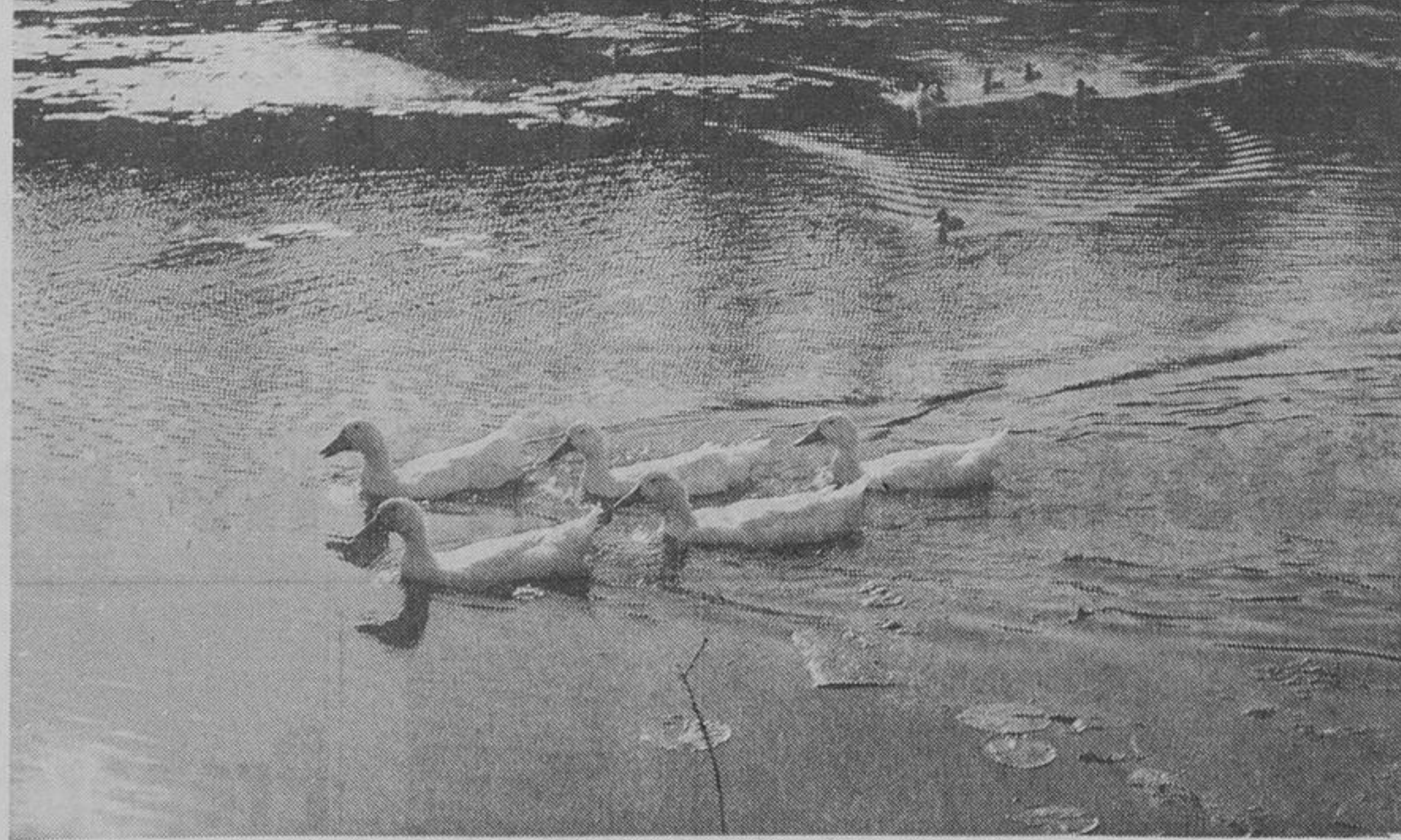


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Fall Scene At Richmond Hill's Beauty Spot

Four ducks on a pond, A grass-bank beyond, A blue sky of spring, White clouds on the wing; What a little thing To remember for years — To remember with tears! So wrote William Allingham a hundred years ago.

In this year of 1972, there are many more than four ducks on Richmond Hill's Mill Pond

and the numbers will increase in the next few weeks as the permanent flock is joined by transient guests as the great migration takes place. There will be times, if previous years are any indication, when it will be difficult to see the water for the birds.

In the meantime, the autumn sun dapples the surface of our pond with patches of light and color as groups of tame and wild ducks patrol its surface.

Letters to the Editors

OUR LIBERAL MP
Dear Mr. Editor:
I wish to let the public know of some of the practices of the Trudeau Government and lack of attention by our local Member of Parliament.

Last August my 17-year-old son was sent to a local company by Canada Manpower for a job as a maintenance mechanic trainee. He was given the usual aptitude tests and passed them and was hired. One week later he was laid off.

Upon inquiring about this I was told that Canada Manpower retraining section had sent a man up who took my son's job and his wages were subsidized by Ottawa up to 75%. This was confirmed by Canada Manpower. The company said it was completely satisfied with my son's work. But after all who can turn down an offer of the government paying someone else's wages.

I sent a letter of complaint to Barney Danson MP York North and received a reply in the form of a letter dated August 31, in which he said he would make some inquiries. I then received a letter signed by L. A. Cherrier, departmental assistant to Mr. Danson, Minister of Manpower and Immigration. He said he would investigate. That was last September 7 and he is still doing so, I presume.

My son applied to Canada Manpower for retraining and was turned down. I have phoned Mr. Danson's office and all I hear is that Mr. Danson is busy campaigning. This is what we can expect from another Liberal Government.

ALVIN PARKER,
400 South Fernleigh Circle,
Richmond Hill.

DEMOCRACY AT WORK?
Dear Mr. Editor:
The Bayview Golf and Country Club would like to sell a piece of their property to a developer. On this property the subdividers would like to build more than seventy homes. This new subdivision would be attached to the fairly new Bayview Fairways Subdivision. The Bayview Fairways Raters Association is very strongly opposed to redevelopment of the golf course property. The reason for our opposition have been clearly outlined in a document submitted to the planning director of the Town of Markham.

The people at Bayview Golf and Country Club would have us believe that unless they are permitted to sell a portion of their property for \$600,000, the golf course will "go under." Their initial application to sell some of their land was denied by the Municipal Board. The appeal of that decision was to have been heard this morning, October 18.

In the meantime, town council had directed its planning department to draw up some plans for the golf course property showing 43 homes, even though the planning department had submitted to the council a lengthy report on their reasons for feeling that the golf course property should NOT be developed at all.

Council in committee then had a meeting last night, October 17 to approve the plan for 43 homes. Many members of our raters' association attended that committee meeting and came away quite disillusioned. Council in committee approved the plan for 43 homes. It seemed quite obvious to members of our raters' association that the Mayor and all but two council members had made up their minds long before the meeting took place. Our objections were listened to but ignored. We, the raters, can't really understand what is going on. We know that the developer has no interest in building only 43 homes on land where he applied to build more than 70. We can't understand why council are involving themselves in this land issue, which should be an issue between the Bayview Golf and Country Club and the Municipal Board.

In any case, at last night's meeting, it grew too late for council in committee to meet as town council and approve the 43 homes as council. As a result, at this morning's hearing (October 18) of the Municipal Board, the lawyer for the Bayview Golf and Country Club asked for, and was granted, an adjournment of the hearing until the new plan can be brought before the board. Our raters' association objected, with very lucid reasons, knowing what had gone on at the previous evening's meeting, but again were ignored.

Perhaps I am merely an uninformed taxpayer, but I have always been under the impression that councillors are supposed to be representatives of the people. How can they represent the people when the electors are not made aware of the issues? Those of us who try to be more aware are ignored. Is this the democratic process?

MRS. LOIS BRISBOIS,
166 Bayview Fairways Drive,
Thornhill.

A CHANGE AT OTTAWA
Dear Mr. Editor:
The Consumer Price Index rose again in September, a month when it normally goes down, because of the abundance of local farm produce. Food prices are now 10.2 percent higher than a year ago. Meat is up 38 percent; sugar up 47 percent; vegetables up 24 percent. A bag of groceries costing \$7.29 a year ago now costs \$8.46. Clothing prices have risen by 33 percent. Rents and house prices are up 25 percent.

And the Trudeau Government has controlled inflation? Mr. Trudeau says that the Canadian economy is better than in most countries. In other words, ours is bad, but theirs is worse! Small comfort. What virtue is there in that kind of comparison? What help or hope does that offer Canadians? One in every five Canadians live below

the poverty level now. How can the Prime Minister say that we are so much better off? His job is to run our country, not to justify our shortcomings.

Where is the voice of our local Member? Why did he not speak up when Parliament was in Session? Is he our Member or just a mouthpiece (MP) for Trudeau? Why is he afraid to speak with conscience, without fear? Does he care? There are over 500,000 jobs now. This means that we are better off? Over seven percent are without work, with the welfare budget already overspent by some \$700 millions.

Canadians face a bleak and terrible winter ahead unless there is some change in government, and someone with sympathy is placed at the helm in Ottawa. How are the older people to live? How are young couples ever to have a home under present high interest rates? Even the government controlled CMHA charges 8 1/2 percent interest. President Donald MacDonald of the Trades and Labor Congress calls our predicament "the blackest mark on this government's sorry record". Surely so many voices raised in protest cannot all be wrong. We have had the "playboy age", with our local Member on that team. Now let us have a little slower talking, but more practical leadership, one with some sincerity and sympathy for the masses.

R. J. REESOR,
RR 2, Markham.

BOTH SERVICES NEEDED
Dear Mr. Editor:
Reading an article in the October 2, issue of "The Liberal", one might be left with the impression that there is a duplication of service as regards used clothing in Richmond Hill. Two needed services may exist side by side and the whole community is better for the fact, both exist.

The YWCA Resale Shop at 25 Yonge Street North gives persons a chance to sell good, used clothing and articles, a chance to obtain a few extra dollars. The shop offers an opportunity to purchase clean, fashionable articles such as ladies' coats, children's toys, boys' pants and shirts and men's sweaters, at a very low cost. The YWCA nets a limited income from its Resale Shop.

The Helmpate clothing service is ready almost at a moment's notice without charge, to assist persons or families with clothing needs. This community service is possible because the clothing and articles are donated. The YWCA extends its congratulations to the volunteer group responsible for initiating and continuing the Helmpate clothing service.

MRS. DOREEN WRIGHT,
Executive Director,
YWCA Richmond Hill
and District.

DESTROYING ELECTION SIGNS CARRIES \$1,000 PENALTY
Dear Mr. Editor:
Most people travelling around the York North Riding will have noticed a widespread phenomenon or removal of signs in this current federal election campaign. On some streets and highways every sign of mine has been stolen. I refer specifically to areas like Highway 7, west of Richmond Hill; Bathurst Street, north of Major Mackenzie Drive; Major Mackenzie west of Richmond Hill to Maple; Gormley Sideroad and Highway 48. And there are others.

There are several features about elections in Canada — even this election — that are un-democratic. One is the absence of any effective limit on election expenses. Another is the destruction of candidates' signs, and especially destroying the signs of one candidate leaving other signs untouched. At present, these two factors coincide. While my opponents have the money and material available to replace their signs quickly, I do not.

I can only ask those who engage in this kind of activity to stop; and I do remind them that the removal or mutilation of campaign signs is an offense under the Canada Election Act, and carries with it a maximum penalty of \$1,000.

JIM REID,
New Democratic Candidate,
North York Riding.

OBJECTS TO NDP PRO-ABORTION POLICY
Dear Mr. Editor:
One feature of the current election campaign is the unpleasant position which many long-time supporters of the NDP, among them the present writer, find themselves now that the party and its leader, David Lewis, are committed to taking abortion out of the Criminal Code and depriving the unborn of the right to protection by the law many Socialists find that they cannot in conscience vote for a party which refuses to respect life and encourages an inhumane mentality among the people.

It is to be hoped that in the years to come the NDP, a party which urges the achievement of a fairer distribution of wealth and a struggle for the relief of injustice will be able to eject from its ranks those extremists who foisted a pro-abortion policy on it. If a Socialist is one who is concerned for humanity, no Socialist can support abortion. It is sad that the NDP, in hope of improving the condition of women in Canada, can emphasize nothing more constructive than a policy which tolerates the killing of the innocent. The health of NDP is important for the future of Canada; let the party return to its proper role as the conscience and not the enemy of humanity.

JOHN RIST,
329 Fairlawn Avenue,
Toronto.

Historians At Work Around Airport Site
The Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings is directing its effort this year toward identifying buildings of historical significance on the site of the proposed Pickering Airport and the new North Pickering community.

The CIHB is an agency appointed by the Federal Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. The current study will be jointly financed by federal and provincial funds, as the airport was proposed by the Federal Ministry of Transport and the North Pickering development is being undertaken by the Legislature.

The CIHB, formed a year ago, has just completed a study in the Port Hope area and will move into the Pickering area this fall. In identifying genuine historical value, the CIHB will consider buildings constructed before 1914.

A press report states that the new study is part of a continuing effort by the two levels of government to preserve the history of the area. During the summer the oral history and legend was recorded on tape as part of the federal-provincial study being carried out under direction of the joint environmental co-ordinating committee established by the two levels of government.

In the Spotlight

By MONA ROBERTSON
Making More "WAVES"

The charming Richard Wave of Dr. and Mrs. Barry Lever became "Hospitality House" for the wind-up of a two-day International Writers Conference, shared by the Canadian Authors Association, last Saturday night.

Guests at the house party which could set a pattern for really fine home-entertaining — were "self-entertaining" artists . . . if not before . . . then by the time the party ended.

While one group held poetry readings led by Gethyn James of Channel 19 and William "Bill" Cobban, from George Brown College teaching staff; another group told stories and tall-tales.

Duncan Pollack, an Ontario weekly syndicated humor-columnist, enacted several hilarious monologues and skits. Ending his share in the evening's grab-bag of surprises with the singing of some top Lancashire songs accompanied by Paddy Robertson.

Paddy, who is a terrific blond-bombshell herself, once appeared with Gracie Fields on the English stage.

Another entertainer was Margaret Hollywell — who is an interviewer on Channel 19's OECA program. Margaret led the group in singing favorite songs, then sang several solo numbers in her richly beautiful soprano voice.

All in all, a very fine, relaxing, joyous evening. And much enjoyed too by Bernice's father, Bert Roth, who has been visiting Dr. and Mrs. Lever and family, from Kelowna, BC.

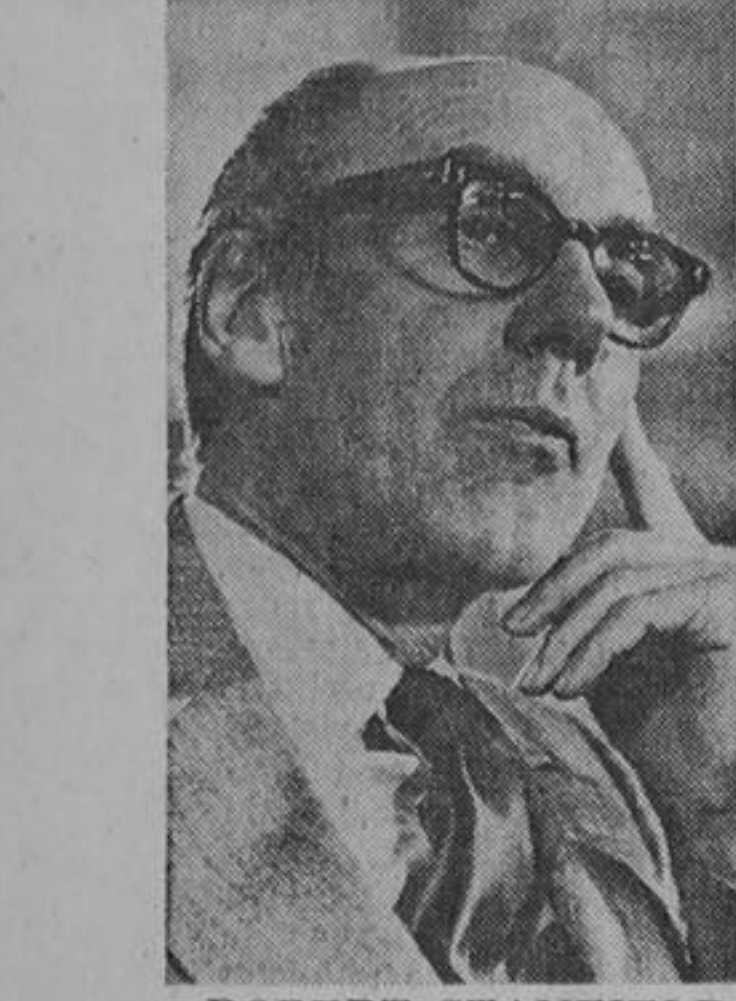
Getting back to the Conference — which was organized by some of the Richvale Writers' Group: Jeanne Perdicaris, Barbara Duncan, Rod Dawson, Caroline Cook and Phyllis King — it began in the Rehearsal Room of the St. Lawrence Theatre of the Arts last Friday evening. The first session was hosted by the Canadian Authors' Association.

American Poets Patricia O'Brien Janus and James Havelin, and Playwright Wesley Hughes were introduced as representatives from the "Cool Talent Exchange Group" from Rochester, New York. Then

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Stanfield On October 30

The Canadian people go to the polls next Monday to decide who will administer their national affairs for the next five years. Any federal election is important but the outcome of the 1972 contest is highly significant for it affords our citizens the opportunity to halt the drift towards socialism in this country during the past four years under the Trudeau Government. Since Mr. Trudeau assumed office in June 1968 Ottawa has been dominated by the arrogant personality of the Prime Minister and an administration which has been largely negative in any of its legislative decisions.



ROBERT STANFIELD

Every taxpaying Canadian should not lose sight of the high level of personal income and sales taxes that marked the reign of former Finance Minister Edgar Benson. Mr. Trudeau very conveniently named Mr. Benson to a non-elective sinecure just before calling the election. However, it was his tax legislation, supported by the Liberal majority in Parliament, which, if it had been passed, would have seriously affected the middle class of this country. The Benson proposals would have made it virtually impossible to pass a man's lifetime earnings on to a wife and children. Mr. Benson's damaging tax proposals would have been passed in Parliament had it not been for the public outcry against the legislation.

Or consider Cabinet Minister Bryce Mackasey's mishandling of unemployment insurance and immigration. Mr. Mackasey forced thousands of additional Canadians to begin paying unemployment insurance premiums, then turned around and began paying money out freely to many healthy, able-bodied citizens who had an aversion to working. The Liberals have moved towards substituting the

welfare ethic for the work ethic. Thanks to Mr. Mackasey's mismanagement of our immigration laws, Canada's laws in that area have become ludicrous. Anyone, regardless of his background or training, can enter Canada practically at will and if unable to find work, he immediately goes on welfare thanks to the generosity of the Canadian taxpayer. By Mr. Mackasey's own admission, there are some 50,000 immigrants illegally in Canada right today. Yet he and his leader continue to make this country a haven for many undesirables who have nothing to contribute as citizens. In fact, most of them will land on the welfare rolls of our large urban centres.

Consider the bankrupt bilingual policies in the federal civil service. Here we have a program that has already cost the taxpayers millions of dollars and deprived English-speaking Canadians of an opportunity to serve or advance in the public service simply because their mother tongue does not happen to be French. But the most damaging indictment of the Trudeau Government is its repeated failure to limit unemployment and control the fires of inflation. Its sad performance in the handling of these two major issues is enough to warrant its defeat.

The Conservatives under the leadership of Robert Stanfield offer the only viable alternative to the present government. The Conservatives are the only major political party outside of the Trudeau Liberals who have any real hope of forming a government. Mr. Stanfield has promised if elected to put Canadians back to work, to lower income taxes for the middle class and introduce a system of wage and price controls to limit the ravages of inflation. The Conservatives have offered a bold new program of financial assistance to the small businessmen and a promise to outlaw strikes in the public sector.

Canada needs more businessmen directing its affairs. Mr. Stanfield has been involved in a family business and he has a proven record of administrative experience both in Ottawa and as a provincial Premier. He is a sincere, dedicated Canadian who will bring some semblance of order into our national affairs after four years of mismanagement by the Trudeau Liberals.

When the citizens of York Region go to the polls next Monday we suggest they support the two Conservative Candidates in this area. In York North we endorse Stephen Roman and in York Simcoe, Sinclair Stevens.

Protect Your Right To Vote

The right to vote by secret ballot was won by our forefathers after centuries of struggle and is a privilege to be cherished by Canadians and citizens of all democracies, since it is denied to most people in the world today. Unfortunately, many people do not take advantage of their right to take part in the decisions on how our country is to be run and in what direction it is to go.

It would be indeed fortunate if anyone wishing to exercise the franchise were denied the right to vote because of crowded conditions at polling sites (mostly schools) where up to 10 stations will be in operation October 30. We realize that York North Returning Officer Brian Bailey has become aware of the problems which are bound to occur and has made arrangements for special constables to be present to direct voters to the proper station.

The voter can help ensure that he (or she) will be able to vote by taking

advantage of the provisions of the Federal Election Act which provides for four consecutive hours off work within the hours the polling stations are open, without loss of wages or penalty. This will distribute the load on the polling officials throughout the voting hours and eliminate to a great extent the crowding and the utter chaos as the hour of closing draws near. It will also make it easier to find a parking space close to the poll and eliminate traffic hazards which would be created by large numbers of cars parked in the vicinity of the multiple poll buildings at a time when road traffic is normally at its peak.

Full co-operation of the York Regional Police will also be necessary to control parking and traffic in these areas.

The polls will be open from 8 am to 7 pm October 30. Mr. Bailey has assured us that anyone inside the building at the closing hour will be allowed to vote.

What's Planned For Hill's Centennial?

On January 1, 1973, Richmond Hill will complete its first century as an incorporated municipality and a hard-working committee of seven have plans well in hand for a whole year of celebration.

To mark the important milestone, Richmond Hill Lions are planning a gala ball on New Year's Eve. Also featured at the beginning of the year will be the lighting of the centennial flame in front of the municipal building and a mayor's levee. Special recognition of the Centennial Year is planned for the inaugural meeting of the 1973-74 town council and an historic civic dinner later in the month of January.

June has been described as homecoming month with homecoming festivities scheduled from June 15-24. A monster parade June 16 is already well along in the planning stages. James Grainger is in charge and reports 22 floats promised to date and 20 bands arranged for. When the big day arrives he expects to have at least 175 entries in the parade which would make it about two hours long.

A dance with a name band is planned for Saturday evening and with a rock group for Friday evening.

Also included in this week-long celebration will be a beer garden in the old arena sponsored by the town's firemen, a Monday night dance

and beer festival, and sports events. It is hoped to have the old steam train at the Huntville-Lindsay area, preferably pulled by the old steam engine.

Many souvenirs of the year will be available from various groups; the firefighters will be selling crested beer steins, the Scouts will be selling centennial flags and the Guides centennial china. Attractive town crests for blazers will be available from another group, aluminum coins from another, and centennial candles from another.

Chief Librarian Patricia Hart is working on a pictorial history of the town which will be available during the year and will make a permanent keepsake.

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