

Whitehead to lead York-Peel Liberals



RICHARD WHITEHEAD
Second ballot

Richard Whitehead will be the York-Peel Liberal candidate in the next federal election.

Whitehead, 33, of Bolton, defeated Hector Massey, 45, and John Donnelly, 31, at the York-Peel Liberal nomination meeting last Wednesday, September 14.

A long time resident of Bolton, Whitehead is a partner with his brother Don in the family operated Whitehead Bros. auto firm.

A former deputy-reeve of the village of Bolton he served as Caledon Regional Councilor until he was defeated in last December's Municipal election.

Hector Massey, 45, is a King Township dairy farmer and York University professor. John Donnelly, 31, is an operations manager

for Ortho-Pharmaceuticals, a division of Johnson and Johnson.

Close to 600 people jammed into the Imperial Ballroom in Nobleton for the nomination.

Special guest speaker was Eugene Whalen, Federal Minister of Agriculture.

It took two votes before Whitehead emerged as the winner. John Donnelly was knocked off in the first vote.

Total number of votes were not released by the meeting organizers.

After Whitehead had been declared the winner, both Donnelly and Massey congratulated him.

Whitehead attributed his victory to the hard work of his supporters throughout the York-Peel riding. "I'm not a one man band."

The York-Peel riding

comes into effect in the next federal election. It comprises the Town of Caledon, King Township, Aurora, Newmarket and the Townships of Whitchurch-Stouffville, and East Gwillimbury.

Until an election is called the present electoral boundaries are in effect.

Whitehead's campaign at the meeting was surprisingly low-keyed. There were few Whitehead buttons, but several people wore, "Vote Hector Massey" name tags.

John Donnelly's supporters stood at the door of the ballroom passing out buttons to the people entering the building.

A teenage cheerleader group moved through the Ballroom yelling, "Give us a D, give us a O..."

Whitehead, as president of the York-Peel Liberal executive had asked his supporters, not to engage in publicity demonstrations.

The voting took place after all three candidates had been nominated and after each had delivered their platforms.

In a powerful nominating speech, Robert Williams, of Bolton, said Whitehead was, "The only candidate who can win this riding."

Williams traced Whitehead's rise from poll clerk in the Liberal

Association to president. Whitehead, he said, had attended every convention for 12 years."

He also mentioned Whitehead's performance as the previous chairman of Peel Region's social service committee and chairman of the Town of Caledon's official plan task force.

The nomination was seconded by Bolton resident, Jack Lindsay.

In his campaign speech Whitehead said that Canada has too much government.

"I have learned in my years on Council we give too much service to people that don't need it and not enough to those who do. When I had anything to do with it, the Government always spent less money for better service."

Whitehead got a round of applause when he said he would carry the same principle to Ottawa.

He suggested that he didn't "have all the answers." "My experience in government is looking after people and their problems, and I will build on that strength."

He also took a potshot at his probable rival in the next election, Sinclair Stevens, Progressive Conservative MP for York Simcoe, calling him,

"The doom and gloom soothsayer who beats on continually about the government but offers no reasonable alternative."

The candidate also

touched on the need to preserve national unity, and for price and wage controls.

After he had won the nomination an exuberant Whitehead predicted the Liberals would win the riding in the next election, which he suggested would be in June.

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Brain patterning project continues

By DOREEN LIVINGSTONE
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Last June I wrote an article on the plight of Shelly Park and her mother Leslie Park.

The Parks are members of the Good Shepherd Parish and Shelly Park, half of a set of twin girls, was born with brain damage.

Shortly before the article was written a program of patterning was established and many volunteers were needed seven days a week. Mrs. Park received a good response but now that Fall is here she finds that still more volunteers are needed. Also, by the time you are reading this, Mrs. Park may have had her third baby.

Those interested in volunteering a small portion of their time are asked to call co-ordinator Maureen Rose at 494-2232. Since this is a seven-day project, men may have some time to spare on Saturday or Sunday. Shelly will be re-assessed again in October.

CARNIVAL
 It was raining Sunday, September 18, but this did not dampen the enthusiasm of some of the younger residents of German Mills who carried on with their plans to hold a Muscular Dystrophy Carnival on Framingham Drive, although the location was shifted to the garage.

Ruth Dessau, 23 Framingham; Heidi Frank, 34 Framingham; and Lyn Langlois, 26 Cobblestone, organized a bubble gum blowing contest, cannon ball, sock

Final show Oct. 4

By MARILYN McDONALD

Thornhill and District Horticultural Society will hold the final flower and vegetable show of 1977 at 8 p.m. Oct. 4 in Heintzman House.

If the show holds off it should be a record show with a wide variety of vegetables, roses and late annuals competing.

There will be classes for specimens and decorative design open to both seniors and juniors.

Marion Jarvie will demonstrate the process used in drying flowers for arrangements.

With the aid of slides, Murray Smith will discuss lilies and their culture.

Tickets will be on sale for the annual dinner, which takes place on Nov. 29 this year.

Regular features of the show include a plant sale, library and refreshments.

Visitors are always welcome to the society's shows and admission is free.

Prospective members can call membership secretary Phyllis Bishop at 889-1834.

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toss, a ball throw and a button toss. Apple juice was served.

Julie Stainsby of Framingham, Toby Gilad and Leanne Langlois of Cobblestone assisted the organizers.

Despite the wet weather there must have been a good turnout judging by the \$48.92 that was collected which will be donated to Muscular Dystrophy.

WHAT SERVICE

Those of us in the German Mills area who have children attending Thornlea for the first time this year are probably aware that the school bus service is appalling.

Believe it or not, although school is officially dismissed at 3 p.m., if your child waits for the school bus he or she may not come home until 4:30 and that's on a nice day.

As a result students who are not participating in after school activities have to find their own mode of transportation, either by hitching a ride on a bicycle, walking home or taking Markham Transit.

Taking Markham Transit at that time of day can present a safety hazard. If you've never lived in a can of sardines, then you probably will experience it by forcing yourself onto a crowded Markham Transit bus shortly after 3 on a school day.

A call to Markham Transit asking for more or larger buses brought the response that starting in October there will be larger buses on that route. The real problem lies with the school bus.

Because most of the students have found other means of getting home, I saw only three students getting off a school bus at a stop near my home one day last week and one of these was on crutches, so there was no alternative. Why have an after-school bus service at all?

A call to the Board Office promised that the matter would be looked into.

The reason that the students on one of the routes get home so late is because they are not picked up until 4:20. The bus driver has to pick up students from four elementary schools prior to coming to Thornlea.

CROSS COUNTRY

If you are interested in cross-country skiing you may want to visit the Thornhill Community Centre Branch Library next Tuesday, October 4 at 8 p.m.

Mike Exall of Seneca College will present a program on cross country skiing with pre-season conditioning exercises for the cross-country skier.

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