

# Nationalists' new leader blasts the oil companies

By Larry Johnston

THORNHILL — You are paying too much for gasoline, says Bruce F. Willson, the new chairman of the Committee for an Independent Canada. Willson, a Thornhill resident for 12 years, and retired gas company executive, says the oil companies are using their share of increased prices to bolster profits, but have not increased exploration to match.

He says funds should be earmarked for energy supply projects. This is not happening to the degree necessary, he claims.

Willson, 55, is a native Albertan who says Premier Peter Lougheed is doing a "disservice" to Canada with his rhetoric about the west being exploited for years by the east.

Willson was interviewed last week in his home overlooking the fifth fairway of the Bayview Country Club.

He was the president of the Canadian subsidiary of an American company from 1965 to 1971. He had been president of a gas company in Alberta when Steve Bechtel asked him to become president of Canadian Bechtel Ltd., the subsidiary of the large American engineering firm.

## Pipeline builder

Bechtel had built Canada's major oil pipelines. It also built the first Athabaska Tar Sands plant and is now involved in the second.

Bechtel's clients were generally subsidiaries of other American corporations, and in resource industries as well. Always "a bit of a nationalist," Willson found there was a conflict between his duties as a Bechtel officer and his patriotic feelings.

He then was offered the job of president of Union Gas. For three and a half years, he and his wife commuted to head office in Chatham where they rented an apartment, while their three children held down the fort at home.

Willson said he was aware then that the oil companies were "leading

Canada down the garden path" with respect to the magnitude of oil and gas reserves. They gave the impression there were 700 trillion cu. ft. of potential gas reserves when the actual amount was one tenth of this, he says.

"You can't base forecasts on blue sky numbers."

That may explain why he does not trust the oil companies now to carry out the exploration they say they will. Willson said the increased prices are largely going to fatten the treasuries of the federal and Alberta governments, and the oil company profits.

## In the headlines

He became national president of the CIC at its annual convention in Lunenburg, N.S., last month and immediately made headlines with his attack on the oil companies.

But back home last week, he told The Liberal he did not get across the point he wanted to make, the precarious state of Canadian energy reserves.

CIC took an active part in the Berger Commission inquiry into the proposed Mackenzie Valley Pipeline. The committee is advocating a route to Winnipeg that would be built by and supply energy for Canadians. CIC is concerned about foreign domination of certain segments of the Canadian economy.

Committee figures show 56 per cent of Canadian manufacturing, 61 per cent of its mining and 100 per cent of its petroleum and coal production under foreign control.

Canadians own shares in companies in all these fields, but Willson says most companies can be controlled with a lot less than 50 per cent foreign ownership.

The obvious advantage that Time Magazine had dumping all its American content in with a small Canadian section is similar to the advantage American manufacturers have over Canadian competitors, explained Willson. The branch plant gets the fruits of research and technological leadership developed by the parent company.

Canadians have been struggling with the problems of US domination ever since Walter Gordon's first budget in 1963 sent the stock market into a nose dive. Willson likes Gordon's latest proposals, that Canadians buy back the 30 largest foreign owned companies over a 10-year period.

"This would cost \$10-15 billion, well within the ability of Canadians to handle," he said. While the CIC is the most respectable of Canadian nationalists' groups (it holds barbecues in Rosedale) it still has some convincing to do.

Opposition leader Joe Clark last weekend dismissed the Gordon idea as impractical and while Premier William Davis has been in Europe trying to stir up more capital investment in the province, his personal popularity, according to the Gallup poll, is on the way back up.

On the local scene, the majority of Vaughan council was not concerned that a proposed \$50 million investment in the province's first amusement "theme park" was American.

Just this week, it had little choice but to award garbage collection contracts in Thornhill and Woodbridge to an American owned company over last year's operator.

Markham treasurer and industrial commissioner Alex Barton points to a spectacular commercial and industrial growth rate in the last three years which has helped it avoid a tax increase.

He does not care where the new investment comes from. "The color of their money is the same."

The golden age of the Canadian

branch plant is probably over, not so much because Canadians wanted it that way, but because Canadian wage earners are in many cases being paid more than their brothers south of the border.

Willson points out that the auto parts pact has run at a deficit for Canada the last two years.

Nor has Canada proved to be the hiatus for foreign investment in every case.

In 1966, the president of Superior Oil Company, largest independent in the United States, visited Toronto and bought 36 per cent of McIntyre Mines Ltd. With it came the controlling interest in Falconbridge Nickel Mines, Superior, (which has research labs in Richmond Hill), through interlocking directorships now control the interests of all three which involves the operations of a 100 different companies around the world.

But all three have been having problems since. Falconbridge was hit by a strike in Canada last year and riots in South Africa, and a multi-million dollar smelter that did not work properly. McIntyre entered a large contract to supply coal to Japan but never could meet the quota.

Conglomerates, said Willson, were the rage of the 60s but the bloom is off the rose now. "There were a lot of companies getting into businesses they did not know that much about."

Of course with a Foreign Investment Review Board, such a takeover would not take place so easily now, or would it? That is one question that Willson hopes to dig into in his year as CIC national chairman.



## Paying too much

Bruce F. Willson of Thornhill immediately made headlines when he was elected national chairman of the Committee for an Independent Canada last month with his criticism of the oil companies. He says consumers pay too much for oil and gas considering what the oil companies do with the profits but the main issue is the precarious state of Canadian energy reserves.

# Deported: He's paid for his crimes-- but worse sentence lies ahead

By Jim Irving

RICHMOND HILL — When Ian Jefferis of Richmond Hill first came over to Canada from England, it didn't seem much different to him than going from one block to the next.

In fact, he didn't even notice the change in accents, or that the pounds had now become dollars and the shillings had changed to nickles and dimes.

But then Jefferis was only three years old and when he first became aware of the area around him, the people in it, and most of all himself as a person, it was as a Canadian, the same as the kids next door and all the other kids in the neighborhood.

If anything, England was someplace far away, a land his parents had come from, a land from which the Queen embarked every so often on her token trips to the colonies.

However, in the past five years, Jefferis has had it brought home to him all too forcibly that he is Canadian in feeling only, that his citizenship is marked by the country he was born in, whether he was three minutes, three years, or three hundred years old at the time of leaving.

For when Jefferis was 25, he got in trouble with the law, and when that was all cleared up he got in trouble again. As a result, he faces deportation to his native England as an undesirable alien.

**'A life sentence'**  
And he doesn't like it one bit. Because if jail was bad, deportation is equal to giving him a life sentence.

Canada is both his home and his country, Jefferis said. "I don't know anyone in England. I'm a Canadian, not an Englishman."

The law, however, sees it differently. Jefferis has erred and, because he has

never taken out naturalization papers, he is to be treated as any other erring alien and given a one-way pass home.

The fate awaiting him still puzzles the 32-year-old Jefferis, who readily admits to his earlier wrong doing, but who also feels his time in jail is penalty enough.

"I know I've done bad things and I deserved the sentence. But sending me away from Canada is like giving me a life sentence," he says.

Strangely enough, Jefferis, who was first convicted in 1970 for possession of hashish for purposes of trafficking, couldn't be deported if he had committed murder. While killing someone may be a heinous offence, the unofficial consensus apparently sees the killer as the better citizen in the long run than those convicted of lesser crimes.

A different sort of irony in the Jefferis story is that, had he arrived in Canada 20 years before Jan. 1, 1947, he would have been home-free, as it were, because citizenship was assumed at that time under the British Nationalities Act.

However, it was changed again just before Jefferis arrived and hence his predicament now.

Well, that's not completely the reason for his predicament now; there was also that time he lost control while in the courtroom appearing on a robbery charge, and kicked open the "penalty box," and charged out.

"The first time I went to jail I knew what I was doing," Jefferis said. "The second time I was in trouble I had no forethought of committing a crime."

His father had just died, he said, and he was upset with being charged with robbery. The police then brought up another charge and that's when he lost control, Jefferis said.

4 years in jail  
All told, he spent four years in jail —

the first time when he was 25 — and at present he is on probation until March. The deportation order has already been made, but Jefferis got a stay in order to finish out his probation and prolong his life in Canada.

However, the days grow short and the law doesn't grow any more flexible along with them.

Can anything be done for him, then? Or will Ian Jefferis, Canadian citizen in everything but legal status, have to bow to the vagaries of the law and his past record and return to the land he was in just long enough to learn to stand on his own two legs.

Those same two legs he's standing on very solidly right now, for Ian Jefferis is determined to do everything he can to stay here.

He had a bad period there for awhile — indulging in dope, "because everybody else did it" — and then going on another little tear after that.

But that's all behind him now, he says. And in talking with him, it's not difficult to believe what he says. The eyes look right through you and the square jaw sets.

"Nobody's going to influence me to do anything wrong," he says.

His probation officer, Margaret Hardlang, whom he sees every 15 days

even though he doesn't have to, seems to back him up on that.

"He's doing exceptionally well," she said. "I can't find any faults with him at all."

In the meantime, Betty Priddle, secretary to Urban Affairs Minister Barney Danson, has been looking into the matter and has come up with one possible hope for the man with a country he doesn't want.

She has been to Immigration Minister Bud Cullen, who is the only one who can do anything, and found that there is a technicality well within the law.

And that is: Jefferis can be deported to England and then be brought back the next day, ready to take the proper steps this time that will ensure his nationality once and for all.

Maybe that's part of the reason Jefferis is working so hard these days at his job as a service man for a pinball machine company.

He's putting away all the money he can — he doesn't even own a car — just in case he does have to make a new life for himself in England.

And if the deportation order is for one day only, well then it will still be nice to have a few pounds in his pocket for that one and only fling along Picadilly Circus and Soho.

# 35-acre cemetery is under construction

RICHMOND HILL — Development-conscious Richmond Hill residents can rest easy with the major project being undertaken at Elgin Mills Road and Leslie Street.

The development under construction there is a 35-acre, attractively landscaped cemetery scheduled to open in 1978.

The Elgin Mills cemetery will be the latest in a group of properties administered by the non-profit Toronto Trust Cemeteries organization.

Others in the group are Mount Pleasant cemetery, mausoleum and crematorium; Prospect cemetery and crematorium; Pine Hills cemetery; York cemetery; Beechwood cemetery; and the Toronto necropolis and crematorium.

Many varieties of trees and shrubs are being planted at the new local cemetery. They will be identified with common and botanical names for the benefit of naturalists and school students.

The other Trust cemeteries also attract many bird watchers, and it is expected the cemetery in Richmond Hill will have the same appeal within a few years.

The cemetery will combine the best features of both monument and lawn type cemeteries, and a particular area will be designated for the use of veterans and their spouses.

As with the other Trust cemeteries, the gardens are to be open to the public throughout the day.

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# United Way forms its advisory board

RICHMOND HILL — York Region's United Way, based in Richmond Hill, has formed a 50-member advisory board to guide the fledgling organization in its effort to bring financial security to the region's health and social service agencies.

The membership is broadly representative of the region in terms of geography, professional interests, and community and agency involvement.

Bob Higgs, executive director of United Way here, said he feels fortunate to have support and commitment from such a large group of area residents.

"The board will be valuable in introducing the working board to the executive class in the region," he said. "There's a great deal of industrial growth and hence executive talent is coming into this area."

Higgs is also looking for executive volunteers with time to spend on United Way work.

"In Metro, there is a Loaned Executive Program whereby companies allow salaried executives to work with the campaign. This provides an excellent opportunity for firms to develop their young executives."

Charles Boyd of Newmarket is chairman of the advisory board, and is known for his successful management of the recent York County Hospital capital fund campaign that raised some \$4½ million.

Associate chairman is Rosemary Devlin of Foxglove Farm in Aurora, who previously served as a director of the Vancouver Community Chest and was actively involved in agency work for the deaf and the Elizabeth Fry Society.

Advisory board members include: Bruno Arsenosi, Richmond Hill; Cliff Aiken, Stouffville, Charles Baker, King; John Baker, King;

Hollis Beckett, Holland Landing; Rudy Bratty, Toronto; Charles Burns, King; C. W. Cathers, Toronto; Dr. Douglas Conlan, Sutton; Donald Deacon, Unionville; Dr. J. M. Denison,

Wentworth Dowell, Richmond Hill.

Vern Dynes, Richmond Hill; Johnny Esaw, Thornhill; Ed Fritz, Thornhill; John Graham, Richmond Hill; Peter Grosskurth, Thornhill; William Harris, King; Dalton Hicks, Richmond Hill; Donald Hindson, Markham; Mr. and Mrs. F. Jackson, Richmond Hill; Geoffrey Jacobs, Willowdale; Dr. Betty Knowles, Aurora.

John Lawlor, Richmond Hill; John Leitch, Gormley; Donald Little, Richmond Hill; Neil Mann, Richmond Hill; Cam Milani, Thornhill; Donald Miller, Buttonville; Thomas Mulock, Newmarket; Rev. Donald Parr, Markham; Mr. and Mrs. Redemeier, Richmond Hill; Ken Reeves, Woodbridge.

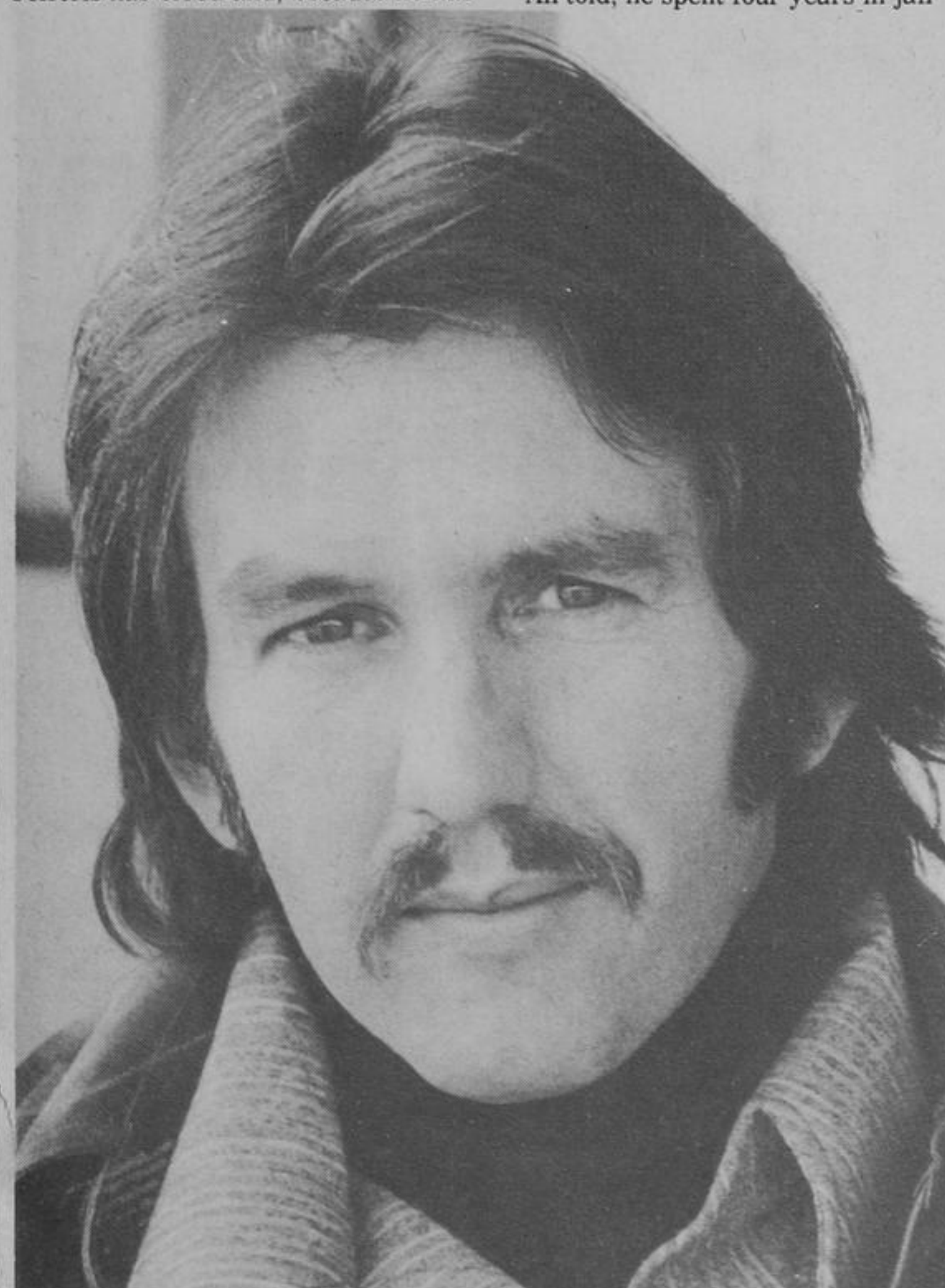
Stephen Roman, Unionville; Jack Rose, Toronto; Dr. Gabriel Sabo, Maple; John Sibbald, Jackson's Point; Michael Sifton, Gormley.

John Stephens, Thornhill; Mina Tamblin, Gormley; Douglas Ward, Gormley; and Whipper Billy Watson, Bradford.

Eric Baker of Gormley is vice-chairman and co-ordinator of the board.



Charles Boyd  
... leads group of 50



Ian Jefferis  
... a Canadian since age three

# Bazaars herald holiday season

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OAK RIDGES — The approach of Christmas is becoming obvious judging by the onset of church and community bazaars. Several are scheduled for the Oak Ridges area in the next few weeks.

Our Lady's Guild is holding a bazaar, craft and bake sale at Our Lady of the Annunciation School on Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A special feature will be Christmas gift ideas.

St. Paul's United Church Women will have its fall bazaar with crafts, baked goods, features for the small fry, and a draw on an afghan, Nov. 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. Tickets for the draw are available from any member of the UCW and will be sold at the bazaar.

Oak Ridges and District minor hockey association ladies' auxiliary has scheduled its giant Christmas bazaar for Nov. 27. Feature items will be gift items, baking, a tea table, white elephant, toys, decorations, candles, plants and much more. There will be

## oak ridges lake wilcox

several demonstrations of crafts and raffles will also be held.

The bazaar will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the arena. Anyone wishing to lend a hand, is asked to call 773-4626, 727-3991 or 773-5754. A special feature of the day will be the ladies' auxiliary cook book.

## Movies at library

Charles Connor Memorial Library will be featuring Saturday movies for children of all ages. The movies scheduled are: Murder Case (Laurel and Hardy), A Boy and a Boa (Fun in the Library), Strange Story of the Frog Who Became a Prince and Come to the Braw (The little rascals).

The movies start at 2 p.m. and the tickets are free, but they must be

reserved in advance either at the library or by calling 773-5533.

## Dance on Hallow-e'en

After the trick-or-treaters are finished, the fun for the adults can begin. All those who aren't too tired after greeting neighbors can dance away the rest of the evening at Our Lady's Guild Hallowe'en dance.

It starts at 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 30 at the school. Tickets are \$7 per couple and are available at the door.

Music for the evening will be provided by a dis-jockey and a buffet supper will be provided.

## Sale at church

St. John's Anglican Women thank everyone who turned out to help make the recent Harvest Tea and sale of crafts such a success. Some of the proceeds will go to Outreach projects.

Five participants from St. John's in the recent Canadian Bible Society walk-bike-a-thon raised over \$300 for the society.

On Sunday, there will be a baptism of Sarena Heather Pressley of Aurora at the 10:30 a.m. St. John's service. At 7:30 p.m. there will be a fellowship meeting in the upper room.

## Civic Corner

RICHMOND HILL — The following meetings of civic interest have been scheduled during the next two weeks:

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m. — Council chambers — planning committee.

Monday Nov. 1, 7:45 p.m. — Council chambers — regular council meeting.

Tuesday, Nov. 2, 4 p.m. — Deputy treasurer's office — finance committee.

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 7 p.m. — Committee room "B", by-laws, procedures, fire and personnel committee.

Thursday, Nov. 4, 8 a.m. — Office of the commissioner of works — engineering committee.

Thursday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m. — Council chambers — parks and recreation committee meeting.

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m. — Council chambers — planning committee meeting.