

Danson Fields Questions At Second Sit-In

Barney Danson's second public report to his constituents in York North was more like a fireside chat than a formal report. Seated in the middle of a circle of attentive constituents, the MP for York North deftly fielded questions from all quarters for two hours. The meeting held last Friday evening at Willowdale United Church, Kenneth Avenue, Willowdale, was attended by thirty people. Mr. Danson said he was more than pleased with the questions and points raised but blamed the relatively light attendance on the time of year and on the Friday night choice.

Questioned on what he was doing to alleviate the increased cost of living due to the greatly expanded use of credit cards, Danson reported that two students from York University were currently questioning local merchants to determine the facts so he could have a second meeting with Finance Minister Benson on the subject.

The small percentage that banks and others charge merchants for processing credit card sales would appear to add to the cost of doing business and would probably be reflected in higher retail selling prices, he said.

On Indian affairs, Mr. Danson said there had been a marked change in the atmosphere and attitude of this department. "Canada's Indians are being brought in to Ottawa and are becoming part of the decision making process now, rather than being told what the white man had decided.

"The same process is being applied now to Eskimo and Metis problems. We have a long way to go yet but I think a concrete base of co-operative effort has been established," Mr. Danson said.

In reply to a questioner who felt that Mr. Hellyer was "playing politics" with the question of enlargement of Toronto International Airport, Mr. Danson said he believed that some extension would have to take place fairly soon to provide facilities required right away. He pointed out that noise factors alone made it necessary for the government to give very serious consideration to the establishment of a new airport at some other location, "but feasibility studies will take a year or two to complete because we want to be sure that whatever decision is taken is the right one financially as well as in the best interest of the people who live near it."

The whole problem of relocation, said Mr. Danson, is linked to the need for rapid surface transportation to and from any new airport location. In a recent speech in the House, the MP for York North urged consideration of a new location for the airport connected to Toronto and Montreal via 150 mph pneumatic tube or monorail transportation systems which he said were technically well past the curiosity stage.

On streamlining of parliamentary procedure, Mr. Danson said he believed that a compromise was essential even if the result was not completely satisfactory to the government.

"The time for debate on legislation should be set by agreement with opposition parties," he maintained. A rough time on amendments to Commons rules is expected, he said.

Mr. Danson announced that his next report to his constituents would be held in Markham Village in late January at a date and place to be announced. His February meeting will be in Woodbridge.

Did I Miss Something?

By ELIZABETH HARWOOD

You certainly did if you didn't turn out for the Richmond Hill Symphony Concert Thursday night of last week in Richmond Hill High School. Lots of people did attend and while the real music-lovers were probably the ones doing the playing there were quite a few in the audience, too, thrilling once more to the great themes of Brahms, Grieg and Wagner.

You don't like Brahms perhaps, or Grieg, or Wagner? You might have enjoyed the evening, nevertheless. You might, for example, have found it a moving experience to watch while an 18-year-old oboe player made her debut in the Marcella Concerto in C minor. Her name is Joan Abbott, and she's in grade 12 at Victoria Park Secondary School.

You still prefer the TSO? You may be right. Occasionally a player in the Richmond Hill Symphony "blows" his solo bit after waiting in an agony of concentration for just the right moment to come in. On Thursday in the "Rienzi" the percussion and brass over-balanced the strings now and then. What can you expect when the orchestra can never afford a dress rehearsal in the hall in which it's going to play? And arenas and high school gyms aren't Massey Hall, either.

The orchestra doesn't even own its own tympani yet. How does Conductor Arthur Burgin do it — find instruments, players, music, rehearsal time from his own busy TSO schedule? It's just one of the little miracles in the local music field. Professionals who are willing to do this kind of work come once in a lifetime. One has the feeling that Richmond Hill still hasn't heard how lucky it is.

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst made some gracious introductory remarks indicating that he is well aware of what an orchestra means to a town. No one expects a big audience in Richmond Hill and, frankly, the orchestra doesn't need one. But an enthusiastic group of listeners once in a while can be a real "shot in the arm", especially to players who are just starting out. In Aurora last week the orchestra received a standing ovation from a crowd of over 300.

But audiences or not, we have a splendid symphony orchestra growing yearly in strength and competence, and let us add, importance. The finely controlled, poetic interpretation of the Peer Gynt Suite, a superb opening to the fourth movement of Brahms' First Symphony were highlights in an evening full of musical interest and enjoyment.

A group of 12-year-olds leaped over the balcony during the concert to watch how it's all done. Perhaps you wonder what's going to happen to such youngsters when they have more and more leisure time and less manual labour to do? Musical people are convinced there will be more and more orchestras in the future, more and more recorder clubs, recorder



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groups, string quartets, choral societies, more evenings at home filled with Chopin and Bach.

We'll never make it back to the Elizabethan level of a polite society where everyone automatically was expected to join in making music, on the other hand, there is surely more in our children's future than endless re-runs of "I Love Lucy."

If you agree, why don't you give the orchestra your support? You don't have to come to the concerts, although you'd certainly be welcome if you did. Just send a small donation to the treasurer, Box 355, Richmond Hill, and a receipt for income tax purposes will be mailed to you. Or drop into the Allegro Music Shop on Yonge Street South and buy the orchestra's own recording. It sells at \$3.00, contains Handel's Water Music and other symphonic favorites. It's well worth having and the edition is limited.

Maybe you think it's easy, and it certainly looks easy when Philip Budd, the orchestra's associate conductor, does it. But he is an exceptional musician with a sure professional background and long experience in handling nervous amateur players: he does not lose

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FINAL OFFICIAL RETURNS

Polling Subdivision	Reeve		Deputy-Reeve		Councillors							
	Bailey	Williams	McLean	Rutherford	Ferry	Fraser	Gilbert	McArthur	Redelmeier	Risk	Wainright	
1 Crestwood Road	79	36	74	36	46	67	46	53	26	69	36	
2 Arnold Avenue	48	54	70	31	40	67	29	60	31	82	50	
3 Thornhill Village	44	65	57	50	48	67	27	71	52	87	41	
4 Thornhill West	61	69	73	59	60	102	45	38	61	106	49	
5 Thorndale	25	42	35	32	37	52	28	50	29	61	29	
6 Uplands Ave.	64	84	70	80	63	111	42	98	67	101	61	
7 Boyle Drive	18	52	34	33	28	39	30	43	21	47	53	
8 Garden Avenue	48	43	51	38	50	52	37	56	40	55	54	
9 Roosevelt Dr.	73	62	71	60	60	82	47	83	44	88	80	
10 Scott East	51	31	51	27	42	55	33	46	28	55	54	
11 Scott West	97	75	105	62	91	110	62	92	79	119	94	
12 Richvale	107	50	99	53	60	72	45	57	48	85	95	
13 Birch Avenue	64	40	62	38	57	61	37	56	42	75	50	
14 Yongehurst Rd.	54	59	63	52	37	62	35	56	54	53	79	
15 May Ave. West	29	39	33	32	19	29	14	27	19	33	26	
16 Pemberton Rd.	31	41	39	30	27	31	14	29	34	38	49	
17 Oxford Street	28	54	36	46	33	47	37	45	55	41	49	
18 Jefferson	28	72	44	54	43	55	42	49	54	56	52	
19 Concord East	77	68	101	46	47	120	62	76	59	82	63	
20 Concord West	50	78	79	49	52	99	74	62	49	87	40	
21 Patterson	37	86	41	79	56	56	54	46	86	59	67	
22 Maple East	22	112	20	112	37	38	94	39	52	55	90	
23 Edgeley	34	76	38	71	42	58	70	34	52	72	57	
24 Maple South-West	59	141	0	157	103	121	96	111	87	129	117	
26 Maple West	43	184	47	178	79	100	139	77	107	115	148	
27 Teston	13	102	14	99	42	48	65	26	59	51	65	
28 Pine Valley Drive S	39	70	30	74	39	63	73	47	35	64	22	
29 Pine Grove East	65	118	66	118	61	76	130	79	71	113	71	
30 Pine Grove West	16	113	98	98	29	42	95	44	43	68	37	
31 Purpleville	19	102	13	108	50	53	92	26	54	61	80	
32 7 and 27	16	69	21	60	16	27	65	23	30	37	16	
33 Elders Mills	21	104	35	84	36	55	83	30	53	62	35	
34 Kleinburg South	21	121	45	94	73	79	84	73	52	92	78	
35 Kleinburg North	22	122	52	89	53	72	95	45	57	74	86	
36 Nashville	24	124	51	88	48	62	103	42	49	94	49	
A.P.	17	18	17	20	15	25	14	16	18	25	20	
FINAL TOTALS	1544	2782	1817	2437	1719	2355	2128	1945	1797	2591	2192	

FINAL OFFICIAL RETURNS

Poll No.	York County Roman Catholic Separate School Board 2 to be Elected		Separate School Representative to York County Board of Education 1 to be Elected	
	Jacobs	Lee	Pennyfather	Thompson
1	8	8	6	6
2	5	6	5	5
3	12	9	9	9
4	6	3	2	2
5	3	3	0	0
6	5	4	1	1
7	11	11	2	2
8	1	2	0	0
9	1	0	0	0
10	3	5	3	3
11	2	5	4	4
12	2	5	5	5
13	0	0	0	0
14	3	3	3	3
15	0	1	1	1
16	5	1	1	1
17	11	16	10	9
18	3	3	3	3
19	7	8	11	5
20	9	6	1	2
21	2	0	2	0
22	2	2	0	0
23	5	4	1	1
24	1	5	6	3
25	6	4	2	2
26	1	4	2	2
27	24	25	11	9
28	22	26	7	16
29	4	1	2	1
30	9	10	4	3
31	9	10	4	3
32	5	7	3	3
33	14	14	4	6
34	1	3	2	1
35	2	3	1	4
36	9	13	1	6
A.P.	1	1	0	0
Woodbridge 38	42	5		
Final Totals	250	267	100	96

FINAL OFFICIAL RETURNS

Polling Subdivision	YORK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION 3 TO BE ELECTED		HYDRO COMMISSION	
	Baillie	Cathcart	For	Against
1	80	18	77	29
2	45	17	69	22
3	60	20	81	17
4	67	33	102	46
5	34	32	52	20
6	78	39	107	62
7	45	16	41	17
8	60	28	59	25
9	94	26	73	44
10	53	25	38	19
11	121	44	87	55
12	100	31	77	29
13	68	27	56	32
14	62	26	55	31
15	37	18	27	10
16	38	22	32	28
17	40	15	21	36
18	61	18	60	37
19	97	40	67	37
20	89	44	70	35
21	74	36	58	73
22	46	47	41	108
23	58	34	51	68
24	109	66	123	111
25	117	80	122	154
26	54	26	40	68
27	58	27	30	14
28	35	38	60	28
29	78	103	65	60
30	35	94	48	44
31	54	66	37	57
32	28	55	21	31
33	60	44	52	33
34	47	88	73	66
35	66	77	64	90
36	46	77	62	50
A.P.	23	10	17	12
Total Woodbridge 211	458	204	263	100
Final Totals	2470	1958	2320	1789

John Roberts Describes In Intimate Detail Visit To 24 Sussex Drive

John Roberts MP, York Centre, was among 60 Liberal MPs invited to an informal cocktail party at Prime Minister Trudeau's official residence last week. Here Mr. Roberts describes his impressions of 24 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, the home of our "charismatic" Prime Minister.

Twenty-four Sussex Drive is owned by the state and is given to successive Prime Ministers to use as their Ottawa home. It perches on a bluff overlooking the Ottawa River, set well back from the street, hidden by a clump of trees, surrounded by lengthy lawns, (or - in winter - by icy stretches of snow).

I arrived at 6:30. It was already dark and the taxi driver had some difficulty in finding the entrance. Once past the gate house, and at the foot of a gravel surfaced, half-moon drive, we found the main entrance, suitably guarded by an RCMP officer.

The Prime Minister's house is small — two main reception rooms on the ground floor and four bedrooms upstairs.

On entering you mount a short flight of stairs to a large hall. This hall is, to my mind, the most attractive room in the house. It contains a magnificent spiral stair case, partially detached from the wall, which swoops up to the upper stories, surrounding a crystal chandelier. It is completely white, except for the long, curving mahogany bannister rail, which seems to spiral like a spring into the air.

To the left off the hall is a small room — once Mr. Pearson's study — which the night of our party was used for ladies coats. Behind it is the kitchen. Straight ahead off the hall are two large rooms facing out the Ottawa River. Normally one is a dining room, the other a living room. The night of the party they were thrown open as two reception rooms for the Prime Minister's guests.

The one to the left is the more formal of the two rooms. It is painted a light green — some one unkindly commented a Canadian National Railway hotel green — and the windows are dominated by heavy green curtains, more appropriate to a bedroom than a living room. The long wall opposite the windows is dominated by an Adam fire place painted in white. The furniture is rather heavy imitation French. All the tables are glass topped.

The other reception room is rather sparer in feeling. The walls are covered with a light coloured fabric. It contains no fire place and less furniture than the other room.

I was particularly interested in the paintings. The living room contains two extremely small sketches of French beaches by Boudin, the French impressionist. A Dutch still life — a table arrangement of a goose, fruit and vegetables — dominates the hall. The largest, and most imposing picture in the living room, over the fire place is rather curious. It is an American 18th century portrait painting of three children.

They are all young, but extremely solemn, staring out of the canvas at the spectator. At the left a young girl holding a hat, the open hat box at her feet. On the right another girl holding some books. The boy, in the centre, is holding an apple — or an orange — in his hands. They all look extremely grave, as if something ominous were about to happen.

The other room contains Canadian paintings. — An abstract by Nakamura, the Toronto painter, of a Canadian Forest, and two paintings by French Canadian artists — a landscape by de Tonnacoeur and an extremely pleasant snow scene by Lemieux.

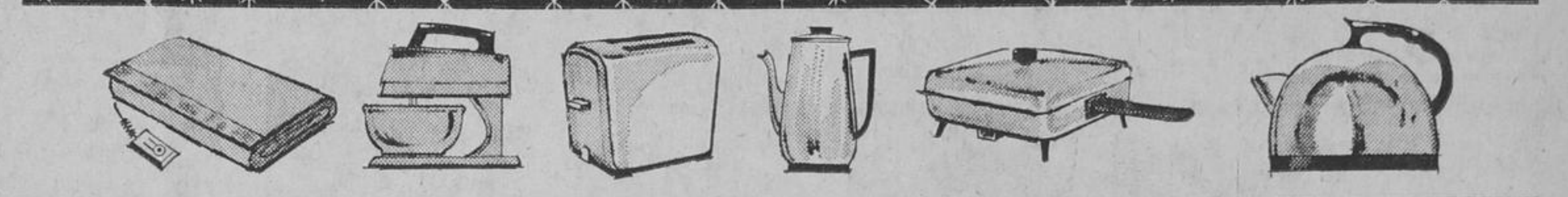
I do not trust my own taste in judging other people's houses so I asked the wives of MPs visiting 24 Sussex Drive what they thought of the decor. They all thought it was disappointing and dull. One said it was frightful. The general impression was that it certainly did not reflect Mr. Trudeau's vibrant personality.

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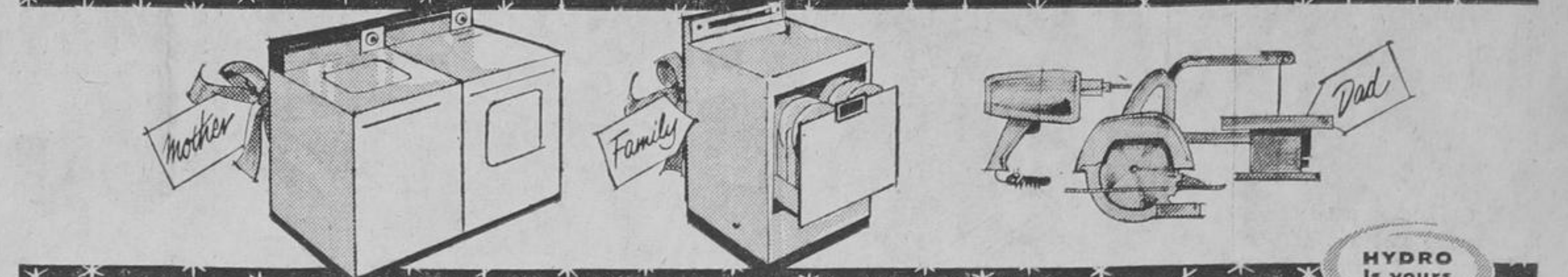
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