

C. A. Cathers Named to Run for Prog.-Cons.

The Lions' Hall in Richmond Hill was the gathering point last Friday night for an overflow convention of the Progressive Conservative Association of North York. Named to stand as the official candidate for the party in the next federal election was C.A. "Tiny" Cathers, of Newmarket R.R. 2.

Following the round of speeches by candidates and their supporters, the delegates cast their votes to affirm Mr. Cathers as their representative, depositing 208 votes to elect him on the first ballot. Charles Hooper of Buttonville, and Floyd Corner of Aurora, the two opposing candidates, obtained a total of 90 votes between them. The announcement of the elec-

tion of Mr. Cathers brought a great burst of applause from the audience.

The night was cold and the roads slippery, but the good turnout was praised by the chairman of the evening, Wm. Case, the riding president, and by the organizing chairman, Professor E. A. Smith. Prof. Smith reported that 298 of a possible 350 delegates were present for the convention. Three delegates are eligible for each of the polling sub-divisions in the North York riding, with an additional 40 delegates-at-large.

Speeches were also delivered by Major "Lex" MacKenzie, MPP for North York, and by Major John B. Hamilton, M.P., York West.

HAZEL VICTIMS NOW HELPING

Further assistance for the extension of York County Memorial Hospital was given recently when the Junior Red Cross of Ontario contributed \$1,000 towards equipment to be used in the healing of sick children. C. A. "Tiny" Cathers, chairman of the hospital extension committee, is seen receiving the cheque from Newmarket children, chosen for the honour of presenting it because the hospital is located in their community.

area, with Lambert Hutzlugh as secretary-treasurer. John Knipf, Arnold Winter, Steve Gajdos and Charels Davis are members.

Holland Marsh residents were hard hit themselves last year, when the initial campaign was under way, by Hurricane Hazel. Helped then by other sections of York County, they are now helping a part by returning that help. Ten percent of the cases looked after in York County Memorial Hospital, it was disclosed recently, come from the Holland Marsh-Bradford area.

Be sure and attend the fowl Bingo to be held in the Stouffville Legion Hall on Saturday evening, Dec. 17th, at 8 o'clock.

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IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

In a report published in the Markham "Economist and Sun" December 1, entitled, "Village Council Approves Plan to Finance Large Scale Development", some statements were made which, if taken as truth, would be very misleading to the public. The estimated cost, according to the brief, of elementary school accommodation was \$150.00 per lot. Since council gave the green light to this proposal, I assume they swallowed the bait, but this figure is so far from the truth that we must assume the council members were either asleep or dead that night.

I can only speak for elementary school costs, as they are the only figures I am familiar with, but I can prove that the public school costs alone will be more than the whole municipal fee of \$500.00. As has been consistently pointed out by the public school board, the ratio of children per home in all new subdivisions is 1.5 and this can be verified by the Dept. of Education. Therefore the number of new children in the proposed new area will be in excess of 1800. This would require, at 35 per class, a minimum of 50 classrooms which is five times the number of classrooms in the new public school now being built, at a cost of \$170,000. Since there is to be a kindergarten in this school, let us use, for economy's sake, \$150,000 for ten rooms, and we arrive at a figure of \$750,000. But this is not all, as is the necessary and usual procedure, debentures must be sold which will cost, at the rate stated in Dec. 8th edition of the Economist and Sun (4 1/2%) and over a 25 year period, \$421,875, which gives us a total capital expenditure of \$1,171,875 or \$887.78 per lot. This figure does not look very much like the \$150 quoted and we still have not added the high school cost of capital expenditure due to expansion of this area. I suppose I should be fair and subtract the Provincial Grant to get the true picture. Well, our grant will shrink, with the addition of 5,000 new people, to about 38%, which amounts to \$337.36 per lot, leaving us a debt balance of \$50.42 per lot or a total of \$66,554.40. And remember, this is only taking public school costs alone.

But wait! There is more! What about operating costs? On the basis of this year's financial report for the Village of Markham, and on the basis of an average assessment of another new area, let us assume that the average assessment of these 1320 homes will be \$3,000, which is about what the average assessment of a \$16,000.00 home is, and we arrive at a total assessment for the new area of \$3,960,000. This will yield at 42.5 mills, (I use 42.5 mills instead of 37 mills because if we had not had a balance of \$11,000 on hand Jan. 1, the public school levy would have been 5.5 mills higher) a total tax of \$168,300. Since the total cost to Markham Village taxpayers of public schools in 1955 was \$30,486.56 for 14 classrooms it can be seen that the 50 classrooms in the new area would cost \$108,890.50 or 64.1% of the total tax. Yet, this year the public schools cost the village taxpayers only 39.7% of the total amount required to run the village. Who is to pay this difference? You guessed it—the taxpayer. Therefore, Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer, get out on Thursday evening and get all the information you can at the special ratepayer's meeting in the Vet's Hall and then—get out and Vote!

On the basis of the above information and this year's financial statement, this proposed new subdivision will increase your taxes fifteen mills on public school tax only. Think of what it will do when you add High School costs and all the other services as well.

Then, after all this expense, in 15 years time the school population will sink back to the over-all Ontario picture of 5 children per home and approximately 32 of the 50 classrooms will be of no use.

This has not been written in an effort to show that we should stand still and not progress, but to point out the waste of taxpayers' money if we allow mushroom growth. To keep taxes within reason we must either get plenty of industry (40% to every 60% homes) or confine our expansion to not more than 10% per year.

—J. Hannah

The U.S. Air Force School of Aviation Medicine is financing studies by Peruvian scientists seeking to learn how Indians of Peru adapt to oxygen deficiency in living and working at altitudes above 16,000 feet.

GLEN MAJOR

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Langille and Mrs. George Pickett spent one day last week in Toronto.

Miss June Fiss of Toronto spent the weekend at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson, George and Linda, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fiss and Fred.

Mr. George Nokes spent the weekend at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones and Shirley visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biggs and family at Brooklin.

Mrs. L. Risebrough and Betty spent one day last week in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Faulkner of Goodwood visited one day last week at the Jones'.

There were a few skiers around on Sunday leaving their cars parked on the side of the road. This could be dangerous.

Mr. Murray Fraser visited Sunday with Mr. Dennis Nokes.

Chas. Hooper States Gov't. Forgets Us

Speaking recently to a nominating convention held by the Progressive Conservative Party in Richmond Hill, Charles Hooper of Buttonville, one of the candidates put forth by the meeting charged that the emphasis at Ottawa was on external affairs. "The federal government has forgotten all about you and me," said Mr. Hooper.

He pointed out the recent example of the Howe case, where attempts at the ruin of democracy and free enterprise had been thwarted through the effort of the Conservative party.

"Agriculture is the basic industry of Canada," continued Mr. Hooper, who voiced the opinion that it would continue in this position due to the increasing population of the country. He continued on the subject of the farm economy, pointing out that farm income had declined in Canada 28 percent in the period 1951 to 1953. In 1954, there had been a further drop of 12 percent he stated.

He criticized Mr. Gardiner who had, he said, stood back while the United States dumped their surplus wheat in the markets of the world.

Mr. Hooper was introduced by D. J. Murray of Aurora, who made a vigorous appeal to the gathering to support Mr. Hooper. He felt that the experience of Charles Hooper in the municipal field would stand him in good stead in the next federal election, and outlined the offices held by him as a school trustee, member of township council, deputy-reeve, reeve and Warden of York County.

Following the announcement of the election of C. A. Cathers, Mr. Hooper asked for the full support of the successful man by all supporters of the party.

CHRISTMAS ADS.

Merchants of Stouffville are preparing for the last-minute rush of shoppers, and will be open this Friday and Saturday night until ten o'clock. Next Wednesday will also see the stores open all day and in addition the doors will not be locked until ten next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

SANTA TO APPEAR FOR HANDICAPPED

Santa Claus will make a special appearance for the handicapped children of Pickering township and Ajax on Saturday afternoon, December 17, in the hall of the Presbyterian Church, Pickering. The children, who participated in the community's summer water recreation and swimming therapy program, will be entertained by the volunteer workers.



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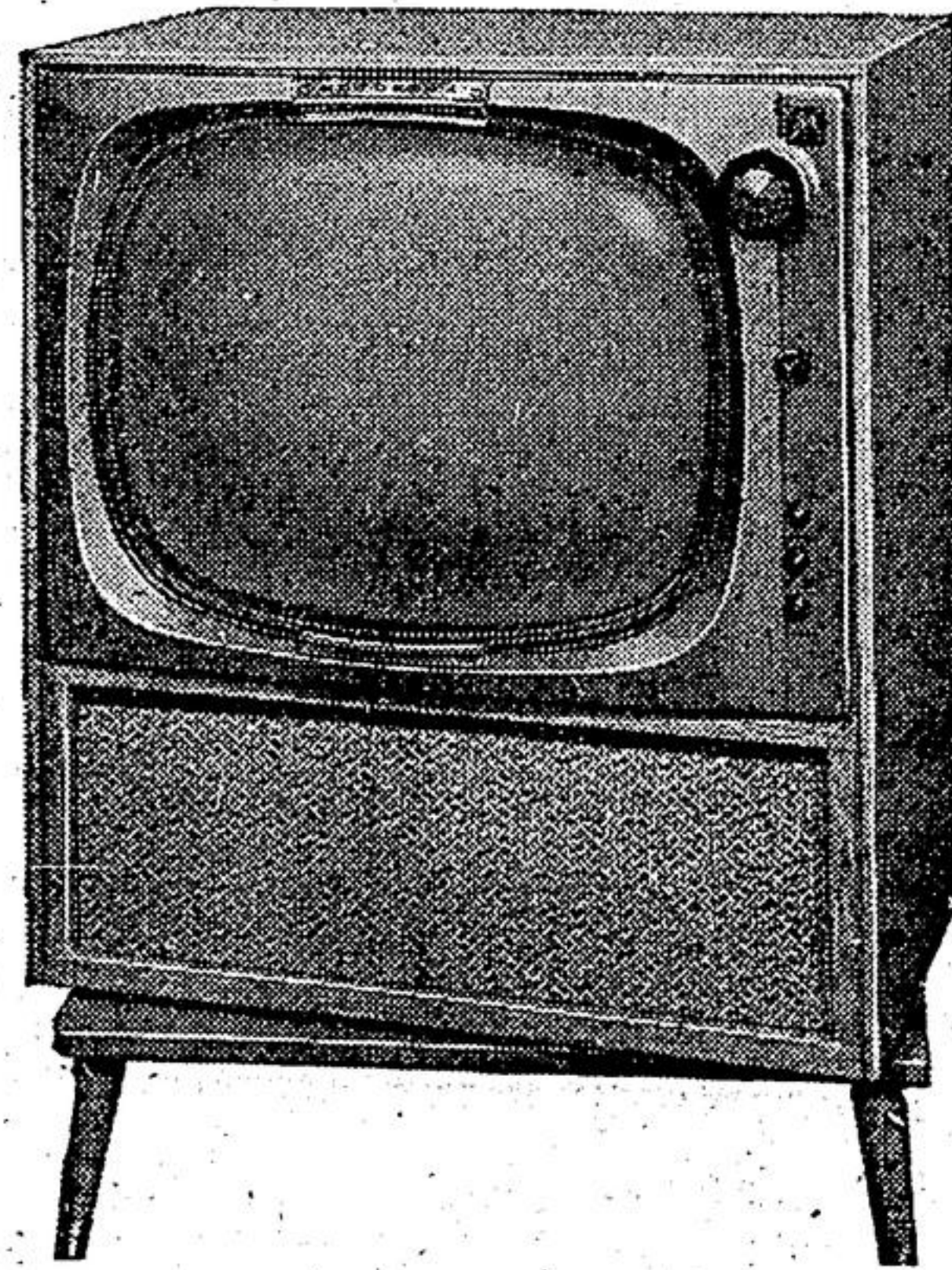
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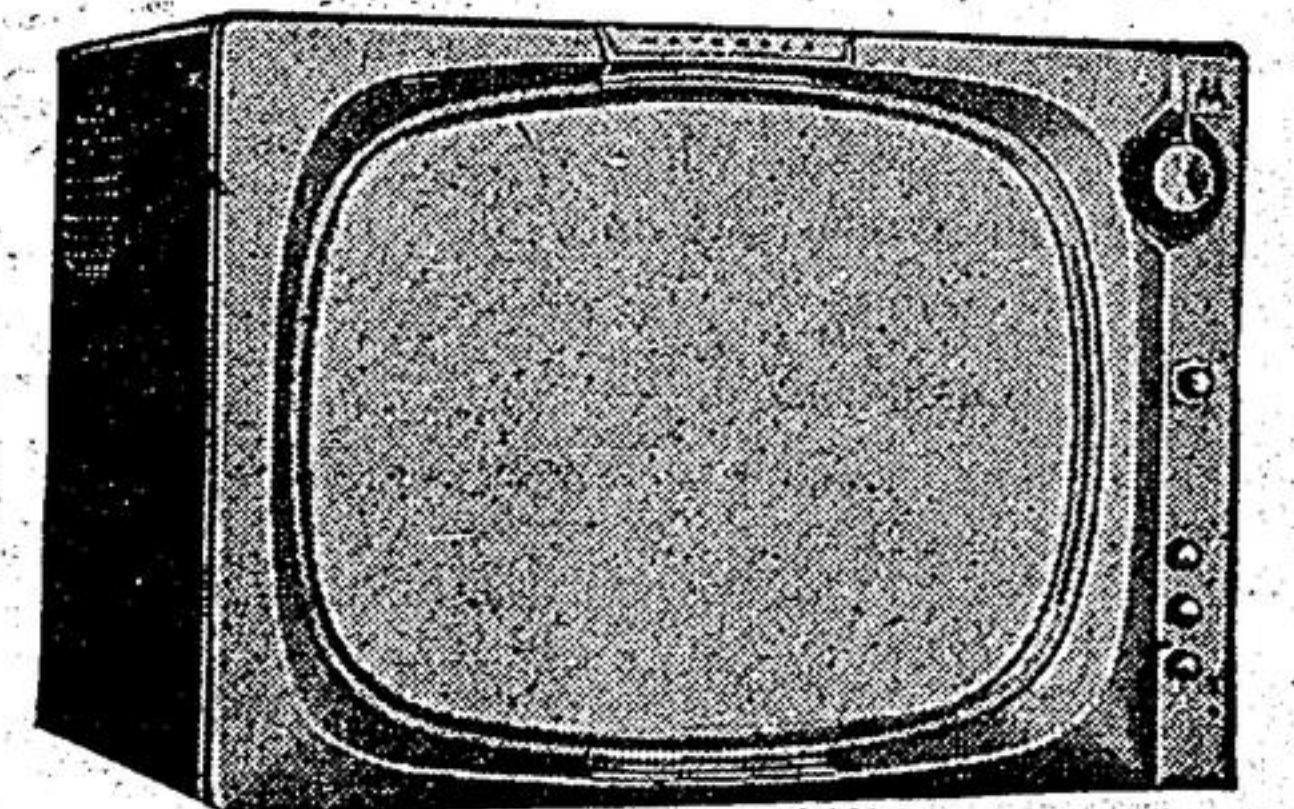
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