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Know Your Candidates

With the holding of the Conservative nominating convention in Aurora last week the battle lines for the September 25th provincial election in York North are now drawn. The three major political parties have nominated their candidates. The plans of the Social Credit are still not known, but judging from their poor showing in the last two federal elections, not only in this riding but right across the province, there seems little likelihood they will enter a candidate in the September 25th vote here.

First \$100 Towards Pool

We commend the very first citizen to come forward with a tangible proposal for building a swimming pool in Richmond Hill. Mr. Cliff Bennett, chairman of the Richmond Hill Lions Club special events committee last Thursday presented our Managing Editor Sam Cook with a \$100 personal cheque for the pool fund.

Second Thoughts Are Best!

Second thoughts on the continuance of parking meters on Yonge Street are being had by at least one member of town council who voted in June to retain them until the then approximately \$1,500 balance owing on the meters was cleared from the books. In the recorded vote on the motion to retain the meters, four members of council voted in favour, while three members voted against.

Bouquets For A Neighbour

Our congratulations to a friend and fellow newspaperman, Charles Nolan, on his recent election to the presidency of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association. Charles was chosen last week by delegates from across Canada at their annual convention at the Manoir Richelieu, Murray Bay, Quebec.

Rambling Around
BY ELIZABETH KELSON
"TAKE MORE INTEREST IN EDUCATIONAL MATTERS" ... H. D. Sanderson, Chairman of The Richmond Hill Public School Board

Harold Sanderson is well known in Richmond Hill. Actually the name Sanderson is found in local records as going back 125 to 150 years. He is the secretary-treasurer and director of R. J. Brown of Canada Limited, located in Toronto. They are suppliers of chemicals and raw materials for industrial uses.

Mr. Sanderson has many other interests besides his public service. He enjoys boating and cottage life in the summer and in the winter time he busies himself at woodworking and he is interested in playing the organ which he built two years ago. He is past president of the Richmond Hill Lions Club. He has held his position as chairman of the Richmond Hill Public School Board since 1962, having been a member since 1958.

The board has two members elected from each of four wards. A member is elected for two years, from each ward every year. Present members are, Harold D. Sanderson (chairman), W. H. Hutchison (vice-chairman), Mrs. Ruth Castle, J. W. Knott, Mrs. Deena Simpson, B. Pappas and D. Stephenson. Qualifications for members are interest in the community affairs, and usually you find that members of such a board have children attending school or who have recently graduated.

There are five committees headed by various members, with the chairman acting as ex officio member of each committee. The planning committee generally deals with ideas for new schools. The building committee is charged with the maintenance of the buildings. Personnel and research are self-explanatory, as is finance and purchasing and publicity and public relations, and of course from time to time the chairman appoints additional committees for specific projects.

"As chairman, my duties are to preside over the meetings and to help other chairmen of committees wherever possible as my additional years of experience on the board, being a senior member should be of some value," said Mr. Sanderson.

He assures parents that they have a right to request a hearing at a board meeting if they have any complaints. Usually it is suggested that they discuss their complaints with the teacher, principal or superintendent before coming to the board. Parents have the right also to appeal to the Minister of Education, if they are not satisfied with decisions made by the superintendent or by the trustees. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7.45 p.m. and usually last until 10.30 p.m., and sometimes until 11 p.m.

"The meetings are open to the public," said Mr. Sanderson, "unless we should decide to meet as a committee of the whole, perhaps to discuss personnel matters etc., in which we hold our committee meeting and then re-convene as a board and ratify any decision that we may have agreed to in a committee."

"It is my earnest wish that the children attending Richmond Hill schools will take advantage of the education that is being offered to them today," declared Mr. Sanderson. "It is certainly true that we are living in a democracy and in a country where education is available to all and the amount of education one receives, particularly at the public school level, is dependent upon the interest that the children take as well as their parents. An interested parent means an interested child. Therefore I urge all parents to take an interest in their children's school work, to know their teachers and attend board meetings. We have a good school system, our standard of teachers are comparable to neighboring municipalities, our buildings are for the most part new, modern, clean and bright and we ask the children and parents to consider them as their most prized possession as any vandalism or damage costs must be borne by the taxpayers."

Chairman Sanderson said it was hard to define the improvements he would like to see in the public school system. At present the Richmond Hill Board has been discussing the possibility of a tri-level system similar to the Metro system. However no conclusion has been reached and while the Department of Education tells you things that you must do, and may do, nevertheless and with all due respect to our staff, there are not the research facilities that for example, Toronto has, in order to evaluate these suggestions.

"It is my hope," concluded the chairman, "that the Ontario Curriculum Institute which was formed last year at Toronto, made up of educators from all walks of life as well as trustees, will be able to bring forward recommendations on the actual advantages and desirability of, for example, teaching an additional language at the elementary level, as well as the advantage of having children in the ten, eleven and twelve year old group separated from the younger children and placed in a tri-level system."

Pill Age
He takes a pill for vitamins
A pill for tranquilizing,
A pill to keep him wide awake,
A pill when exercising,
A pill to keep his pressure up,
A pill to calm him down,
No wonder that this gent is now
A pillar of our town.
Robert D. Little

ASK ABOUT OUR
Thursday afternoon
TU. 4-1105
CARRIER SERVICE

Second Thoughts...
by George Mayes
Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

It must be unseasonably chilly in British Columbia too. This time the Sons of Freedom are taking off pounds instead of clothes... Or is their hunger strike just a sneaky way for Big Fanny to have a little company in reducing?

Liberal Leader John Wintermeyer has frequently claimed that the Mafia was moving into Ontario. If there is truth in the scandals he is now uncovering in the Progressive Conservative government he is obviously wrong about the Mafia — they wouldn't have a chance. Just amateurs!

That blood-donor clinic at the O'Keefe Centre was sort of a coals-to-Newcastle switch wasn't it? Imagine giving pints to O'Keefe's!

The Hamilton Kinsmen's Convention moved sod, shrubs and ants into an hotel ballroom for a realistic "outdoor" picnic. A feature of the "picnic" was a contest to cram the most members into a portable toilet... And man, that's realism!

The Diefenbaker's new dog "Happy Two" is another Labrador retriever. Somehow, we would have thought that this time John would have been more interested in an Ontario or Quebec retriever.

Don't be surprised if the financial pages note that mine production was down during August. For a couple of weeks there it seemed like most of the continent's miners were engaged mainly in mining for miners.

There's a \$7 million question in the possible cancellation of Canada's amphibious "Bobcat" troop carrier, because it can't swim. A big part of the question is — if it's supposed to swim — who was the defence department genius who named it "Bobcat"?

NOISE WILL BE REGULATED
"Liberal" Editorial
There's the well-known instinct
Of the birds and the bees,
And there's the instinct of squirrels
To hide nuts in the trees.
There's the instinct of the spiders
To spin their webs in the dawn,
And the instinct that calls fish
From half a world to spawn.
We even have the instinct of right from wrong.
But in all Nature
There's no instinct quite so strong
As the instinct
That prevents one neighbour
From power-mowing his lawn
Until your other neighbour's
Power-mowing sound is gone.
... It's like, regulated.

Those yard-long beer glasses are again in use at a Hamilton-district hotel after being banned by the LCBO one-bottle-at-a-time regulation. (It took more than one bottle to fill them.) The hotel is now importing Quebec beer — in quarts... And the patrons are all happily absorbing French culture.

Flashback
In Years Gone By
Items gleaned from files of "The Liberal",
the home paper of this district since 1878.

W. W. A. "Wick" Trench, Church Street resident, native son of Richmond Hill and member of one of the town's oldest and most respected families can tell many interesting stories of life in the community of Richmond Hill through the years.

Now retired Mr. Trench well in his nineties is a former public school inspector and as a charter member of Richmond Hill Lions Club wrote some interesting reminiscences in the special edition of "The Liberal" published by the Lions back in 1939.

In a special Lions edition of "The Liberal" in 1939, Mr. Trench interestingly recalls that a public library was organized here as a joint stock company in 1852 and the first librarian was paid as his annual salary, one pound and ten shillings. In the first library there were 367 books, and since 1852 there has continuously been a public library in this community.

Other interesting facts recalled were: "That a village brass band was organized here in 1853 and for many years was a flourishing organization much in demand for public and social events throughout the district. The late A. J. Hume for many years village clerk, was band leader for 15 years."

"That Richmond Hill was one time known as Mount Pleasant, and for many years Yonge Street south of the Anglican Church was a bad piece of road into which horse-drawn vehicles sank to the hubs in early spring and fall."

"That Richmond Hill was incorporated as a village in 1872 and Abraham Law was the first reeve."

"That the residence on North Yonge Street for many years owned and occupied by a former Councillor Wesley Middleton was the home of Col. Moodie who lost his life at Montgomery's Tavern in the historic uprising known as the Mackenzie Rebellion in 1837."

Dear Mr. Editor
CONTROLLING NOISE
In reference to your article on the revision of the anti-noise bylaw and in particular to Mr. Miltenburg's comments, I have this to say.
I feel that Mr. Miltenburg was reaching quite far and invading human rights when he inferred that TV and radio noises were getting out of hand. People are entitled to their own pleasures.
I wonder what his neighbours have to say about his comment. If he is interested in listening to the singing of birds then he should be taking drives into the country. However, his interlude of bird songs may be interrupted by the singing of farmers' tractors and thrashers.
The sound of cement companies are the sounds of progress in this town. If we are to progress then we must be prepared to listen to numerous noises.
Every morning there's an exodus from this town by about 80 or 90% of the male population. Why? — In order to get to their places of work.
If Richmond Hill is to progress then it must become self-sufficient and to become self-sufficient we require more and more industrial and commercial businesses — of the kind that make noise and of the kind that don't.
Yours truly,
C. Tsafaroff,
210 Maple Ave.,
Richmond Hill.

TRU EDUCATION
Dear Mr. Editor
With reference to Elizabeth Kelson's article on education in "Rambling Around", although agreeing in the main, I would suggest that there is more than one definition of the word. I would remind the writer, and the public for whom the article was intended, of the masterful statement made by Premier John Robarts while serving as Minister of Education for Ontario.
Quote: "Our children are like little blotters soaking up knowledge and our teachers are not supplying our 'blotters' with sufficient facts to soak up."
I don't know whether or not Mrs. Kelson realizes it, but what she has said in her article constitutes the basic aims of education as put forward by all the great philosophers and teachers throughout the ages.
Unless we pay more attention to these basic aims and less to irresponsible statements like that of Premier Robarts, we shall fast become a nation of "well trained dogs", ideally suited to the system in which we live, except in cases where people break down under the strain. That this is happening in ever increasing numbers can be proven by an examination of the statistics of our mental hospitals.

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A HEAVYWEIGHT

STOUFFVILLE: The congregation of Jehovah's Witness have commenced construction of a new \$8,000 church here. The site is located at the corner of Montreal and Stouffer, Streets in the east end. Completion date is set for this fall.
WILLOWDALE: North York Council has refused to sponsor a luncheon for the Ontario Convention of the Junior Chamber of Commerce to be held at the Inn on the Park next May. Majority of councillors felt the \$2,800 dinner bill was too expensive.

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Popular Demand
Electric Homes
For Richmond Hill
Richmond Hill area now has 63 medallion electric homes. There are twenty-two others under construction. Eight of these homes are within the town limits.
Besides these total-electric dwellings there are four all-electric apartment buildings in the town of Richmond Hill as well as a utility warehouse that is heated electrically. In the surrounding area there is an all-electrically heated church and an electrically heated golf clubhouse.
In nearby Aurora there are seven all-electric homes and a restaurant that is heated electrically. In Newmarket there is one electrically heated home and a utility building heated by electricity.
5,000 Homes in Ontario
Ontario now has more than 5,000 medallion all-electric homes. This represents a load of over 60,000 kilowatts.
Popularity of all-electric heating has been soaring in the past three years as architects and builders discover the advantages not only for home heating but also for schools, churches, apartments, commercial buildings, and factories. Home-owners and others are reported enthusiastically about the comforts and cleanliness of all-electric heat.

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