

At York North Women's Liberal Banquet

Thompson Wants Proposals To Help Fight Tories

Ontario Liberal Leader Andrew Thompson last Thursday night told York North party followers he wants all the ideas, criticisms and help he can get "so that in Ontario, if we can prove we can govern, we will be given the opportunity."

Mr. Thompson, heading the guest list at the annual York North Women's Liberal Association Christmas banquet at the Richmond Inn, said he had received at least 3,000 letters since his nomination to the top party post in September urging that the opposition party propose as well as criticize present Conservative government policies.

"I don't see my role strictly as critic to demolish the present government, unlike my federal counterpart and I didn't take over this post just to join an academic fraternity. I think our organization has to be tightened up and we must take a close hard look at ourselves," he told the 100-member audience, advocating that they act as a "shadow civil service."

Commenting very briefly on the events in the past few weeks in Ottawa, the Liberal leader said, "If wrongdoing is proved, there'll be action taken but as far as I'm concerned, Prime Minister Pearson and his cabinet are giving of themselves thoroughly for the good of Canada."

He told the women they were setting a fast pace for the party in Ontario and he was having a hard time keeping up with them

sity buildings that will be empty shells if staff is not provided.

"Only 20% of the teaching staff comes from Canadian training; the remaining 80% they get from I don't know where."

"Ontario should be a province which stands forth as being in the 20th Century, not the 1880's," he said.

He charged the people of Ontario were being run not by their elected representatives but by boards and commissions.

Noting that the "list of ills is endless," Mr. Thompson also said the Conservative government has done good things "but after 21 years is not providing the government you deserve."

He also charged that the Tory government was creating univer-

He said he felt that after 10 years in power, "a politician should try riding a street car instead of in a chauffeured limousine."

York North Member of Parliament John Addison, who arrived at the banquet just as a telegram was being read from him apologizing for being unable to attend, said problems in Ottawa have been multiplying recently. "They are trying, to say the least."

"There are skeletons in all closets but the conception of the politician in Canada today is to do the right thing and also appear to do the right thing."

He asked party workers not to pre-judge current problems in Ottawa.

Mr. Addison called 1964 the best year the Liberal govern-



ANDREW THOMPSON

ment had ever had, citing the unemployment ratio of 3.7% as the lowest since November, 1956.

"We have done well in all despite a minority government, a difficult House and a Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Diefenbaker, who is totally dedicated to destroying the symbolism of Parliament in Canada."

"Mr. Pearson is doing a damn fine job."

"In Mr. Thompson," he said, "the Liberals have a real chance to build up the Opposition in Ontario."

Mr. Addison advocated combining of both federal and provincial riding associations in the province, rather than as separate groups.

Mrs. Grace Lewis of North York, the Ontario Liberal Women's Association president, commended the women for their vital role and interest in the party with the attitude, "Here I am. What can I do?"

She said Liberal women are putting into their politics what they put into their homes — intuition, order, curiosity, perseverance and intelligence.

"Mr. Thompson has given new hope and a sense of direction for the party," she said.

She said the York North women have faced up to a problem of distance and by their numbers are the strongest group in Ontario.

Councillor Walter Scudds brought greetings to the group from Mayor Broadhurst who was unable to attend because of illness.

The Week's Happenings In North Richvale

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Hoping Mrs. G. Bayler and J. Magill of May Avenue are now on the improved list as both were recently on the hospital list.

Ross Doan Home and School Association held their monthly meeting December 6 with Mrs. D. Bullon in the chair. A less-than-average attendance was noted but pre-Christmas rush and a meeting at Roselawn Public School could have accounted for this. Next meeting will be in February.

Christmas gifts were distributed from under a bright little tree by Barbara Park. Principal R. C. McWhirter, Mrs. J. Madaleno and Mrs. H. Phillips won door prizes. Robert Richardson, Vaughan Township School Area's assistant music supervisor was the guest of the evening and led in the singing of Christmas carols. A nice lunch was served by Mrs. E. Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Middleton of Pemberton Road have purchased a new home in Aurora and moved there December 1. The Middletons held open house December 12 to all their friends and ex-neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Groves were guests at Weldrick Road Baptist Church December 13. Mr. Groves as speaker for the evening and both Groves participated in the singing. Township council gave two readings to a debenture issue of \$140,000 by application to the Ontario Municipal Board to add six rooms to two local schools.

viding the special music.
Mr. and Mrs. Ray McKay are now living temporarily on Weldrick Road as Pte. McKay has been posted to Toronto by the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Park of Brit-

ish Columbia are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Park of Weldrick Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Cy Chevis of Weldrick Road spent a weekend in Ottawa recently visiting Mrs. Chevis' brother, E. Carter.

Maple United Church was the setting for the marriage on December 4 of Miss Joyce Ibbotson of Oshawa and Hugo Schenberg of Pemberton Rd. Mr. and Mrs. Finr Schenberg were attendants. Following the ceremony, a supper was held in Whitby. Mr. and Mrs. Schenberg will reside in Oshawa. The children will soon be out of school, so do drive carefully and keep it a happy holiday for all.



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