Honor Lady Golfer's 50 Years At Summit

Toronto the only original lady thus, having transportation member, is celebrating her 50th joined the Summit. year at the Summit Golf and Since then she has served on

Country Club, Jefferson. Aileene Marks, has been gran-managed to keep the ladies' atives in Markham February 11. ted a life membership to the club by the board of directors. came president. She also served It was in the spring of 1920 on the executive of the Canad-

section together and in 1946 bethat Mrs. Clawson became the ian Ladies' Golf Association.

Danson Willing To Concede Changes In White Paper Needed would provide it with the would provide it with the Mayor William Lazenby of will probably be accused of in- Hodgson, York Centre MLA will probably be accused of in- Hodgson, York Centre MLA will probably be accused of in- Hodgson, York Centre MLA centre of cost in 1968 to 46 per- This would not only give the material being presented.

general as that to the White Paper on Tax Reform. It is for such reaction that White Papers are submitted to the public and Parliament, a process introduced by this government on almost all major considerations. In my opinion, particularly insofar as taxes are concerned, it is far better than announcing tax changes in a budget at 6:00 pm on a Friday night, after which we "take gas" over the weekend and start to live with them Monday morning.

change is going to be ideal, or please everyone. No broad program of changes which can affect our economic and social development so very much can, or should, be made without the fullest possible discussion by those affected. I'm convinced it is good government and good democracy. Whether or not it is good politics is questionable. This will depend on the constructiveness of the criticism and the reaction of the government.

As a member of the parliamentary committee studying the White Paper, questioning the government officials and receiving the public briefs, I have a particular responsibility. The committee is com- all of the municipalities, as well 100 acres. prised mostly of businessmen, with the balance being lawyers, accountants, a doctor, an economist and an academic. These are men with broad experience and ability who are especially equipped to do this job responsibly.

The only instructions those of us on the government side have received from Mr. Benson and the Prime Minister are to examine the proposals, explain them, hear suggestions and criticisms and try and improve upon it in our report to Parliament. We have never been asked to accept it, nor to sell it.

We have been told by the Minister himself that nothing is especially sacred. That any proposal is subject to change as long as the final package results in sufficient revenue to meet the government's budgetary responsibilities. In other words, if we recommend a change that reduces revenues, we must find another way to match these reductions. It is not intended to increase revenues but to make the tax system more equitable. To relieve those in board chairman. They pay Newmarket Councillor Robert Mr. Honsberger. the lower income groups of taxation wherever possible, eliminate abuses and unwarranted special privileges.

is not my understanding of socialism. If taking amounts to about \$450 on a may never become home ownpeople who are living below the so-called poverty line off the tax roles is socialism, I plead guilty. If for working mothers, special allowances for workers' tools and clothing are not socialist measures in my opinion.

On the other hand, I want to look into several additions that would be needed cil as arbitrators. areas in the proposals which I think could be inhibcountry, and others which I believe to be unwork- gested: able, or not worth the administrative machinery in government or the trouble of the taxpayer.

wrong to prejudge these, or indicate in detail just what these may be without the benefit of the hear- to levy its own lot or suite fees, on the hook." ings. They will be pretty obvious to most and have already been given public attention. If this makes me a capitalist, then I plead guilty to that too.

I can say, however, that the areas I want to give special consideration to are: (1) The five year revaluation of shares in widely held corporations; (2) The differentiation between widely and closely held corporations; (3) The split rate of tax on corporations; (4) The rather too broad approach to business expenses and conventions; (5) The capital gains tax on one's residence and personal valuables; (6) The "Double Whammy" (i.e., the combined effect of the estate and capital gains taxes).

The objective I seek, and I believe I reflect the attitude of my colleagues both on and off the committee is — a fair tax system related to desirable social objectives in a free, responsible and compassionate society. This, in an expanding, internationally competitive economy, with opportunity for individual enterprise and fulfilment. That's no easy job, particularly when the only taxes we like are those the other fellow pays.

I welcome most of the public involvement that is taking place. I regret, however, that in some cases it has developed into a hysteria that has brought out the worst and most selfish instincts of many of us consider sacred.

Some of these may be sacred and some are not. There have been distortions, accusations and even threats. Those which affect me, and my colleagues, are those which are specific, those which are con- rink in their final game. This Mary Jane Murphy. structive and those which are rational.

can imagine. Regrettably, our limited facilities do manner to which I think you are entitled. I urge took across the lake. you, however, to write to me expressing your views. Each letter is read and is helpful to me, as are the my opposition to the White Paper in total is neither

for me. Certainly, it is your right to decide whether or not to vote for me in the next election but don't expect me to make serious judgements on the basis of how many votes are in it for me. I am for a better tax system and I intend to assume my responsibilities within the context I have outlined above.

Mrs. Maurice Clawson of owner of an automobile and Make "Immigrants" Pay For New Schools - Mackay

If school boards start levying lot fees on new buildings it will stop all it would be "bad public rela- with his township in building development in the county, charged Aurora Mayor Dick Illingworth at a tions" if taxes in a municipality an arena that could be built Mrs. Clawson, the former During the war years she meeting of York County Board of Education and municipal council represent-

> "We cannot support you in any way, shape or form," Mr. Illingworth told out, there is little the board can that Vaughan Township has Board Chairman John MacKay. "You will do away with all our problems do because we will not have any new development."

> He agreed that education is a service, but it does not serve all citizens in the same way as roads, sewers, and garbage collection do. The cost of ment set-up which has shifted ies, and these might be made education, said Mr. Illingworth, should come out of income tax.

> Mr. MacKay pointed out that to impost special levies. the subject of the meeting was Suggestion (c) was rejected, municipalities to the board and ing the levy on residential and Mr. MacKay thanked the to try to come to some way of said Mr. MacKay because all for adjustment of rebates or farm properties. dealing with the problem of 14 municipalities would have to added charges resulting from In 1969, residential and farm their comments, adding, "Our financing education now. The agree before it could be feas- the equalized assessments in- assessments were about 75 per- money has to go to education. county will need \$20 million for ible, "The committee finally troduced by the Department of cent responsible for, but in There are grants to municipalnew schools in the near future, recommended that the board Municipal Affairs in 1969. but has an allotment of only \$8 should 'seek legal status which million. The province is grad-would provide it with the

By BARNEY DANSON MP, YORK NORTH

I have never seen a reaction as massive and order to the county will also need to the county of the county of the county of the county will also need to the county of the c cent in 1969, and that Educa-board better methods for ob- was too much to digest on first but the county will also need ried, by people who are long ficials had not been submitted the costs of local education and the meeting. new schools for a growing pop-time residents of the county, who have born and will con-representatives, "It is only com-

Meanwhile the property own-tinue to bear the cost of con-er must make up the difference, structing and operating existlong-time resident, the farmer As long as the board has the The municipalities complain-

funds we can't build schools and municipal costs. EVERYONE PAYS

that are being planned." Markham Township Trustee Markham Township Deputy- for current spending. Louise Aimone pointed out that reeve Tony Roman, Education education does serve all the Director Sam Chapman said one you want the penalties, are you relations, Richmond Hill Trus- ter Edgar Benson's White Paper people. Education is necessary acre is needed for every 100 prepared to take the tax write- tee Deena Simpson asked how on Taxation is "a piece of red, for development of the economy students, but the proportion of offs too?" and the community.

Eleven of the 14 municipalitype of development - single ities in the county were repre- family homes or townhouses that the bill permits the board is vitally important, and only told the York Simcoe Progressented at the meeting in Mark- and apartments. On the averham District High School on age, he said, developments pro- ments if municipalities repre- are trying to do will alleviate annual meeting here. February 11, and trustees from duce 500 to 600 students per senting two thirds of the county the fears of the public," said as senior administrative staff A small development of

were on hand to make presen-units would not need a school ree to any alternative arrange- ferences, and has sent regular tations and answer questions. site, and in this case the de- ment provided it did not mean news releases and copies of the All mayors, reeves, council-veloper would pay cash in lieu higher borrowing costs for the minutes of all meetings to all lors in the county had been in- of a school site. vited, and only the Townships Vaughan Township Councillor ternatives.

of King and Georgina and the Louis Wainwright protested Village of Woodbridge were not that in his municipality there is could remit their levies to the She added that, "Up to now ! represented, although it was a a lot levy of \$2,000 before a very stormy night and driving person can dig a basement. conditions were very bad. MAKE SUBDIVIDER PAY average person to buy a home, mit eight equal instalments on is sometimes rather surprising There are only a limited he declared.

number of dollars, said Mr. "If the money does not come MacKay, and when that limit from the new subdivisions, it tember and October. is reached there will be no has to come from all the taxmore money for schools, "You payers," Mr. MacKay pointed mean that the board would reports? More meetings of this cannot have subdivisions if you out. "The one who is going to come out about even on borrow-sort?" can't have schools."

The cost of land is increasing who should pay for it." out of proportion because some He asserted that protestations having money ahead in the background material and agdevelopers are making a "nice that added costs for schools fall. fat fee" out of land they have would stop development were done nothing with, said the "a myth".

\$7,000 an acre, then try to Forhan suggested that existing schools might be operated on He proposed a \$923 lot fee shifts to save money. If costs sulting from amalgamation of if we did not disagree." for educational purposes. The of homes continue to go up, he 21 area boards was also a It was suggested by various Some people have called this socialism but that present debt for education now declared, many young people touchy subject.

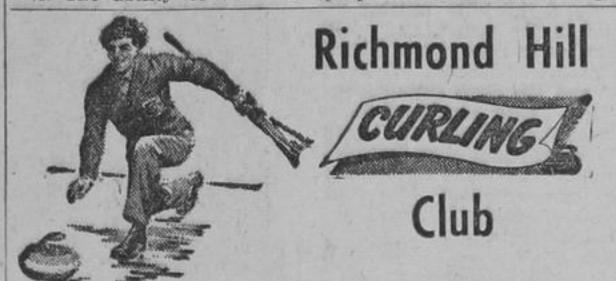
this, said Mr. MacKay, should Mayor Illingworth accused went down," declared Whit-nicipal councils. They were not be charged to the new res- the board of "trying to pull the it means that old-age and disability pensioners, with ident. He proposed that this wool over everybody's eyes" little or no supplementary income, will not pay fed- sum be subtracted from the then volunteered to hold up eral income tax, I'm a socialist. Special allowances \$1,373 increased cost of school approval of new subdivisions construction per dwelling unit. for three months to give the and Georgina. We are trying to who want to hear from the trus-The board has set up a com- board an opportunity to negot- eliminate these fluctuations." tees. mittee to study the best way late for school sites. He also

from new developments, and an arrangement with many muiting to the spirit of enterprise and growth in this five alternatives had been sug- nicipalities, said Mr. MacKay, returned to individual munici- said Mr. Starr. (a) The compulsory dedica- ative." The rub comes, he spread over a three year per- are 14 municipalities and only

by subdividers, possibly in con-clauses in the agreement that board. As a member of the committee, it would be junction with park dedication. make it possible for them to (b) Ability of the school board back out, "and we are caught

> of a portion of the lot or suite the evening, he said, was the nouncing that legislation has ed a working committee to deal (d) The persuasion of sub-planning boards and councils in mit boards to spread the effect of mutual concern. "We need dividers to provide a site at no the county.

Heated discussion followed spread over a number of years, mer things out." cost to the board. (e) The ability of the board proposals for methods of pay- and that these will not be con- WANT POOLS - ARENAS



Coneybeares And Morlocks Top Winners Highland Bonspiel

Due to the Imperial Life McGill, Gloria Crotin, and former Aurora District High Councillor William Steele of finals being held at the club, Dorothy McGregor, upheld the School Board. not much local news is avail- business girls' honor by being Mr. Hadfield suggested that that the board might co-operate able. However, the out of town runners up to the trophy wincurlers continue to report. - ners in a bonspiel at Bowman-

Last week, Irwin and Jean ville. many. I realize that some proposals strike at values | Coneybeare with Gerry and Gina | Last Thursday, in a two-10 Morlock ventured north and end game B & B Cup Bonspiel, captured the main trophy in the at the Granite Club, Freda five game Highland Bonspiel. Macdonald won a seven year Strangely enough they had to filly bonspiel with the rink of defeat another Richmond Hill Shirley Bate, Sylvia Brown and

time it was the rink of Frank At the Belleville and Trenton and Ruth Ellison with Ross and Curling Club in the Bay of My mail has been particularly heavy, as you Muriel Clark. There is also Quinte Bonspiel, Floyd Perkins some story circulating concern- and his rink of Ben Rollins, not enable me to reply to each letter in the detailed ing a walk that Jean and Gina John Perkins, and Jack Wright won third prize in the main

Jack Shropshire continues on event of the 48 rink bonspiel. his winning ways with another This Saturday the Sinners victory at the Glen Brier Club take over with their annual many detailed briefs presented. Simply demanding at Waterloo. Although Jack and brief which attracts rinks from his rink of Dianne Whittaker, as far as Northern Ontario. realistic nor constructive - particularly when Harry Trivett, and Marj Sahr Next week sees the return of accompanied by threats that the writer will not vote did not earn enough points to the Annual Shillelagh Bonspiel win first prize, they apparently but sporting a new format won their share of draw prizes similar to the Bermuda Bonand all rinks were awarded spiel with four draws beginning some sort of prize. Top prize on the Tuesday and finishing went to a rink from the Boule- with the finals on March 14.

> Final plans are being drawn The business girls' bonspiel at up for the Caribbean Night on the club was also won by a March 21, but one thing is cer-Boulevard Club rink, but Eileen tain: you will have to sign up Garrett and her rink of Marion early for this one.

the circumstances, he pointed Mr. Wainwright pointed out

budgeted \$123,000 for public li-Whitchurch Trustee Arthur braries and is looking for new Starr, vice-chairman of the library locations. The schools

board, outlined the new assess- he said, have beautiful librareducational and other munici- available to the community with pal costs from industrial and both sharing the cost of opera-|ment of education taxes from commercial assessment, increas- tions.

1970 their share will be more ities for recreation, and we will

HOME OWNERS PAY MORE than 80 percent. School boards and councils York North MLA William cent of cost in 1968 to 46 per- This would not only give the the material being presented but the increased laws on the first control of the cost in 1968 to 46 per- This would not only give the the material being presented but the increased laws on the cost in 1968 to 46 perbeforehand to the municipal government. Mr. Hodgson sent regrets that

He also predicted dramatic he would not be able to attend. mon courtesy to give us an changes in the mill rate as a Dr. Dymond sent a letter of ac-

and the retired people living on responsibility of levying its own fixed incomes to pay for new schools for "immigrants" to the power to levy its own "dwell-" as youngle of the power t ing fees", Mr. MacKay told the as required by Bill 240, which distribution" "The money has to come meeting. In this way, too, became law this year. On the Starr adding the law the York County Board of Ed-Any tax change is going to upset people. No from somewhere, and without people would know what they that the good processed with the good processed wi some other source of capital were paying for in educational that in 1969 the municipalities with the good press coverage its system work, "But I believe collected penalties on overdue your council meetings get you your board and your staff have taxes, but the board had to pay can help this understanding by made an excellent effort. Replying to a question from interest on money borrowed the comments you make." against the system. AGREE TO DISAGREE

> Mayor Lazenby countered, "If In the interest of good public BRADFORD-Finance Ministhe board could improve com- raw socialism in the guise of Trustee John Honsberger of munications with municipalities. Liberalism . . . an unbelievable Markham Township pointed out "An exchange of information document," Senator Allister

> > you want us to communicate?

to make alternative arrange- an understanding of what we sive Conservative Association Mrs. Simpson. assessment were agreeable. He said the board would ag- The board has had five con-

board, and suggested several al- municipal councils, "What more can we do to keep you in-Municipalities, for 1970 only, formed?' board in three equal instal- you have communicated with us ments, May 31, July 31, and chiefly through the county will soon be impossible for the October 15. Or they could sub- newspapers, and what we read the last day of March, April, to us . . . We are all working May, June, July, August, Sep- for the same people. How do

Both these alternatives would More news releases, minutes, use the new school is the one ing charges, having to pay to Mr. Illingworth suggested a borrow early in the year, but spring and fall meeting with

> "We are trying to make it "There is not necessarily pinch as little as possible," said friction because we

> The question of the credits Mr. MacKay agreed. "We and debits to municipalities re- would be a pretty dead bunch

> "There were no comments in it would help if board members municipalities where the rates attended more meetings of muchurch Trustee Arthur Starr, told the board meets on Monday "but there were wild reactions nights, a favorite meeting night where rates went up, especially for councils, home and school in the Townships of Markham associations and other groups

Newmarket Trustee Jack "We agreed that the board of financing new schools and offered the services of his counmunicipailties had suggested first week of each month so to accommodate pupils coming The board already has such that credits and debits incurred that we will be available for by the former boards should be municipal and other meetings,'

"They have been very co-oper- palities this year, rather than It was pointed out that there tion of school sites to the board continued, when developers put iod as recommended by the 18 trustees, and that all trustees tees as well as representing the GROSSLY OVERTAXED

A memo had been received board at various meetings in from the Department of Educa- their own areas. (c) Receipt by school board Much of the discussion for tion, said Mr. Hadfield, an- Deputy-reeve Roman suggestresult of past meetings with been proposed which will per- with planning and other matters of charges or rebates to be to sit around a table and ham-

> sidered in the board's 1970 There were some laurels as well as brickbats. Mr. Illing-Mayor Illingworth exploded, worth commended the board on "I am very disappointed. Aur- its policy regarding use of ora was overtaxed \$80,000 in schools. Working with recrea-1968 and it should get the ben-tion committees, he said, the efit of the credit in 1970". He community is getting better use added that the people who had of schools. He also commented been "grossly overtaxed" by the on plans for construction and former Aurora Public School co-operative use of a swimming Board would be sharing the re- pool in the proposed addition to

bates with new people coming Aurora District High School. "I don't know where we will A board of arbitration re- get \$40,000 (to pay for construcport on all assets and liabili-tion of the pool), but until we ties of former boards credited have some form of regional gov-Aurora Public School Board ernment we will have to meet with \$87,205. It also credited these problems on an individthe town with \$6,160 from the ual basis."

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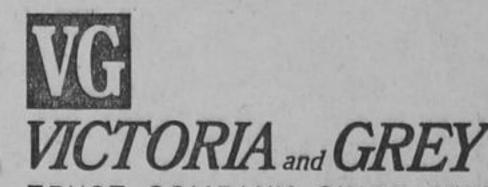
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