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"Meet Your Candidates"  
**22 Vaughan Tp. Candidates  
For Council & School Board  
Express Personal Views  
And Answer Questions**

Prognosticators predicting the outcome of Saturday's election results in Vaughan Township on Saturday would be hard put to use Monday evening's "Meet The Candidate" rally at the Langstaff Public School sponsored by the Uplands Ratepayers Association, as a guide. In each case, applause for the contestants for reeve, deputy-reeve, council and Vaughan Township School Board members was uniformly hearty. The meeting was unanimously considered one of intelligence, sincerity, good humour and feminine charms. Council contestants were all agreed that future township action required energetic leadership, carefully regulated industrial and residential expansion and a "hold the tax level" policy. School board aspirants suggested continuity in administration and an improvement in educational scope and facilities in line with considered practicability.

**Water**  
The question of the water deficit in Water Area No. 1, in the amount of \$60,000.00 was again brought up by Mr. J. N. Mulhol- land. How could council justify this figure? Incumbent Council- or Bruce Ralph, chairman of the water committee, said it couldn't be justified but was an existing situation that had to be dealt

with. The deficit arose because the cost of bringing in water had been greater than originally estimated. Mr. Bob Bowley, from the Roosevelt-Pearson Ratepayers' Association said that the area consumers were paying enough for water as matters stood and would not feel like countenancing any further increase.

**Marshalling Yard**  
One taxpayer wanted an opinion expressed relative to the proposed \$5,000,000 C.N.R. marshalling yard. What would happen when the yard would be operating upward of a hundred trains a day? How would this huge industry affect assessment, What about protection for the property holders in the adjacent area.

Mr. Bill Anstey, running for reeve against Albert Rutherford and Vic Ryder, and Bruce Ralph, pointed out that the new official plan and zoning bylaw would protect rateable property. They said the area must be jealously guarded, that a freezing bylaw prevents speculation so far as the township is concerned and as far as the township could go legally. There would be no loss in assessment anywhere in that area but, as a matter of fact, assessment benefits.

Anstey said that the township would be proud of the marshalling yard. "It will be the most modern on the continent, electronically controlled, cleanly operated and will not interfere with Maple or Concord, thanks to changes effected through negotiations by council."

**Wards**  
The ward system interested several citizens. This was supposed to have been studied two years ago. What had happened? Anstey said that the matter had undergone considerable study by council in the past year, that it would have been impractical to act on the system at the time, but that it must be dealt with. "It hasn't been shelved," he said. "Council is anxious to have all areas equitably represented through the governing body."

Mr. Ryder added: "Further representation was to have been made by the reeve and the township clerk but has not been forthcoming." He went on: "The way things are going now, it appears that the lack of a ward system will not prevent the front end of the township from being well represented through council. The front end probably will control the back end." One ratepayer asked: "A question of the tail wagging the dog." Laughter greeted this query.

Mr. Rutherford said, in his opinion the ward system was necessary and desirable. Ronald Fenn, deputy-reeve aspirant said the ward system protected the voters by providing more equal representation on council and school board.

A mother of five wanted to know why the school board did not provide transportation for kindergartners. Herb Constable, present chairman of the area board, said: "No board will undertake to transport little children. It's a standard policy. Getting a child to kindergarten and home again is the responsibility of the parents." The woman complained that this responsibility meant an extra \$30.00 or \$40.00 a year out of purse and questioned the need for kindergartners at all. George Chandler, running for the school board, said studies had conclusively shown that kindergarten was a beneficial introduction to a school career. The mother of five shook her head. "Guess I'm prejudiced," she said. "I have gifted children." Someone said: "You're fortunate," which brought more laughter from the audience. Another woman wanted to know why the board did not arrange transportation for high school children whereupon Mrs. Mona Robertson vice-chairman of the present board said: "We are a public school board and have nothing to do with secondary schools."

**Murder**  
John Ignatius Cyril O'Reilly, father of Cyril J. O'Reilly of Yongehurst, running for the school board, proved a popular addition to the speakers' list

when he said he had been asked by his son to come and solicit votes on his behalf. O'Reilly junior was unable to be present because of other commitments. Senior said that his son preferred the name John. "Cyril is all right for an adult," he said, "but it's murder for a school boy. And I couldn't very well give him my second name, Ignatius, for the same reason, so we settled for John and the wife worked in Cyril and Neil."

**William Salmon** of North- maple Subdivision, a newcomer to Canada seven years ago, said that as a public school board member he would be guided by the knowledge that the school children represented the future, "and in their future lies our future and that of all Canada."

**Bob Joffe**, a sales manager and former arm major said his concern would be the steady improvement of educational standards and facilities. Mrs. Dorothy Robertson of Pine Grove who has a grown family and is active in Home and School work but has no school board experience said she wanted to translate her interest in community life and motherhood into conscientious school board activity. She promised the greatest value for the school tax dollar, and ended with: "I'd like very much to serve you for the next two years."

**Vice-chairman Mona Robertson** said she had attended some 60 meetings on behalf of the board during 1960 and was in a position to appreciate the progress it had made and, "I would like to see the marvellous setup broadened and strengthened in the next two years." Thanking the taxpayers for their wonderful co-operation she pledged to work for continued economy and harmony and to see to it every penny and square was treated fairly and issue.

**Council Candidates**  
Mr. Albert Rutherford, opposing Anstey and Ryder, reiterated the need for more consideration for the taxpayer, greater co-operation between council and the various municipal departments and the school board, and well planned township development. Developers must be made to foot a bigger share of subdivision expenses. Between two and three thousand lots have been tentatively earmarked for residential development and this must be balanced by industrial development," he reminded the audience, ending with the slogan: "Fairness and equality for all."

**George Keffer**, founder of the Maple Cattle Breeder's Association, now retired, said he had time and the urge to get back into harness and promised to busy himself continually and conscientiously, if elected councillor.

**Mrs. Ruth McConkey** of Maple promised that as a councillor she would keep the men councillors on their toes called for proper, solid industries and said: "My Citizens' Committee, designed to attract more industry, can be your committee."

**John Neufeld** of Maple called for controlled subdivision development and promised to be a full-time councillor, one who would not be swayed by personal prejudice or gain. "A strong, vital council is needed in the years ahead," he claimed.

**Maurice Windatt**, farm-born and a banker for 33 years, said that as councillor he would make certain the township did not become the victim of new developments. He called for a closer scrutiny of subdivision agreements and expressed dissatisfaction with one such agreement he had studied. "I still can't see where, in that agreement, sufficient money was earmarked for school needs," he said, "but I also feel these things will be corrected. We must always be on guard against speculators."

**Ronald Fenn**, running against Jesse Bryson for the deputy-taxpayers, promised to protect croachment, said every developer should be charged with making a subdivision self-sufficient. "There should be no loose ends left to haunt incumbent or future councils," he said.

**Milton Savage Jr.** the 1960 school board's property chairman, gave a concise, dynamic, progress report involving physical renovations or improvements to all the 23 schools under the jurisdiction of the board. A member of the audience said: "Boy, he's worked like a horse on the school board and certainly deserves support in his race for a seat on council."

**Jesse Bryson**, seeking the deputy-reeveship, said he believed that his practical knowledge as a farmer would stand him in good stead as deputy-reeve, because council was above all a practical body needing a down-to-earth outlook. Since 1949, he said, the township staff had gone up from eight to 50 persons, assessment from \$10 to \$23 millions, fire protection outlay from \$2,700 to \$28,000, school taxes from \$74,000 to \$416,000. "The debture picture is up from \$63,000 to some three and a quarter millions," he said, "and it will take hard headed management to progress further in a satisfactory manner."

Reeve-aspirant Vic Ryder said each subsequent year's financing will mean problems. "I'm interested in a long-term spending project," he said. "By knowing what is needed year by year, credit sources will be more amenable to our needs." He said he was not interested in political glory but was desirous of doing a good, honest job for the township without fear or favour, presenting sound, independent and non-prejudicial leadership.

Town Council Candidates

Cold Weather Keeps  
Election Crowd Down

In an atmosphere of chattering teeth and stamping feet candidates for the 1961 Richmond Hill Town Council spoke at an open air election rally held Thursday evening of last week at the Richmond Heights Centre. The meeting which was held under the sponsorship of the local Jaycees saw only a few brave souls venture forth in the cold December air to hear the various speeches. With only one exception all the candidates were present.

**Favours Home Owner**  
One candidate Deputy-reeve S. F. Tinker made the home owner a major plank in his platform. Mr. Tinker is seeking the office of reeve in the coming year. "There is no more important individual in the community than the man who is raising his family and buying his own home. I believe we should make the home owner the No. 1 priority in 1961," stated Mr. Tinker. Mr. Tinker has served for nine years in the public life of Richmond Hill. Prior to his election to council he served as chairman of the town public school board for a number of years.

**Conference on Debt**  
Reeve W. J. Haggart who is candidate for the office of chief magistrate suggested the 1961 council should call a conference in the early part of the new year, "of council, school boards and all public bodies charged with the responsibility of spending public funds to determine the priorities and discuss possible methods of economizing." Mr. Haggart hoped every one attending such a meeting would fully appreciate "the financial problems that will beset us if we're not careful." All future debture issues should be pegged at the present ratio to assessment. During the present year the town retired \$130,000.00 in debture debt.

**Caution Kept**  
Mr. Norman Todd, local solicitor and former chairman of the town planning board stated the municipality is facing an uncertain future due to a steadily mounting tax rate. Mr. Todd is candidate for mayor. He promised, if elected, to carefully study any future requests for capital expenditures in light of the town's ability to pay. "Caution" should be the keynote in the 1961 administration. He also advocated industrial development of a positive and productive nature, instead of just excuses. Such expenditures as the renovations to the town hall should be handled by public tender.

**One Step Forward and Two Backwards**  
Mr. George Hill, a Yonge Street merchant and a mayoralty candidate, stated that although his business has expanded over the years so has the tax rate. "I often wonder if during the period we haven't taken one step forward and two backward." He felt the lack of a systematic policy for the development of industry has created a real hardship on the individual property owner. It's the council's job to formulate policy and an efficient, energetic staff should be available to carry out its policy decisions. He felt the people are not going to go on year after year just accepting a five to seven mill rise in taxes.

**Full Time Service**  
Former Reeve Floyd Perkins who is a candidate for the 1961 reeveship reviewed the active part in town affairs he has played over a long period of time. He has been actively associated with the agricultural and horticultural societies, recreation committee and library in addition to his many years on council. Mr. Perkins stressed the need for a full time reeve, and stated if elected he is prepared to devote the necessary time to the job.

**Favours Parks Board**  
Councillor John Broadstock who is seeking to move up from councillor to deputy-reeve reviewed his work on the parks committee. He strongly favoured the establishment of a separate parks board at an annual cost of one mill. He carried out an energetic parks program during the past summer. The senior member in point of service of the present councillors he is a resident of Beverley Acres and an engineer by profession.

**Experience and Training**  
Former Reeve W. J. "Tom" Taylor who is also a candidate for the 1961 deputy-reeveship felt his past experience and training on council dating back to 1948 should prove helpful in the bustling year of 1961. A resident of Richmond Hill since 1928 Mr. Taylor was successfully elected councillor, deputy-reeve and reeve. In 1957 he received the high honour of being elected Warden of the County of York. He believes the 1961 administration will need hard headed reality and strong leadership if it's going to deal successfully with the many problems facing the municipality and remain financially solvent.

**Opposes Appointed Bodies**  
Councillor Tom Broadhurst who is seeking a second term came out strongly against the creation of any further non-council committees, and appointed bodies such as boards and commissions. No board or committee that is not directly elected by the people should be allowed to go to council and demand money. Mr. Broadhurst felt the addition of an extra mill here and there can only result in a soaring tax rate and a whittling away of the authority of the people's elected representatives.

**Parks and Planning**  
Councillor Mrs. Margaret Southwell, the only woman member of council reviewed the work of the parks committee. As a mother she advocated the extension of a parks program. She felt adequate parks and planning were a real need in a growing com-

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