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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. The Conservatives were the last of three parties to nominate their candidate. The N.D.P. named their nominee in the early part of 1962 while the Liberals selected their candidate in May of this year. At their meeting last week the Tories decided against a younger candidate and again selected Major A. A. Mackenzie of Woodbridge. Rumours before the convention that Major Mackenzie would be challenged by a younger candidate failed to materialize. Former Warden and King Township Reeve William Hodgson who was considered to be the heir apparent wasn't even nominated. At the age of 78 Mr. Mackenzie is the oldest living member of the Legislature. First elected in 1945, he has been re-elected in the 1948, 1951, 1955

and 1959 general elections. Both his opponents are considerably younger. The Liberal candidate, Donald Plaxton, is a resident of Richmond Hill. while the N.D.P. nominee is Robert McVey of Markham Village. While Major Mackenzie is a bachelor and a retired farmer, both his young opponents are married, with families, and both are solicitors.

Although the election campaign will be short in duration it will be intense and the candidates will be endeavouring to meet as many of the electors as possible. This riding, which coincides in size with the County of York, is facing, situated as it is on the border of the Metro complex, many pressing and serious problems. Matters such as education, planning, industrial development, assessment, redevelopment and the soaring tax burden in our municipalities are all problems that need strong energetic representation at Queen's

It is the duty of all our citizens to seek out these three candidates and discuss with them the many issues facing our county today. In that way an informed and intelligent electorate will be ready to cast their ballots on September 25th. The next four years will be fateful ones in the future growth and development of this county.

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.

His theory: "Why pass the buck? Let's put it in a fund."

He also gave Lions club support to any campaign to build a pool here and tickets for the club's annual cash draw in November will be imprinted with the news that proceeds will be used for the pool as well as other Lions' projects. He also feels the community can raise \$100,000 if everyone gets behind the idea.

Such enthusiasm by one individual is refreshing but such a project will take the support of all. We have been publishing examples of poolbuilding campaigns in Milton, Aurora and Thornhill and in each case, it has been the communities themselves that have made the projects successful.

In the early summer, Richmond Hill Council formed a pool

information-seeking committee with Mayor William Neal and Councillors Walter Scudds and Alex Campbell sitting on it. A report was promised by early September. Based on a favourable report, a campaign committee should be formed and an intensive campaign for funds begun.

"The Liberal" has taken a keen interest in this pool because we feel it would be an important factor in the recreation programme of any community.

Based on past attempts to build a pool here, it would appear evident it is a desirable thing, one which could be afforded and one which would give a great number of people a great deal of pleasure. As Councillor Tom Murphy remarked, "Surely if a town like Milton with a population of 6,000 can build a pool, Richmond Hill with 18,000 can do the same?"

We will receive donations to a pool fund at "The Liberal", 63 Yonge Street South either by mail or by dropping in to the office Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 9-12 noon. A receipt will be given for any donations which in turn will be handed over when a pool committee is formed.

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.

The arguments advanced in favour of the petition presented by 32 Yonge Street merchants for the removal of the meters were that conditions had changed since their installation in 1956. The free parking facilities offered today has caused people with cars to shy away from shopping areas where they must pay for the privilege of parking, and run the risk of being fined by the police. Mayor William Neal described the meters as "poor publicity" for the town.

Many merchants have found competition for retailing dollars too tough and have had to discontinue business. This has proved particularly true in Richmond Hill's downtown area where the many vacant places of business detract from the appearance.

The loss in assessment in this highly assessed area in the centre of town would more than offset the \$1,500 still owing on the meters in June, which was the major factor

in council's decision to retain them. It is sincerely hoped that the long-awaited report on parking and redevelopment which is being prepared by the planning board will not be too long delayed, so that remedial steps may be undertaken in the near future. If and when the question of parking meters on Yonge Street is raised again in council, we hope that the decision will be favourable to the merchants who requested their removal.

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. The honour comes to one who, as editor and publisher of the Stouffville Tribune, has distinguished himself in the weekly newspaper field. The people of Stouffville and district

have been fortunate indeed to have been served by a newspaper of the calibre of the "Tribune" and by the Nolan family who have guided the paper's fortunes for almost half a century. Charles succeeded his father as editor and publisher in 1950. He joined the staff of the Tribune in

It seems only fitting that Canada's weekly newspaper editors should choose to lead them a man who follows the finest traditions of their



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. He is married to the former Gwen Sayers. The Sandersons have a daughter Jean who is a grade 11 student at Richmond Hill High School and a son Paul, age 11, who is in grade eight. The family live at 16 Church Street North in Richmond Hill.

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. He is a member of the Richmond Hill United Church and a member of the Lodge of Fellowship A.F. & A.M.

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 selfexplanatory, 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 Flashback 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," de- oldest and most respected fa- the one on Vaughan Road sup- Montreal and Stouffer Streets clared Mr. Sanderson. "It is certainly true that we milies can tell many interest-plied power for a saw mill for in the east end. Completion are living in a democracy and in a country where munity of Richmond Hill a foundry and ciden will and date is set for this fall. education is available to all and the amount of edu- through the years. cation one receives, particularly at the public school level, is dependent upon the interest that the children take as well as their parents. An interested par- er public school inspector and ished power for a fanning mill vention of the Junior Chamber ent 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 munici- Lions back in 1939. palities, 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 librarian was paid as his an- Thomas H. Trench, both exthe improvements he would like to see in the public | nual salary, one pound and reeves of Richmond Hill." school system. At present the Richmond Hill Board has been discussing the possibility of a tri-level sys- rary there were 367 books, and tem 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 sug- in 1853 and for many years gestions.

"It is my hope," concluded the chairman, "that the Ontario Curriculum Institute which was formed the district. The late A. J. last year at Toronto, made up of educators from all Hume for many years village walks of life as well as trustees, will be able to bring clerk, was band leader for 15 63 medallion electric homes. forward recommendations on the actual advantages years." and desirability of, for example, teaching an additional language at the elementary level, as well as the one time known as Mount 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, 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 Ihursday afternoon CARRIER SERVICE

Second Thoughts ..

· Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

by George Mayes

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 own pleasures. 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 interlude of bird songs may was sort of a coals-to-Newcastle switch wasn't it? be interrupted by the singing of Imagine giving pints to O'Keefe's!

The Hamilton Kinsmen's Convention moved sod, shrubs and ants into an hotel ballroom for a realistic in this town. If we are to "outdoor" picnic. A feature of the "picnic" was a progress then we must be precontest to cram the most members into a portable pared to listen to numerous toilet . . . And man, that's realism!

The Diefenbaker's new dog "Happy Two" is another Labrador retriever. Somehow, we would ation. Why? - In order to ge have thought that this time John would have been to their places of work more interested in an Ontario or Quebec retriever.

continent's miners were engaged mainly in mining kind that make noise and the kind that don't. 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. more than one bottle to fill them.) now importing Quebec beer-in quarts. . . And the patrons are all happily absorbing French culture.

In Pears Gone By Items gleaned from files of "The Liberal".

the home paper of this district since 1878.

W. W. A. "Wick" Trench, ing year back to the usual 6 STOUFFVILLE: The congrega-Church Street resident, native mills." son of Richmond Hill and "That there used to be two new \$8,000 church here. The member of one of the town's mill ponds west of the village, site is located at the corner of

munity of Richmond Hill a foundry and cider mill, and the other on Mill Street about WILLOWDALE: North York Now retired Mr. Trench on site of the village's first Council has refused to sponsor

well in his nineties, is a form- water pumping station furn- a luncheon for the Ontario Conas a charter member of Rich- factory. There was a sash and of Commerce to be held at the mond Hill Lions Club wrote door factory and saw mill at Inn on the Park next May. Majsome interesting reminiscences the western end of Richmond ority of councillors felt the \$2,in the special edition of "The Street." Liberal" published by the "That Richmond Hill had ive. two carriage factories, one

In a special Lions edition of owned by Wright Bros. and "The Liberal" in 1939, Mr. located on North Yonge Street Trench interestingly recalls and the other at the corner of that a public library was or- Yonge St. and Lorne Avenue ganized here as a joint stock and conducted by William company in 1852 and the first Trench and later by his son ten shillings. In the first libsince 1852 there has continously been a public library in this Popular Demand

Other interesting facts recalled were: "That a village brass band was organized here Electric Homes was a flourishing organization much in demand for public For Richmond Hill

"That Richmond Hill was under construction. Eight of Pleasant, and for many years town limits. Yonge Street south of the Ang- Besides these total-electric lican Church was a bad piece dwellings there are four allof road into which horse-drawn electric apartment buildings in vehicles sank to the hubs in the town of Richmond Hill as

well as a utility warehouse that early spring and fall." "That Richmond Hill was in- is heated electrically. In the corporated as a village in 1872 surrounding area there is an and Abraham Law was the all-electrically heated church and an electrically heated golf first reeve."

"That the residence on clubhouse. North Yonge Street for many In nearby Aurora there are years owned and occupied by seven all-electric homes and a former Councillor Wesley restaurant that is heated elect-Middleton was the home of rically. In Newmarket there is Col. Moodie who lost his life one electrically heated home at Montgomery's Tavern in the and a utility building heated by historic uprising known as the electricity. Mackenzie Rebellion in 1837." 5,000 Homes in Ontario

"That the whole of our Ontario now has more than school population, high and 5,000 medallion all-electric public, was one housed in four homes. This represents a load separate buildings which stood of over 60,000 kilowatts.

Richmond Hill area now has

There are twenty-two others

these homes are within the

in a row from east to west on Popularity of all-electric the present M. L. McConaghy heating has been soaring in the school site on Yonge Street; past three years as architects that one of these, a frame and builders discover the adbuilding second from the back vantages not only for home was once a grammar school heating but also for schools. and that the old high school churches, apartments, commerwhich was destroyed by fire in cial buildings, and factories. 1900 cost \$2,700 and was all Home-owners and others are paid for out of the taxes in one reported enthusiastic about the year bringing the rate up to 19 comforts and cleanliness of allmills, which fell in the follow- electric heat.

CONTROLLING NOISE Dear Mr. Editor:

In reference to your article on the revision of the antinoise 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 intitled to their

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 farmers' tractors and thrash-

The sound of cement companies are the sounds of progress

Every morning there's an exodus from this town by about

If Richmond Hill is to proself-sufficient and to become Don't be surprised if the financial pages note self-sufficient we require more that mine production was down during August. For and more industrial and coma couple of weeks there it seemed like most of the mercial businesses - of the Yours truly,

C. Tsafaroff. 210 Maple Ave., Richmond Hill. * * * *

TRUE 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 wrlter, 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

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 (It took that of Premier Robarts, we The hotel is 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 Complete Show 8:30 p.m. be proven by an examination of Sat. Continuous from 6 p.m. the statistics of our mental hospitals.

Sincerely, Lou Donnelly, 164 Church St., S., Richmond Hill.

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800 dinner bill was too expens-

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