River in Glen Williams has not been going smoothly. Laws damaged when a Caterpillar tractor operator decided to take an unauthorized shortcut will testify to that.

When accused that there had not been proper supervision on the project, a spokesman for the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (who was, in fact, the man who should have been there) replied that he had, indeed, supervised the work.

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## GUARD may revive to fight bale scheme

A plan to bale and bury Halton's garbage presently before the region's public works committee could result in the rebirth of GUARD (Group United Against Rural Dumping).

Bill Johnson, RR2 Rockwood, who was instrumental in the original formation of GUARD to combat a plan for a regional garbage dump near Ashgrove, has warned works committee chairman Jack Rafitis that GUARD will be "re-activated" should the region decide to go along with a proposed garbage baling scheme.

The latest firm to come forward with the idea has offered to provide the baling service for Halton if the region will provide a site on which to dump the compressed bales of garbage.

Mr. Johnson noted that the baling idea is

not new, nor is it any more acceptable than its predecessor, presented in 1973 by Anglo Recycling and Indusmin. The bales, he explained, are not inert and will, eventually, create pollution. "It may take 20 years, it may take 50, but eventually that garbage is going to break down and create pollution of some sort. We have to be interested in the long-term effects."

He noted, in a letter to Councillor Rafitis, that the then minister of the environment James Auld pointed out to Esqueving council in 1973 that baled garbage is, in fact, not inert and will pollute.

Mr. Johnson also added a warning that GUARD will strongly oppose rumored plans to use abandoned Milton Brick Company quarries for the dumping of garbage, be it baled or otherwise. The area, he said, is too close to the 16 Mile Creek for comfort.

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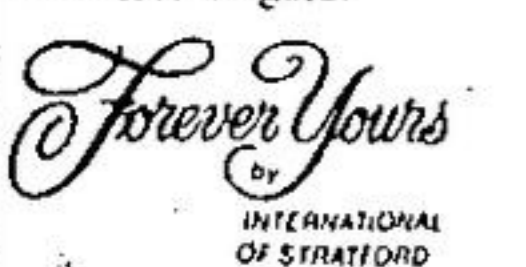


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