

**Only Minor Accidents**

**Thanksgiving Holiday**

Richmond Hill and area police reported only a few minor traffic accidents over the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend with no serious injuries resulting.

Vaughan Township Police reported a two-car accident October 6 on Keele Street at Langstaff Road.

Drivers were Florence Nares, 30, of Yongehurst Road, South Richmond Hill, and Ralph Verra, 29, of Stouffville. Damage to the cars totalled \$300.

Damage totalled \$625 October 10 when two trucks were in a collision on Maple Side-road at Bathurst Street.

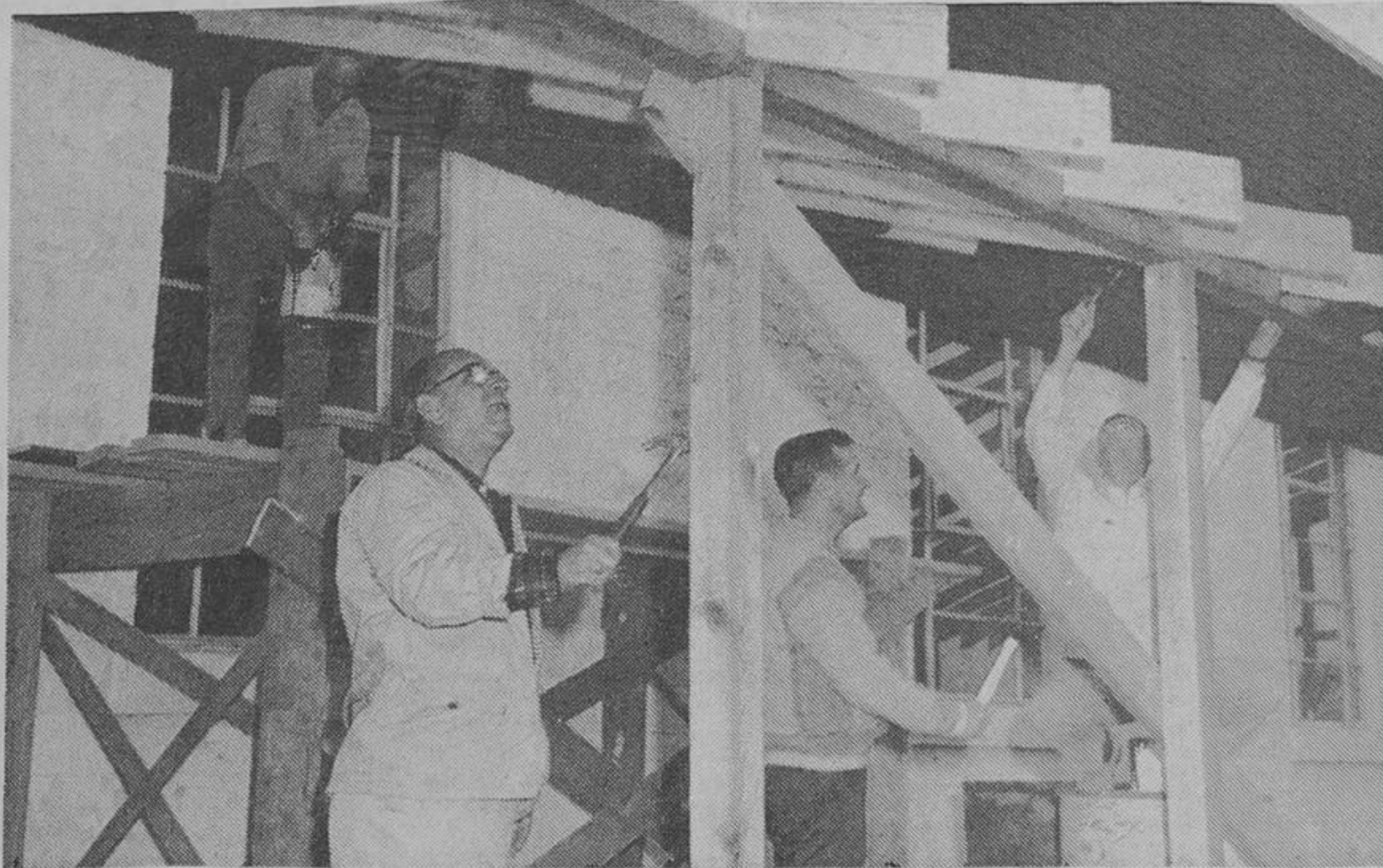
Drivers were Bruce Russell, 46, of Stroud, and Zakhar Gyula, 40, of Willowdale.

**Festival Choir Record Now In 2nd Pressing**

The recording made by the 250 children who compose the Festival Choir of Vaughan has been in great demand. So much so that a second pressing is now being prepared.

A large number of people have indicated that they are interested in this recording for Christmas giving. So that no one will be disappointed arrangements to purchase the recording may be made by phoning 889-1964, 889-4257 or 832-2649.

VANDORF: Reeve Ross Farquharson of Whitechurch Township has announced that he will not seek re-election. He intends to retire from municipal politics at the end of 1967.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

**Lions Prove To Be Expert Workmen**

Richmond Hill Lions took advantage of the Thanksgiving Weekend to put the finishing touches on a roofed patio which has been added on the south side of their hall on Centre Street East.

The addition will be used officially for the first time to serve refreshments at the annual contest night October 20 and will obviate the necessity of renting a marquee. It will also provide extra space for many events to be held in the hall in coming years.

The idea originated with Lion Past President Dr. Cameron Cowan and was carried out under the direction of third Vice-President George Chassie and Chairman of the Building Committee Stu Clement. All labor was supplied by the Lions, working Saturday mornings. The beams and supporting posts are of cedar with cedar siding and a corrugated fibreglas roof. In cool weather it will be insulated with polyethylene.

In the picture above, taken during the early stages of construction, Lions Fred Waters, Norm McDermott, Craig Bowden and Stu Clement are hard at work.

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**The Campaign In York Centre**

**Mild Speeches Match Mild Weather**

It was best faces forward Wednesday night of last week as the three candidates for York Centre riding in the October 17 provincial election polished up their wares before a small audience in Richmond Hill High School Auditorium.

The evening was sponsored by members of Richmond Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce. "Mild" was the only word for the occasion, both as to the weather outside and the speeches inside.

No mud-slinging, no startling issues or revelations — just plain talk about what each party has in store for the voter.

Conservative Candidate Lorne Wells played the "You never had it so good" theme, dwelling at length on the record of the Conservatives, past, present and future. The Tories have held power in Ontario continuously since 1943.

Liberal Candidate Donald Deacon emphasized that the major issue is "the high cost of government" as represented by the Conservatives.

New Democrat Party stalwart, James Norton, cited the major crisis as the scarcity and exorbitant cost of housing. He charged the Conservatives delay action on any crisis until circumstances force it to act — which is often too late.

All were of one mind about the problems peculiar to York Centre (Southern York County) and all promised that, if elected, they would support the following measures:

- The GO transit system
- The fight against turning Vaughan into a garbage dump
- Relief from the high cost of education.

Mr. Wells said the "GO rapid transit system introduced last May along the lakeshore has proven a resounding success. In my view it would be of tremendous benefit to the people of Richmond Hill, Markham, Woodbridge and Thornhill. One of my first acts, when you elect me as your representative to Queen's Park, will be to strive for an extension of this service to our riding at the earliest opportunity."

On the controversial Thackeray garbage site in Vaughan Township, he assured his audience that "Bill 81 has caused, not only myself, but my opponents much concern over the past several months."

"All of us are unhappy with the pertinent clauses in the legislation. The same problem could arise elsewhere in the riding. I disagree with the principle and will exert every effort to have the Premier amend the legislation."

The Vaughan dispute involves Metro's effort to locate a garbage dump near Woodbridge, an effort which is now being vigorously opposed before the Municipal Board.

On education costs he pointed to the last session of the Legislature which saw grants to schools for elementary purposes increase by 50% "and in excess of this for secondary schools."

"Schools board have received further assistance through increased grants on daily attendance, library books, television sets, for visual education — to name some areas."

Mr. Deacon promised to accelerate the "GO" transit computer program to include Woodbridge, Richmond Hill and Markham immediately.

shore line has been far greater than predicted. Good commuter service will save residents considerable time, money and aggravation and greatly reduce air pollution and the congestion on our present road system."

He was in full accord with Mr. Wells on the Vaughan garbage problem, pointing out that the provincial government had become so obsessed with Metro that it has forgotten the rights of other people. "We should develop a strong co-ordinated body to represent us and one that can stand on its own feet, and not be overshadowed by Metro."

"Amalgamation with Metro", he said, "is not the answer, for in a relatively few years Metro could form 50 to 60% of the population and assessment of the province, a most undesirable and dangerous prospect."

Mr. Deacon promised that a Liberal Government would assume 80% of the cost of education to eliminate a major part of the present unfair distribution of the local tax burden. "A municipality blessed with a high proportion of industrial and commercial assessment may not be housing its employees who are faced with the heavy taxes of a dormitory municipality lacking such assessment."

He said that municipalities such as Vaughan and Richmond Hill are "loathe to approve residential development because of the effect on the school problem."

"This further aggravates the scarcity of serviced lots. A more equitable situation will result from a higher proportion of the education revenues being derived from other than property taxes."

Mr. Norton told the audience that there was no argument over the Bill 81 garbage legislation being a bad thing, but "you should ask yourself why — if it's bad — it was ever passed by the Conservative Legislature of this province."

"And while Vaughan was trying to keep the dump out of its borders," he said, "the Robarts Government was attempting to pass further legislation which would have eliminated the need for any negotiation between Metro and Vaughan."

Mr. Norton noted that the legislation was voted down, but cited this as another example of how inconsiderate the Conservative Government could be in regard to other people's rights.

He also called for the setting up of a "cabinet made up of the reeves and mayors of your municipalities to meet with the Federal and Provincial Governments to explain the position of the municipalities on the fringe of Metro."

"If we intend to protect ourselves we must have this kind of co-operation. This is my plan and we can begin to tackle the basic problems in this area only by following this course."

On municipal taxes, Mr. Norton said an NDP government would institute a system which would find homeowners paying taxes only for services related to the home, "such as sewers, garbage and police protection."

Mr. Norton warned that the NDP Party is not offering any "pie in the sky" by promising to pay 80% of the cost of educa-

tion immediately. He said his party would accept the burden of education costs in easy stages — 5% a year — in order to keep taxes from spiralling out of all proportion.

"If the Liberals assume 80% of the cost of education it will require \$400,000,000. It will mean doubling the present sales tax and a similar increase in your income tax."

Mr. Norton also favored the immediate creation of a "GO" transit system in Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill areas.

In his speech, Mr. Wells dwelt largely on the past and present accomplishments of the Conservative Government, "which has served Ontario well since 1943."

"Since that time our population has grown from just under 4,000,000 to more than 7,000,000. It continues to grow twice as fast as the national rate. Our labor force has expanded to almost 3,000,000."

"This growth is not due to natural increase alone. People from other provinces and other countries have recognized our benefits and settled here to share them with us."

Mr. Wells concluded by stating that today almost 98% of our workers receive steady pay checks, a higher percentage than the national one. Wages are 18% higher than the national average and since 1963 personal incomes have risen 29%.

Mr. Deacon charged the Conservatives with spending money carelessly — money, which he claimed could have been saved and spent more profitably elsewhere.

Exemplifying this claim, he cited, "The Conservatives created a beautiful conservation area at Bruce's Mill, but paid \$25,000 an acre for it. Just three miles north lies an area with equally as much potential which would have cost just \$1,000 an acre."

"That's why I say the waste of money is the main issue today. There are many instances of this terrible waste — and I contend that we have to get more value from our tax dollar today to ease the burden on the average taxpayer."

Mr. Norton referred briefly to the "Preston Incident" involving removal of two children from their foster mother's home by the Children's Aid Society.

"The street ruckus that resulted was nothing short of a disgrace. Reaction of the government in this case is typical of its reaction to many other problems. The government had six to eight weeks to prevent this situation from developing but just sat back and allowed the entire matter to disintegrate. It was only after the disgraceful street scene that Mr. Robarts decided to set up an inquiry into the case, but even then he said there wouldn't be a change in the law."

"The Conservative Government is strictly a government by inquiry" Mr. Norton charged. He claimed one solution to the housing crisis would be to make available to the public contributions to the Canada Pension Plan. "This money is available to the province to spend on provincial jobs, housing, schools, roads, etc — but especially housing, that's where the major crisis is today."

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**Kaleidoscope**

By CATHY WILSON

Once again, it's election time in Ontario, and once again the candidates have been turning in various places in York Centre Riding to discuss the "issues" with the voters. Time was when you and I would attend a political meeting just for the free fried chicken dinner, or other similar temptation, but today we have become more concerned with leadership in Canada; and now we voters of the future are regarded as important enough that candidates for office come to speak to us. On October 3 those of us who attend Bayview Secondary School were pleased to welcome Don Deacon (Liberal) Jim Norton (NDP) and Lorne Wells (PC).

This "Meet the Candidates" rally was held after regular school hours, and approximately 100 students were interested enough to put aside other activities in order to hear the candidates explain their election platforms and afterwards answer questions from a student panel and the audience. The meeting was chaired by a senior student, Martin Connolly.

In a number of ways, the candidates' views were similar. For example, each one seemed to think it expedient to appeal directly to us students in terms of what government should do for education. Certainly, we agree that no deserving student should find it impossible to get a university education. After all, that's just another way of saying that any province should have the wit to develop ALL its natural resources. Human intelligence, well-trained is one of those resources and should not be wasted for lack of financial support.

Jim Albright, a grade 12 student raised the interesting possibility of the provincial government establishing a Ministry of Youth Affairs. Mr. Norton said that his party was already on record in support of this, but Mr. Deacon saw it as an unnecessary expense, while Mr. Wells considered that such a function was being adequately looked after by the existing Department of Education. I do not think that many students listening were convinced.

In the first place we students are aware that young people are forming an increasing proportion of the nation's population. Also, many so-called youth problems are developing simply because the older generation does not really know what it is like to be young in our day and age. In fact, Mr. Wells made nostalgic reference to the happy days he spent at Richmond Hill High School. This may have sounded good to him, but students do not seem to be much impressed by this "Hi Neighbour" approach today. In short, we think that there is a lot of merit in the idea of a Ministry of Youth Affairs — if it has a lot of bright, young people in it!

Other probing questions were asked, many of them dealing with the practical aspects of the candidates' proposals:

How would Mr. Norton's party raise the funds necessary to subsidize higher education for deserving, but needy students? Where would Mr. Deacon find the land necessary for the low-cost housing the Liberals promise to offer? How would the Conservatives plan to encourage the development of industry in the north, and keep gifted people there? And, why, some students wanted to know, were all the parties offering the "plum" of northern development only now at election time when they have left the problem unsolved until this time?

In summary, most of us found the session enlightening — as much for what we were not told as for what we were! Some of the students I talked to after the meeting felt that the candidates did not give straight answers on some of the questions, but "beat around the bush." Others felt that the politicians went to too great pains to be nice to each other.

In other words, no sharp debate, and none of the fireworks we expected from the collision of ideas. In short, we'd like to see the standard of political thinking and oratory in Canada improve. Perhaps that's a challenge that some of the young people who attended the meeting will one day pick up.

(Cathy Wilson is a secondary school student residing in Richmond Hill)