

MacLaren Report Discredited

Errors Several Million Dollars

A sizeable hole was blown in the side of the MacLaren Report last Wednesday afternoon when Vaughan Township Solicitor James F. McCallum exposed an error of \$1,927,000 in calculations of the cost of the North Thackeray land fill site.

This is the 600 acre parcel of land just south of Woodbridge which Metro proposes to use for a garbage dump for the next 10 years or so and which has been the subject of the off-again-on-again Ontario Municipal Board hearing which has been taking place spasmodically since early last spring.

Mrs. D. Simpson Named Chairman

Mrs. Deena Simpson, 232 Church Street South, a member of the Richmond Hill Public School Board for the past five years, was elected chairman of the board at its regular meeting Thursday evening of last week.

Mrs. Simpson, who was the only person nominated for the position, replaces Walter Hutchinson, who resigned because of excessive "homework" in his new job. Mr. Hutchinson, a former insurance analyst with Prudential Insurance Company of America in Toronto, is now teaching high school in Scarborough.

A native of England, Mrs. Simpson has lived in Richmond Hill for the last 10 years. She has served on the board as a trustee for three years and as vice-chairman for two.

The new chairman has two children attending high school in Richmond Hill.

made in all the 11 sites on which a full study was made. Thus it was clear that someone in Mr. Fennerty's office was aware of the errors but this fact had not been communicated either to Mr. Fennerty or the OMB. Mr. Fennerty stated that he had found the notation the night before, that he did not recognize the handwriting and did not know when it had been made.

Mr. McCallum then brought out that there had been an error of \$226,500 in computing costs of the South Thackeray site, total cost of which was shown as \$689,000; and an error of \$1,386,500 in computing total costs of the site designated as V-10 (also in Vaughan Township) which had been shown at \$4,747,000.

The same sheet bore a notation on the bottom, Mr. McCallum pointed out, that "all costs have been left wrong except the Maple site," and that "in this case the development costs were adjusted to produce the same total."

"That means something to me that I hope it doesn't mean to him," was Mr. Kennedy's wry comment, while Mr. McCallum said it appeared to him to be a "plugging entry".

Mr. Fennerty's interpretation was however, that the development costs of the Maple site were really only estimates and estimates with the least to go on, so the totals had not been corrected.

However, Mr. Fennerty had no explanation as to why the blatantly wrong figures had (Continued on Page 17)

Buyer Is Toronto Firm

\$100,100 For 9 Polish Park Lots

A tender in the amount of \$100,100 for nine lots on Polish Park has been accepted by town council.

Submitting the tender—the only one received by council—was Oshtor Holdings Ltd., of Toronto, a building firm.

The same firm is currently building on six lots at the corner of Alverna Road and Crosby Avenue.

It was in September that council decided to tender nine of the 10 lots to a builder instead of selling them individually as originally planned.

An exception was the 10th lot already selected by Thomas Graham of 18

Rockport Crescent at its evaluated price.

The offer was made in consideration of his work in obtaining and selling an option on the land concerned to the municipality.

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst said the change of heart was due "to problems we saw ourselves confronted with in disposing of the lots on an individual basis."

It was in June that council announced that nine of the lots would be offered to the highest bidder.

Only objector was Councillor Ivan Mansbridge who said throwing the lots open to the highest bidder was tantamount to "going into

the land or housing business."

Mayor Broadhurst had a different view saying "the council is the trustee of the public's assets and should realize the best price from the sale of the lots for the public's benefit."

The 13-acre park was originally purchased for \$75,000. It was proposed to instal a cul de sac north from Rumble Avenue along with services at a cost of \$25,000 bringing the total purchase price to \$100,000.

The 10 lots were expected to bring in \$85,000 plus a \$5,000 provincial parks grant to give the town 13 acres for just \$10,000.

York Centre Advance Poll

York Centre voters who expect to be absent from and unable to vote in their polling subdivisions on October 17, may cast their ballots at an advance poll to be held October 12, 13 and 14.

Polling places for the riding of York Centre will be located at 14 Parkway Avenue, Markham Village; 121 Yonge Street North; Richmond Hill; and 4 Richmond Street, Maple. They will be open from 8 am until 5 pm and from 7 pm until 10 pm, EST (or from 9 am to 6 pm and from 8 pm to 11 pm, Daylight Saving Time).

Richmond Hill Youth Critically Injured In Fall From Tree

Seven-year-old George Hutcheon of Richmond Hill — who fell 35 feet from a chestnut tree Friday afternoon — was reported still in critical condition earlier this week.

The child, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hutcheon of 33 Arnold Street, was taken to York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill and later removed to Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children.

Mrs. Hutcheon said her son had received a fractured skull and collarbone and was still unconscious Tuesday.

She stated that the boy had been playing outside the home and had apparently climbed the tree on a dare.

"It was around 5:45 pm," Mrs. Hutcheon said, "and he was playing in the area of the post office property on Arnold next to our house."

"My daughter came in and told me he had climbed a tree and I told her to go out and tell him to get down. She went out and I followed her a few seconds later. He was lying on the paved portion of the post office driveway."

Mrs. Hutcheon stated he had been warned to stay away from trees.

Semester, Credit System Non-Graded High School Planned For '68 Opening

"This board has decided to lead and not to follow. I hope there are a lot more like it."

This was the comment at the September 18 meeting of York Central District High School Board by Dr. Glen Roberts of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education when the board adopted a far-reaching report on a revolutionary new type of education to be provided at Thornlea Secondary School which is to open a year from now.

This sentiment was echoed by a second representative of the institute who attended the meeting, Dr. Alan King and the board was assured that the institute (a branch of the Department of Education) would take an advisory role and be a source of information and suggestions.

"We would not investigate any project we didn't think was going anywhere; we are interested in this," said Dr. King.

Dr. King advised too that the institute would observe and document what was taking place with respect to both the students and the teachers.

INTENSIVE STUDY

The 100-page report which the board decided to implement was the result of six weeks of intensive study by a committee of eight teachers presently on the York Central staff. They were S. Baesalmis who last year was appointed head of the system's research and program development; K. Cluley, head of the geography department

three in social sciences, six in mathematics, and three in science. The remaining 31 credits would be selected according to individual preference.

For grade 13 graduation, there would be an increase in the number of required subjects.

PHASE SYSTEM

Courses will also be available in a choice of phase levels in accordance with an individual student's achievement, background, knowledge and skills in a particular subject.

Five phase levels are recommended. Phase 1 would consist of remedial work for students needing special assistance in the subject; phase 2 consists of courses for students who need emphasis on the basic skills; phase three would be for those of average background of achievement; phase four for capable students desiring subject matter in depth (an honors course involving additional initiative and work on the part of the student); and phase five would be courses available to students who are willing to assume more responsibility for their own learning.

Certain subjects, e.g. physical education, would not be phased at all, while others, such as (Continued on Page 17)

York Centre: The Provincial Candidates In Action



LIBERAL DON DEACON AND WIFE, RIGHT, TRIP THE LIGHT FANTASTIC

By MARGARET McLEAN
Ladies, be prepared! Any one, or all of three good-looking young men is apt to call on you any time from 10 in the morning to nine at night, so don't be caught with a housecoat on and curlers in your hair.

The three candidates in the provincial riding of York Centre, which includes all of Markham and Vaughan Townships as well as Wood-

bridge, Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Markham Village and Unionville are all concentrating on door to door canvassing to get to know their constituents. And surely in no other riding are three

"Getting to Know You" is Theme of All Three Campaigns



CONSERVATIVE LORNE WELLS TALKS THINGS OVER WITH THE LADIES

such personable men asking you to put the "X" after their name.

Tall, dark and with sparkling good looks, Donald Deacon, 47, of Unionville is the Liberal contender. What man could keep a group of 20 ladies waiting an hour for him to put in an appearance and yet have them eating out of his hand five minutes after his arrival? This is what Don Deacon did last week when a mix-up in scheduling took him to the wrong house and he arrived at a Thornhill coffee party at 11 instead of 10 am.

In no way did he talk down to the ladies, however, or in any way try to "charm" them. He spoke earnestly and forthrightly of his love of Markham Township and the family farm near Unionville, his concern that water and sewer services be provided to permit orderly development of Vaughan and Markham Townships, that the provincial government assume a greater portion of education taxes to ease the burden on small property owners, that commuter transportation be hastened in the riding.

Although he attends as many coffee parties and candidate meetings as are arranged, Mr. Deacon is spending the bulk of his time on door-to-door canvassing and right now is putting in about six hours daily at this. "I don't like being a spectacle," he confides, "but I do like getting around and meeting people."

Mr. Deacon is vice-president of F. H. Deacon and Co. Ltd., stock brokers and is president of Canadian Hydrocarbons Limited, a firm which employs 700 people. He was formerly a member of the council and deputy-reeve of Markham Township.

Although keenly interested in her husband's first venture into provincial politics, with six children at home ages 7 to 19 and an 85-year-old father also living with them, Mrs. Deacon finds herself fully occupied keeping things running smoothly at home and is taking little part in the campaign.

TORY CANDIDATE

Looking to fill the shoes of the veteran Ontario Tory Lex Mackenzie who represented this area in the provincial legislature for close to 25 years, is Lorne Wells, a resident of Maple for 37 of his 48 years.

Lorne is well known in Maple and in Vaughan Township where he was a member of the township public school board for four years and its chairman when he retired from the post last December. He is a past president and charter member of Maple Lions Club, former chairman of finance of Maple Community Centre and a past district chairman of the York Central Hospital fund-raising campaign.

Lorne has arranged to take his holidays from the Toronto accounting firm of which he is a member, Tinkham, Wells and Company, to coincide with the election campaign and is trying to meet as many people in the riding as possible, attending coffee parties and spending two or three hours daily in door-to-door canvassing. He hopes to call on at least 25%

of Richmond Hill.

Actively assisting him in his campaign is his wife, the former Marjorie Bailey of Maple. Mrs. Wells is working in the committee rooms and attends various functions with her husband.

The Wells family includes three children and the two eldest, both students at Langstaff Secondary School may take part in the campaign too.

A conservationist, Mr. Wells has instructed all his campaign workers that no signs are to be nailed on trees and wants to see a program of tree planting along all the newly-widened highways in the riding so that they may be restored to their former beauty.

NDP HOPEFUL

Relying almost entirely on door-to-door canvassing to contact people in the riding is the earnest and personable young New Democrat Candidate Jim Norton. He begins knocking on doors by 10 am and keeps it up until 9 or 9:30 each night and only gets to visit his Richmond Hill Committee rooms a couple of times a week.

"I'm at this every single minute," he says, "No tea parties, no coffee parties — only supporters come to them anyway." Mr. Norton admits to thoroughly enjoying this strenuous routine, although he is losing weight on it.

"Even the people notice it. You'd be amazed how many look at my card and picture and comment that I've lost weight," he says. However,

this is the least of his worries. "I lost 15 pounds during the last campaign (in the federal election of 1965) and if I lose another 10 this time I'd be quite happy."

Nominated in September, 1966, the 32-year-old Mr. Norton has been in the field since last spring and has already called personally at 2,000 homes in the riding. "I'm getting a great respect for the average voter," he says and expects that there will be as high a percentage of people out to the polls as in the last provincial election and more than turned out for the federal contest.

He feels that a lot of people are against the Roberts government but as yet haven't come down for anyone else. "Although I can honestly say that in Ontario, the NDP is the logical alternative," he insists.

BILL 81 IS ISSUE

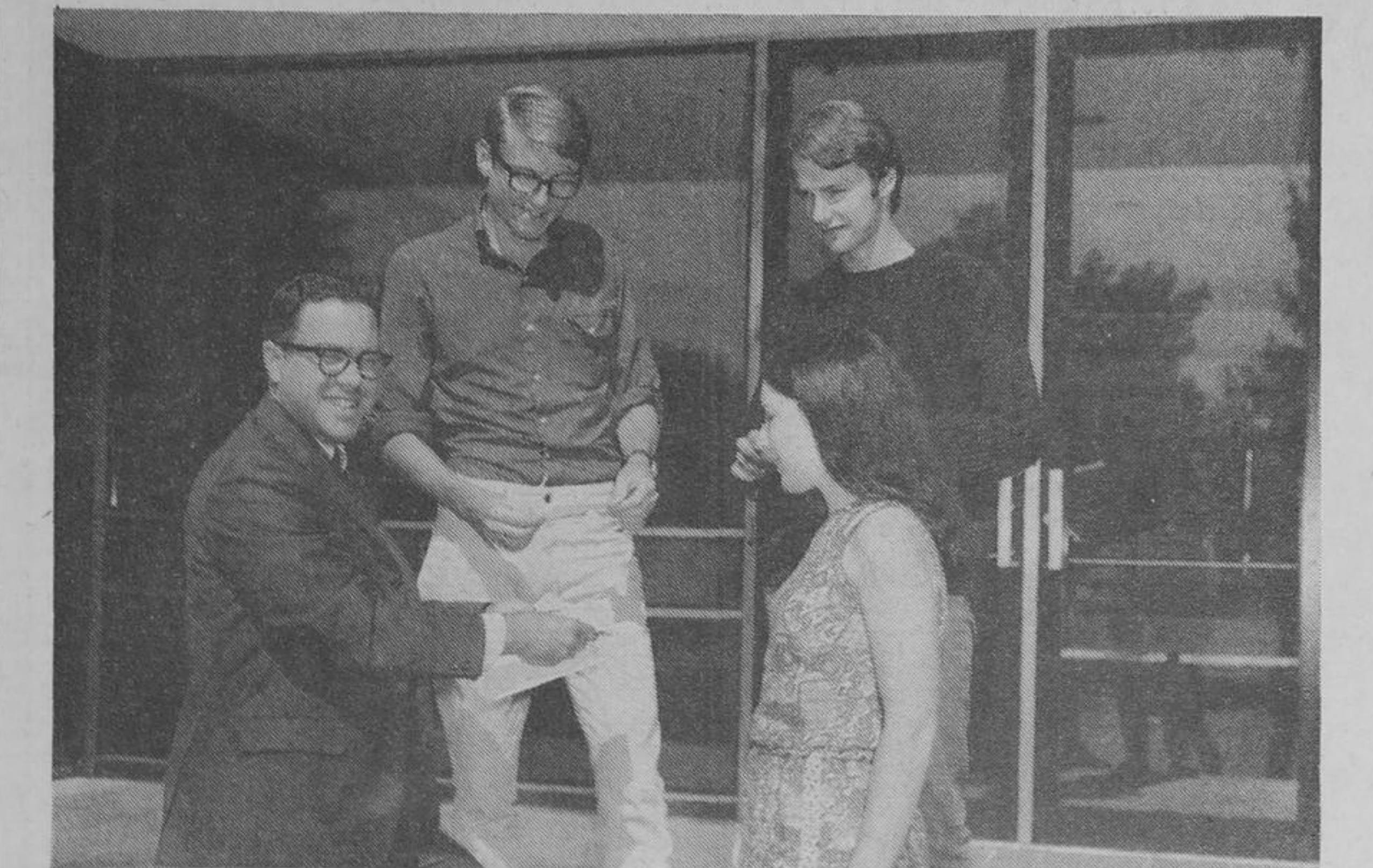
Mr. Norton feels that the greatest single issue facing the people of the riding is Bill 81 which permits Metro to expropriate land (for garbage dumps) outside its own boundaries where the people have no direct control through a vote of the government that is expropriating them. "I have been involved in this issue since last February," Mr. Norton states and advises that he has appeared before Vaughan Township Council and the Ontario Municipal Board speaking for people who will be affected by this. He also addressed the select committee

of the legislature, when he and Mart Kenney were the only persons other than Vaughan Township's solicitor to do so, when it was proposed to further extend Metro's powers under this bill. The committee subsequently turned the amendment down.

Not only is Mr. Norton completely organized in his campaign, but he has an army of equally well organized campaign workers. His full time campaign manager is Roy Jackson, a Markham Village accountant; his Markham Township manager is Lars Thompson, a high school teacher; in Woodbridge Jack Grant, a builder and developer of Varley Village is the manager while Jack Knott is in charge of the Richmond Hill office, and Art Gould is Richvale area manager.

Canvassers have been appointed in every poll and urban areas will have three complete canvasses. A full time worker will spend two weeks organizing election day machinery and already scrutineers have been appointed to man every poll with an outside scrutineer at most urban polls as well.

A resident of Unionville, Mr. Norton is the father of two young children, age two and four, is employed as an economist with the United Steelworkers of America Union and makes studies of industries. He also studies, works on and makes recommendations concerning the Economic Council of Canada reports before they are issued.



NEW DEMOCRAT NORTON INCLUDES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN CANVASS