

# Professor wins NDP nomination

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**Olsen and Newton**

Dr. Christopher Olsen, the winner, talks with runner-up Jim Newton at the York Centre nomination meeting at Crosby

arena last week. Olsen was described as a man raised in Christian principles and socialist theory.

Dr. Christopher Olsen of Toronto will be the New Democratic Party candidate for York Centre in the June 9 provincial elections.

He defeated Jim Newton at the party's nomination meeting in Unionville Wednesday.

The riding includes Markham and Richmond Hill towns, plus the Thornhill area of Vaughan.

Described by nominator Peter Kelly as a man "raised in Christian principles and socialist theory", Dr. Olsen told the meeting how, in searching for a suitable candidate, the only person he persuaded was himself.

A professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, 40-year-old Olsen told party members at Crosby Memorial Arena he had no family or business ties that might interfere with his effectiveness as a politician.

"The biggest thing going for us," he said, "is the unbeliability of the present government."

"Any government which accepts a 5.6 per cent rate of unemployment can't be believed."

He suggested land banking and stricter control of land speculation would help curb inflation.

Asked what he felt Ontario would be like 30 years from now, Olsen replied, "It will be a better place to live if we have an NDP government."

A question was put from the floor as to the best method to reduce disparity of income in the province.

"That's too difficult a question," replied Olsen, who went on to suggest more tax for the rich and less for the poor might work.

"The NDP have it all over the other parties," he said. "It has been working for years to equalize benefits to people from their labor."

"Unions have had their day," he said. "I hope they continue to enable all workers to pursue a reasonable life in Ontario."

Guest speakers at Wednesday night's nomination meeting included Regional Councillor Ron Moran and Charles Godfrey, Durham West member in the last legislature.

Over \$1,000 in campaign pledges was raised. The target this year is \$13,000.

"We'll be able to compete for the first time," promised Moran.

He pointed out the 75 per cent tax rebate affecting political contributions meant "this is your opportunity to get Bill Davis to pay for our campaign."



(Photo by Hoggi)

**Charles Godfrey**

Dr. Charles Godfrey put a lot of emotion and gesticulation into his speech at the York Centre NDP nomination convention in Unionville last week. There is one minority Davis does not like, said Godfrey, minority government.

## Minority of one Tories don't like

The unkindness of the provincial opposition party may have been responsible for the calling of an election, according to Charles Godfrey.

In an address to New Democratic Party members in the Crosby Memorial Arena Wednesday, the incumbent for Durham West took many verbal jabs at the Progressive Conservative Party in Ontario.

"Minority government was working," he said.

"Until a crucial poll was taken,

everything was peace and quiet."

"But when the poll said he could get back his majority, Davis will spend 2½ million dollars of public money to get it."

"Such reckless political opportunism is very discouraging."

"It's clear," said Godfrey with a wry smile, "that although Davis has made token gestures towards many minorities, there is one minority he doesn't like; minority government."

"He does like to have things done his

way."

Godfrey put it to the audience that the NDP opposition had been "unkind to Billy" about pollution, the Pickering airport, farmland, the Workmen's Compensation Board make-work schemes and unemployment.

"Darcy the Deficator has shown his complete mastery of the unemployment problem. With a single stroke of the pen."

"I would have to tell our treasurer I wouldn't buy a used car from him."

Godfrey detailed dozens of examples of government "goofs and snafoos," concluding that the NDP may "go on to take a few seats from him."

"We have to show him he can't call an election when he thinks he can control it."

He said something would have to be done about the "rigid inflexibility, knee-jerk reflexes and stiff necked attitude" of the present minority government, and suggested the solution offered in Deut. 10:16.

## Planners peek at year 2000

A peak preview of the transit picture in York Region in the year 2000 was afforded by a regional transit study recently released.

The study shows express bus service on Highways 400, 404, and 407.

GO transit will cover Highway 48 to Beaverton, Highway 47 to Uxbridge, and Highway 27 from Alliston.

Regional-municipal buses would run on Yonge Street north to Newmarket, and throughout all major arterial roads in the southern section of York.

Further, there would be a peak hour commuter train service from Barrie, through Newmarket, Aurora and Vaughan.

Gray Coach would operate a line on Highway 400. Many north-south corridors would have exclusive bus lanes.

An east-west rapid transit line on

Finch Avenue is envisioned. Most north-south regional services would connect to it.

The study foresees the use of small bus transit for local service in urban areas.

"Despite improvements to the road system," it predicts, "there will not be enough road capacity available in the southern part of the region and in Metropolitan Toronto during the peak periods unless there is a significant shift to the transit mode."

### Transit has its problems

Public transit facilities in the region of York are in a sad and sorry state, according to a study recently released by the regional engineering department.

The holes poked in the quality of current service tend to support the study's assertion regional government should have total control of public transit by the year 2000.

"Each area municipality," the study says, "appears to provide reasonably good service within its own municipality. However, the services from one area municipality to another are not co-ordinated."

For example, GO Transit and Richmond Hill Transit operate services within 500 feet of each other on Yonge Street, yet there are no free transfers allowed.

The study points out duplication of services, lack of monitoring, service gaps (such as that between Woodbridge and Yonge on Highway 7), lack of advertising, difficulty of co-ordination, indirect routing, and lack of integration between transit and road planning.

The study warns the region may find itself in the position of having to compensate private operators should it ever wish to become actively involved in providing public transit.

Finally, the study asks why the Bayview bus service should be considered a Toronto Area Transit Operating Authority service, and thus be eligible for a 100 per cent operating subsidy, while the former TTC service on Yonge Street was considered an area municipal service, eligible for only a 50 per cent operating subsidy.

Regional council has yet to make any official response.



(photo by Crandell)

**Craft show and sale**

Jo Ann Feeney, Lucy Poscente, Diane Humeniuk, Abbie Bigland and Jenny Jefferson display crafts that will be on display this weekend at the eighth annual invitational arts and crafts sale sponsored by

the ladies auxiliary of the Seventh Thornhill Scouts and Guides. The event takes place in Heintzman House, Thornhill.

## Show soars to 8th year

Every conceivable craft from hand-loomed pillows to metal, stone and clay sculpture will be represented at the 8th Annual Art Exhibit and Sale sponsored by the ladies auxiliary in support of the 7th Thornhill Scouts and Guides.

Over 50 artists, including 11 from Thornhill have been invited to contribute their work.

The Thornhill-Markham Exhibit will feature such local artists as Bob Amirault, Diane Humeniuk and Taisia Paczkowski.

A woodcarver, potter and silversmith will be among the five craftsmen demonstrating their skills at the show.

A portrait painter will be on the scene

— call 889-4386 to book an appointment.

The 22 door prizes have been donated by participating exhibitors.

The well-organized event takes place in Heintzman House and runs two days, Saturday, May 14 from noon till 10 p.m. and Sunday, May 15 from noon till 8 p.m.

## Bayview goes all out

Bayview secondary school in Richmond Hill is going "all out" to raise money for its Children's Adoption Plan.

To care for the school's seven foster children requires \$5,000 a year. The money is always raised by the students themselves.

Part of this project was the 10th annual walkathon; this year a 20 mile trek from the school to Nathan Phillips Square in downtown Toronto.

Fifty-five started, and 55 finished; with pledges ranging from \$2 to \$100.

The students hope to approach their \$5,000 goal with variety nights, ping pong tournaments, a telethon May 7, a bike-a-thon May 15, a bridge and euchre tournament May 25, raffles and a lottery.

## Hydro hearings cost too much

Repetitive hearings as to where and when Hydro transmission lines are located are costly.

It's time the people of Ontario made their views known about such things, according to Richmond Hill businessman H. Donald Hamilton.

Hamilton, who is president of Ontario Municipal Electric Association, made his remarks to a meeting in Aurora.

The OMEA is spokesman for more than 340 municipal utilities in Ontario. "It's not too late to minimize the impact of the energy shortages we face," he said.

The government had the right to reduce the number of hearings and reviews that hydro is subject to, and to make decisions with respect to placing of the lines.

It must also see that generation plant sites are selected with all due respect for public participation and with its eye on meeting the energy needs of the province, Hamilton said.

Conservation was the first line of defense, he said, and various refinements, such as "time-of-day metering" had to be considered.

"We should make conservation a lifestyle," the speaker said. "Let the government know you're tired of dragged out, costly, repetitive hearings. Tell them what you expect of Hydro."

"It's the one sure way of reducing the cause of complaint."



**Bill McVicar**  
... new superintendent

### Principal promoted

Bill McVicar, a former principal of Thornlea secondary school, has been named superintendent of Area 2, effective Aug. 15, it was announced Tuesday (Apr. 26) by York County board of education.

McVicar, at present principal of Huron Heights secondary school in Newmarket, succeeds George Billings, who is retiring in June.