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Liberal Leadership Candidate John Turner MP met with delegates from six federal ridings at a coffee party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stephenson, Harding Boulevard Saturday morning.

Included in those attending were delegates from the two York County federal ridings of York North and York Simcoe.

Above Mr. Turner (left) discusses his plans with Mrs. Grace Norton, Stouffville and John Addison MP, York North. Mrs. Norton is delegate from York Simcoe.

A resident of King Township Mr. Addison is a strong supporter of Mr. Turner.

## John Turner MP Campaign Train Stops Over In Town

By FRED SIMPSON  
A day in the life of a 38-year-old candidate aspiring to become the next Prime Minister of Canada and leader of the Federal Liberal Party starts off very undramatically.

It's 9 am on a rainy, soggy-doughnut day in Richmond Hill and the candidate, John Turner MP, who is also Canada's Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs has scheduled a press conference in the council chambers of the local municipal building.

The conference will kick off a 27-riding four-meeting tour of the greater Toronto area.

To sway, to woo, to win the votes of Liberal delegates — some of whom he will meet later that morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stephenson, a delegate from York North, at 119 Harding Boulevard in Richmond Hill — and convince them that John Turner has the magic required to handle the highest office in Canada.

It's 9.15 and the candidate is late in arriving. The eight or nine reporters from the Toronto dailies sit languidly, unruffled, and wait, and wait.

They're the ones who have been assigned to dog the footsteps of Mr. Turner and they've been doing it day in, day out since it all began. This conference is nothing new, just one more with others to come.

Press kits have been distributed to them by the candidate's aides. The reporters glance idly at the glowing record of the candidate, what he has accomplished, what critics have said that was good about him which is quite a bit. They have seen it many times before.

"John Turner's 38 years have been packed with vigor, a wealth of experience, a constant search for new knowledge and new ideas, and an achievement-studded political career," one of the excerpts starts off under the heading of John Turner, A man for our times.

Another sheet carries a lengthy list of kudos thrown in his direction by various reporters.

Peter Newman, Vancouver Sun, December 22, 1967: "Whatever qualities the new Liberal Prime Minister possesses, they will be useless to his party unless he can also beat the Conservative leader in the next election. Stanfield himself refuses to rank his potential protagonists but members of his staff consider John Turner as the most dangerous possible adversary."

And so on. Some more time slips by to the tune of coffee cups clicking in an adjoining room. Some ladies are preparing refreshments for the gathering.

Shortly after 9.30 the candidate walks in, pauses to talk to a few of the seated reporters he refers to by first names such as John, Sheila, Sally, etc.

Then he walks to the table at (Continued on Page 3)

## No Vaughan Annexation Plans, Etobicoke Says

A routine request from the chief draftsman of the Borough of Etobicoke's planning office for assessment sheets pertaining to the Southwestern sections of Vaughan Township last week has started a flurry of speculation that annexation plans by Etobicoke are in the offing.

However, the suggestion has been categorically denied by Etobicoke's Deputy-Planning Director Ian Keith, former planning director of Markham Township.

"As a matter of routine procedure and in order to keep our own base map material up to date, we have ordered assessment sheets from surrounding municipalities, including Vaughan Township, North York and Mississauga," said Mr. Keith in a statement to "The Liberal".

Mr. Keith felt too that the province would not permit piecemeal annexation of Metro's northern fringe areas. "If there are development problems in the northern fringe, the solution will have to be found there," he said. He felt that the most obvious solution

was for the area first to become a political entity which could eventually become a Metro borough.

Vaughan Township Planning Director John Dewar also felt that any annexation plans by Etobicoke, or North York, would "have a stony road". He felt that the province would prefer to see a total solution to the fringe areas. "All are having real trouble," he noted. "Pickering, Toronto-Gore, Markham and Vaughan have all the impact of the Metro overflow. There is a fantastic amount of land speculation going on."

Mr. Dewar felt too that there is a strong argument for total amalgamation to create a buffer between Metro and the rural areas. "There is a strong argument too for a corridor municipality from Highway 400 to 404," he said. "It fits in with the watersheds and is highly urbanized now."

Mr. Dewar admitted however, that such a solution "leaves weak sisters on either side," that is, the largely rural rumps of Vaughan and Markham, which might not be economically viable if separated.

## Joint Health Unit Plan Goes Before County Councils

Terms of agreement for the proposed amalgamation of their health units will be placed before Oshawa Council and York and Ontario County Councils this week.

A committee of representatives of these three bodies has been meeting and agreement in principle on amalgamation of the three health units has been reached.

Following a meeting with Minister of Health Dr. Matthew Dymond early this year, in which Dr. Dymond remained adamant that the three areas must unite in a regional health unit, members of the committee have also met with senior members of the Department of Health discussing the terms under which the amalgamation will take place.

The agreement will be presented to York County Council for its approval on Friday of this week.

In the meantime, Ontario County Council has refused to pass the \$199,369 budget of its health committee. A motion that no increase in personnel be allowed and the budget reduced accordingly was put forward by Pickering Township Reeve John Williams.

Reeve Williams also warned that the amalgamation with Oshawa and York County would mean that Ontario County would lose its present control over financing.

Uxbridge Reeve W. H. Gould also warned against amalgamation with York County although he said he could see some purpose in amalgamation with Oshawa.

## Increase Pay Volunteer Firemen

Following representations made by the volunteer fire brigades of Maple, Richvale, Pine Grove and Kleinburg, Vaughan Township Council at its last meeting agreed unanimously that the volunteer brigades should have their remuneration increased from \$75 per fire to \$100. The increase will be retroactive to January 1.

It was acknowledged that recognition of these men is both necessary and essential, having regard to the hours spent at fire practice and the interruption of their routine any time of day or night.

At the same time, council agreed that in addition to the Workmen's Compensation coverage the men now have, an insurance policy should be obtained to cover all township volunteer fireman with a \$5,000 death or dismemberment coverage, with the addition of a \$60 per week payment for total disability, of whatever length.

## Woolworth Store Theft Radios, Watches Taken

Thieves forced open the rear door of the Woolworth store on Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, over the weekend and stole merchandise valued at some \$300.

Frank Weisher, manager of the store, said that except for the door, there was little damage to the property. Mr. Weisher added that the thieves took radios and watches but there was no indication that they had tampered with the store safe.



ARCHIE CROSIER

## Going To Ottawa

Next month will bring a change in the management of the 57 Yonge Street South branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, when the incumbent, Archie Crosier, leaves to take over management of the bank's second largest Ottawa branch.

It will be an easy matter for his friends to find him there, since the branch is located at the corner of Rideau and Sussex Streets facing the National War Memorial, within a block of the Parliament Buildings.

Mr. Crosier who came to the local branch May 1, 1962, his wife and four sons live on Lawnwood Court. The boys are Peter, 20; Ken, 14; Jonathan, 10 and Jeremy 4.

The new branch manager here will be Kenneth Rintoul, who is at present manager of the Albert and Huron branch in Sault Ste. Marie. He will arrive here April 8 and Mr. Crosier will spend a week getting him settled into the position before leaving for Ottawa.

May 10 And 11

## No Sunday Show At This Year's Fair

Richmond Hill's two-day fair is scheduled for May 10 and 11 this year — which will be the 119th showing without a break.

This year both Friday and Saturday will have a full program, beginning at 9 am each morning and continuing until midnight, with three horse shows on the list of events each day.

Added to the Friday program will be a quarter horse show which starts at 9 am and continues throughout the morning and afternoon, featuring horses from all over the United States.

The local fair board has received the first franchise for this type of show issued in Canada.

The Ontario Government's new legislation which will permit fairs and exhibitions to operate after 1:30 pm on Sundays will not affect the plans for this year's fair. The agricultural society, which sponsors the fair, has not yet had time to consider the implications of this legislation — or whether such a move would be acceptable to the people of Richmond Hill and surrounding community.

"As far as I'm concerned, I would say no," President Arnold Mortson told "The Liberal" this week, "but I'm only one voice. However, I believe that Sunday should be a day of rest and there would be little rest for anyone in the vicinity if we kept the fair going on Sunday."

If the fair board should decide in future years to operate on Sunday, Richmond Hill Council would have to decide what sections, including the midway, could be kept open.

## Police Catch Escape Artist

Terence Duffy, 17, of Toronto, led Richmond Hill Police and York County Security Police on a short chase through the town, March 18, when he broke custody at the police station.

Duffy had been brought to Richmond Hill Court from the Don Jail by the security police to face a charge of damaging handcuffs in a previous escape attempt. He managed to slip the handcuffs at the back door of the station and ran out the front door and down Centre Street East.

Followed by five constables, Sheppard and Gill lumber yard but was eventually arrested by Constable Douglas Strong at the rear of the senior citizens' apartments on Dufferin St. Duffy was returned to the Don Jail in Toronto.

Duffy had previously escaped from custody at the Vaughan Township Police office, December 14, when he had been arrested on a break and enter charge, and he also faces two more charges of escaping while in the custody of Metro police.

## Learn About County-Size Boards At Crosby Heights School Mar. 27

What the new county-size boards of education, to come into being on January 1, will mean to you and your children may be learned at Crosby Heights Public School next Wednesday evening at 8:15 pm. At that time Crosby Heights Home and School Association will present a panel and open discussion on "The Development of Larger Units of Administration."

The panel will be headed by Superintendent Gordon McIntyre of Richmond Hill Public Schools; Trustee Lewis Clement, representing York Central District High School Board Chairman Deena Simpson, Richmond Hill Public School Board; Jack Hadfield, Newmarket Public School Board; and Assistant Superintendent of Education T. H. Houghton, of the Department of Education. Mr. Houghton was a member of the Minister's committee on larger units and will be able to explain the department's thinking in introducing these larger administration units.

An opportunity will be given for those attending to ask questions — and the answers should be available from the wide range of levels of administration in the field of education which will be represented on the panel.

The meeting is open to all interested people in the community, who will be provided with an unparalleled opportunity to learn just what this major change will mean to the average citizen, how it will be reflected in taxes, and in the standard of education.

## New Trunk Sewer Will Cost \$8,936

The contract for constructing an additional trunk sanitary sewer to the Richmond Hill Water Pollution Control Plant (sewage disposal) has been awarded by town council to the Ruliff Grass Construction Co. Ltd., Richvale. Amount of his tender was \$8,936, the lowest of three submitted. Alcan-Colony Limited tendered at \$9,085.65 and Decker Contracting Limited at \$12,641.36.

Estimated cost by Hisey and Barrington, consulting engineers, was \$9,800 including contingencies. The engineers checked the tenders and recommended acceptance of the lowest, commenting that they were supervising work by the Ruliff Grass Construction Company on a \$398,000 project for the OWRC in Haileybury and that the work is being carried out satisfactorily.

The additional trunk sewer into the disposal plant will provide greater capacity for sewage from Beverley Acres and other areas in times of emergency and is designed to prevent a recurrence of basement flooding in homes adjacent to the plant.

The OWRC has been asked to use \$5,000 from the reserve fund to help defray costs of the project.

## Mrs. Schuyler Snively

## Active Service Canteen Founder Died March 17 At Glenolney

A good citizen of this area and of Canada passed away Sunday in the person of Mrs. Marjory Laura Snively, wife of Captain Schuyler C. Snively of Glenolney Farm, Oak Ridges. The beautiful farm home, soon to become a Metro Conservation Area Park, was very dear to Mrs. Snively. It was given its name by the wife of the first settler, a French aristocrat, Quetton St. George.

Mrs. Snively, who was in her 79th year, was born in Calgary, where her father Arthur Douglas Braithwaite had opened the first branch of the Bank of Montreal. At an early age she moved to Hamilton and subsequently to Toronto. There she married Captain Trumbull Warren of the 48th Highlanders who was killed at the second battle of Ypres in 1915. There were three children of the marriage — Faith (Mrs. Hugh Jones), Margaret (Mrs. J. D. deS. Wotherpoon) both of Toronto and Trumbull Warren.

In 1918 she married Captain Schuyler Snively and moved to Glenolney in 1919. The son of this marriage, Lieut. Douglas Snively was killed in action in Italy in 1942 while serving with the 48th Highlanders. Mrs. Snively also had 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She received from the late King George VI the Order of the British Empire for her work in organizing the canteen that operated for the active services in Toronto during World War II.

But this was a small part of her service to her community and to her country.

A member of St. John's Anglican Church, Jefferson, for 49 years, she served as lay member of the synod for several years, was a past president of the WA at St. John's and of the WA of the Diocese of Toronto and a life member of the Dominion WA.

She was a trustee of York Central Hospital, serving from the first planning stages of the original hospital, through the development of the present facilities and the planning of their enlargement.

Added to her long list of services are participation on the executive level of many organizations in Toronto. She was a past president of the Women's Committee of the then Art Gallery of Toronto and of the Toronto Garden Club. She served on the executive committee of the Girl Guides of Canada, was on the directorate of the Grenfell Mission and past president of the Old Girls of Haverall College, where she was educated. She also served on the executive of the West End Creche and Ridley College Women's Guild.

The funeral was held Wednesday at 3 pm at St. John's Anglican Church, which she had served so faithfully for almost a half century. Her son, Trumbull Warren returned from Bermuda and Mrs. Wotherpoon from France for the funeral.



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## Official Ribbon Well-Snipped

This official ribbon doesn't stand a chance as four gleeful people prepare to snip away at last Friday's official opening of the new \$400,000 arena. Left to right are Mayor Thomas Broadhurst, Lex Mackenzie, former M.L.A. for York North; Arena Association President Elgin Barrow and George Chassie, chairman of the arena building committee.

Richmond Hill's new \$400,000 arena was officially opened Friday night of last week amid a glare of ceremony.

The opening featured admission-free entertainment and an official ribbon cutting ceremony; skating exhibitions by youthful performers from the Richmond Hill Skating Club and minor hockey action.

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst delivered official civic greetings to get the show on the road and also presented town crests to Lions Peewees Quebec Tournament Champions who were introduced on the ice before a large gathering of enthusiastic fans.

The official keys to the arena were handed over to the association in a special ceremony involving Architect Doug Allen, Arena Building Committee Chairman George Chassie, Mayor Broadhurst and Building Committee Secretary William Lazenby.

Benediction ceremonies were performed by the Rev. E. Paul Morley, of St. Matthew The Apostle Church in Willowdale. Mr. Morley was a former resident of Richmond Hill and served on the arena association.

A reception was held in the mezzanine of the new arena following the official opening. Coffee and sandwiches were served to the special guests which included Lex Mackenzie, former M.L.A. of York North, members of council and other dignitaries.

The new arena — built by Stran-Steel of Richmond Hill — was commenced in July of 1967 and was completed shortly after the new year.



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## Giant-Sized Cheque For Arena!

Big cheque, big smiles here as three members of the Richmond Hill Lions Club turn over a big \$3,000 to the arena association at last Friday's official opening of the new building.

The money will go toward covering the cost of the new hockey time clock and public address system.

Left to right are Elgin Barrow, president of the arena association; Lions President Pete Dyson and Lions Ev Baker and Alf Bryant.