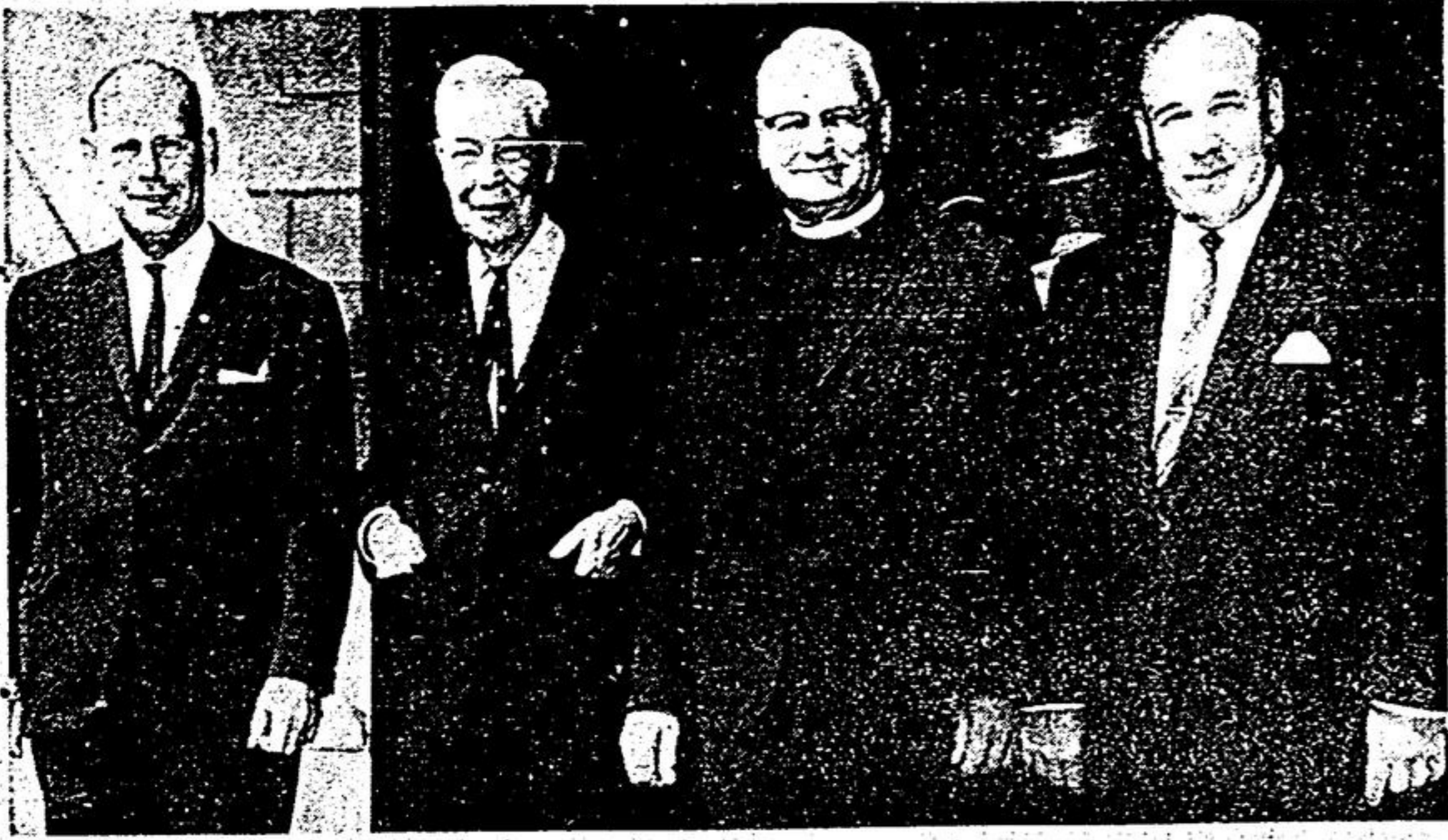


# Whitchurch Centre — A Centennial Project

## Senator McCutcheon Cuts Ribbon



Presiding at the opening ceremonies of the new Recreation Centre near Ballantrae, Saturday were (left to right)—Reeve Ross Farquharson, Senator Wallace McCutcheon, Rev. Roy Inglis and York County Warden, Floyd Perkins. —Staff Photo

BALLANTRAE — Senator Wallace McCutcheon may have failed in his bid for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party but he made friends and influenced many people at the official opening of the new Recreation Centre, east of Ballantrae, Saturday. It is Whitchurch Township centennial project.

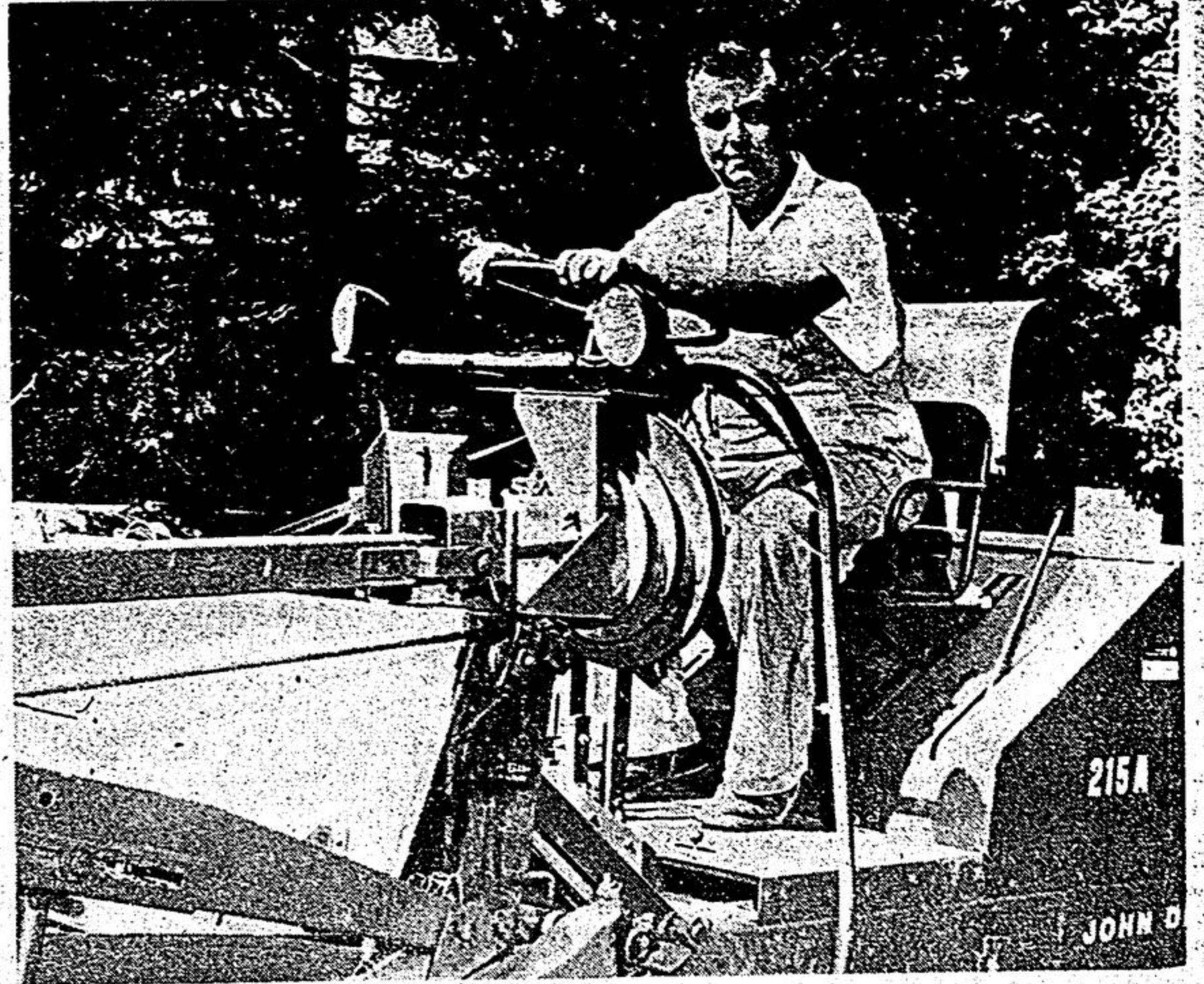
Senator McCutcheon was introduced to the gathering of several hundred by Reeve Ross Farquharson.

"This is a wonderful historical event in the life of the people of Whitchurch Township," he said, "but I hope you will not be content with only this. I hope you will push on with further projects. Everything need not come to a stop at the end of 1967, we must go on working into the second century." At the conclusion of the cutting of the red ribbon, Rev. Roy Inglis of Ballantrae United Church offered the prayer of dedication.

**COMMEND EXECUTIVE**  
Reeve Farquharson commended the diligent work of centennial committee chairman, Jack Wylie and members of the executive for seeing the project through. He also expressed appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan McLaughlin for their gift of the stone gateway at the entrance to the site.

Warden Floyd Perkins brought greetings from York County.

Music for the occasion was supplied by the Stouffville Drum and Bugle Corps; the Newmarket Brass Band and the Claremont Citizens' Band. An excellent program of vocal, instrumental and dance talent was enjoyed by the audience during the afternoon and evening.



Merlyn Baker, conc. 8, Whitchurch Township, is carrying the banner for the N.D.P. Party in the Riding of North York. A well-known farmer in the area, he has held prominent position in farm organizations as well as district public and high school boards. —Staff Photo

### Merlyn Baker

## Carries York North Banner For N.D.P.

STOUFFVILLE—Merlyn Baker, New Democratic Party candidate in York North, feels fully qualified to deal with problems as faced by the farmers in his riding. He's been a farmer all his life.

Born 52 years ago, the son of Morgan Baker and Gertrude Clubine, he continues to reside in the same home once occupied by his parents. His father, a former Whitchurch Township reeve, now lives near King City.

The Baker family name is well-known and highly respected throughout the whole of the County.

Merlyn Baker received his public school education at Bloomington and Lemonville. He later attended the Stouffville Continuation School. The depression or, Hon. Donald C. Mac-too vividly recalled by Mr. Baker. "Those were the days when a fellow felt rich if he had an extra quarter in his pocket. It sure was a struggle to make ends meet."

**TOOK OVER FARM**  
In 1934, Morgan Baker

full stop, then proceeded across the highway without seeing a car approaching from another direction. She said that she had since checked the scene closely and found that signs on a service station lot, tend to block a motorist's view.

Magistrate Pearce recommended that the officer look the corner over and present his opinion when the case re-convenes.

entered the Ontario Legislature and Merlyn took over on the home front. He was only 19.

In 1941, he married Helen Bell of Stouffville in Second Markham Baptist Church. They have a family of four, three sons and one daughter, Morgan, 23, works a 100 acre farm directly across the road on Highway 48. John recently completed his Grade 13 at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School and Peter is now in Grade 12. Gertrude, now Mrs. Douglas Sheridan, lives at Newmarket. She is a Registered Nurse in York County Hospital.

**MANY ACTIVITIES**  
Although for most folks, farming is a full-time job, Merlyn has taken an active interest in other phases of community work. He served for six years as a trustee at Lemonville School and since 1958 has been a mem-

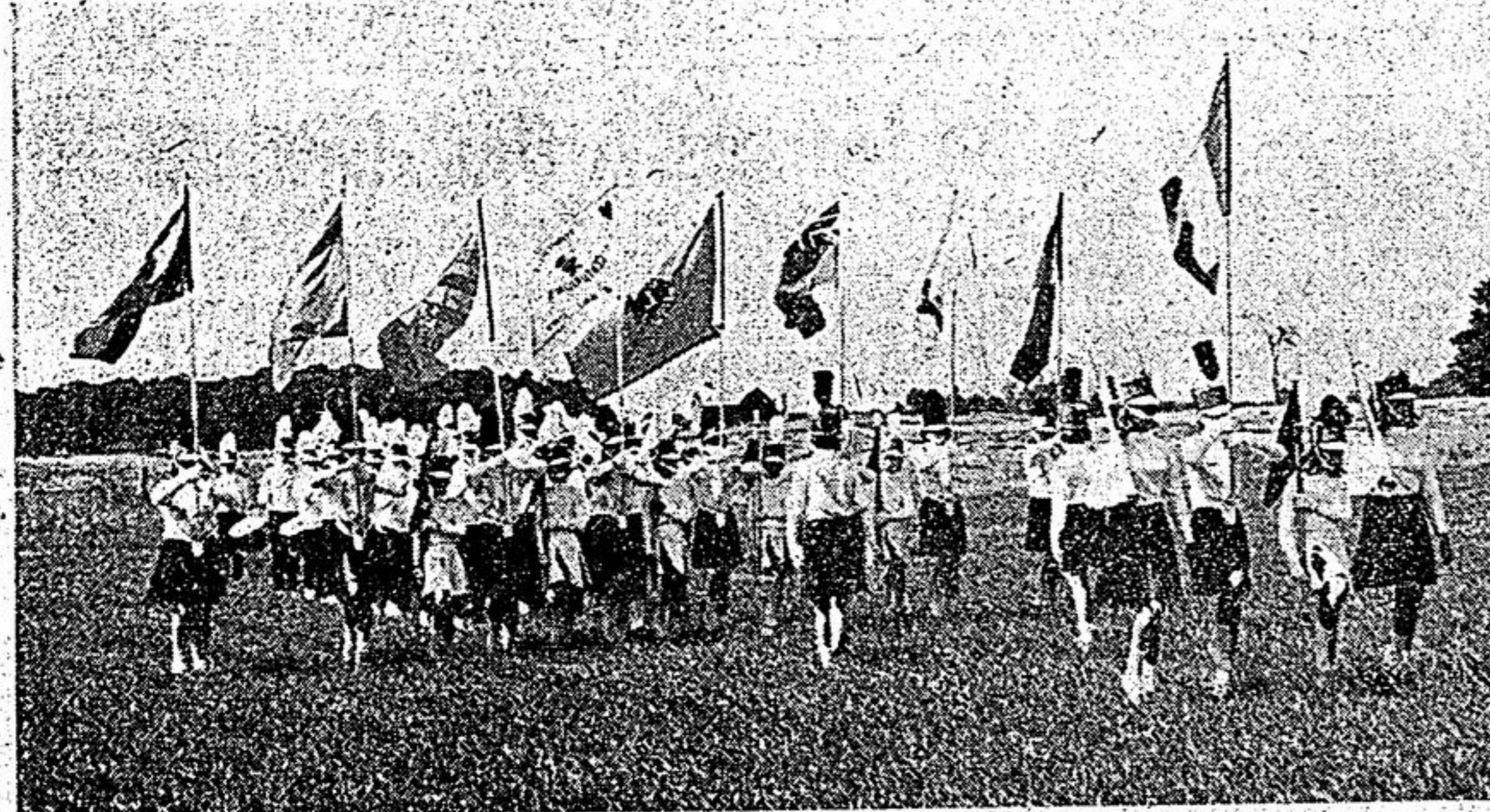
ber of the Stouffville High School Board, a portion of this period as Chairman. In addition, he has served as a Director of the York County Hog Producer's Association and the York County Federation of Agriculture. He spent a great deal of time on the now defunct FAME project and it was during personal contacts with farmers in the area that he became aware of their problems.

**LIKE HIS FATHER**  
Although his father was a Liberal Merlyn Baker has had close connections with politics down through the years. "There are important issues at stake today and reforms are needed. The N.D.P. Party is, I believe, the party to carry out those reforms. Mr. Baker admits that he holds high regard for the party leader, Donald.

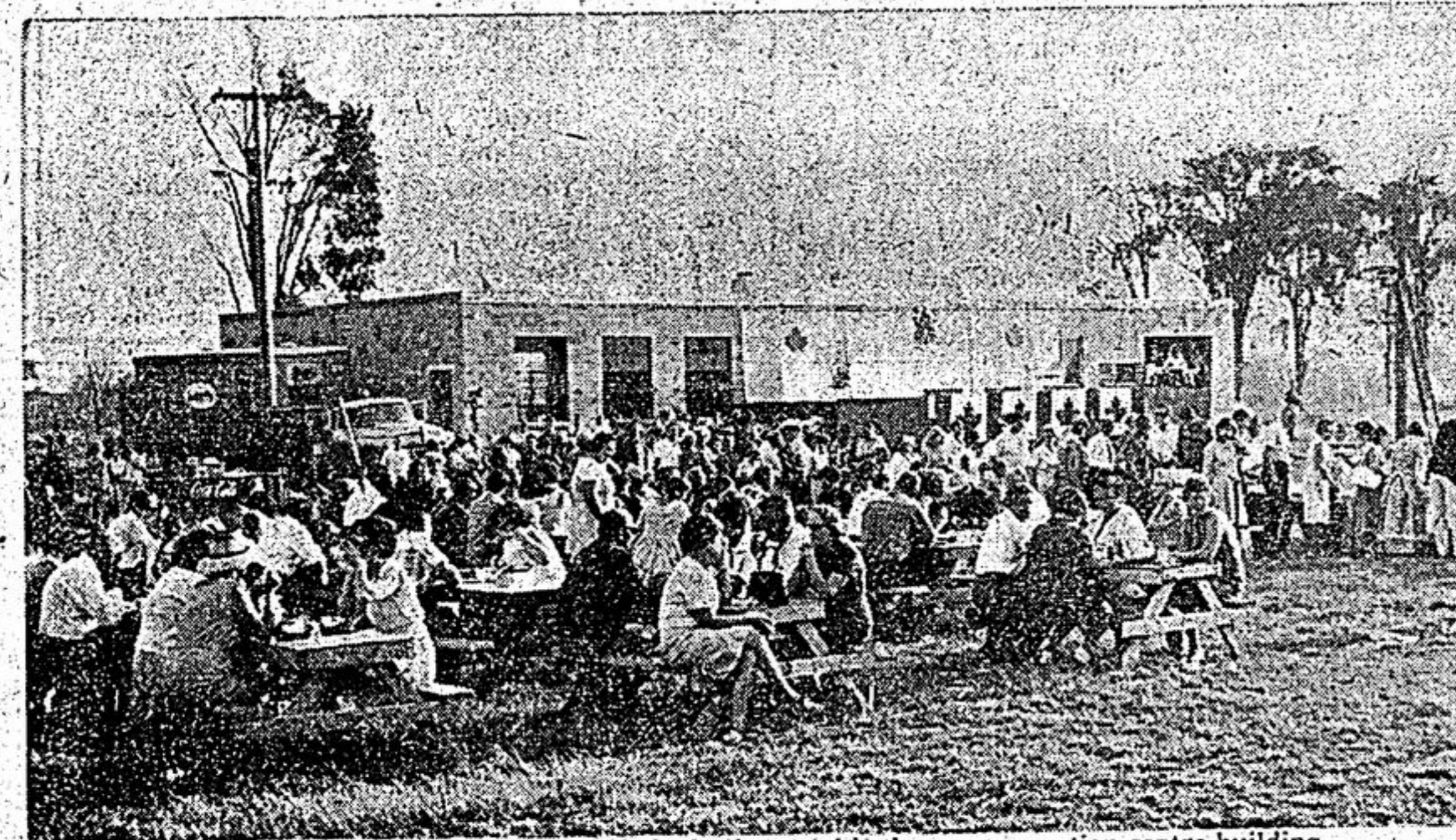
"These are the issues on

which he is currently conducting his campaign: (1) Housing within reach of all who merit home ownership. (2) Legislation to give all farm organizations self-determining powers. To abolish dictatorial methods presently employed by the Ontario Farm Marketing Board and the Ontario Milk Marketing Committee. (3) Legislation to halt unfair trading practices; misleading advertising and gimmicks. (4) Electoral reform, which means full disclosure of all contributions to political parties, with limits on amounts and appropriate penalties for breach of the Act. (5) Restoration of responsible government in Ontario with a minimum of bureaucracy.

"These and other views will be expressed by Mr. Baker at a public meeting in the Stouffville Legion Hall, Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 8 o'clock.



One of three bands in attendance was the Stouffville Drum and Bugle Corps, 'The Centurians.'—Staff Photo



A portion of the crowd is shown here. In the background is the new recreation centre building. —Staff Photo

## Huge Ready-Mix Plant Rolling

BLOOMINGTON — Centennial Ready-Mix, a huge \$200,000 concrete plant at Bloomington in Whitchurch Township, is rolling out the cement at the rate of 400,000 yards a year.

The structure, erected in April, is equipped with the most modern of automatic equipment. The owners are brothers, Russ and Dave Forfar.

The plant with self-contained offices and shop, is fully winterized. Gravel storage capacity is 650 tons.

The firm has eight ready-mix trucks with a total carrying capacity of 50 yards. They serve a radius of 25 miles.

### Tax Sales

GOODWOOD — Tax sales of properties in Ontario County, will be held Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. at the County Building, Whitby. There is only one such property in Uxbridge Township. The arrears are \$847.76 plus costs for a total figure of \$900.40.

In the entire County, the tax arrears (after three years) total about \$4,000. Five of the properties are in Beaverton, two in the Township of Scugog; two in the Township of Thorah and one in Port Perry.

## Investigate School Sites

UNIONVILLE — The site of the new senior school in Markham TSA 2, is just as indefinite as the school itself.

Property chairman, Elson Miles, informed a recent meeting of the Board, that negotiations for property on the LaRose estate, concession 7, had not progressed.

In view of the delay, trustees agreed that new sites should be investigated.

One suggested, was a portion of the Madsen property, bordering conc. 7, near the LaRose lands, close to services from Markham Village.

Trustee Eldred King recommended that prices on this lot and two others in Unionville, be obtained.

Meanwhile, Markham Twp. Council has turned down a debenture application from the Board for \$990,000 pending a plebiscite on the issue.

## Uxbridge Township Nominations

GOODWOOD — Nominations in the Township of Uxbridge will be held November 22 in the Community Hall at Goodwood from 7 to 8 p.m. An election, if

required, will be held, Dec. 4. Both dates were set by Council at a meeting Sept. 11. The necessary by-law will be prepared by the Clerk.

## Charges Withdrawn

MARKHAM — Two charges of making indecent telephone calls and one of sending false messages, filed against a Markham Village woman, were withdrawn in Magistrate's Court, Tuesday.

Mrs. Marian Hollands, 36, of Main Street, had been charged in June by Markham Township police.

They said that the accused had made several indecent calls to township residents.

## Claims View Blocked

STOUFFVILLE — Although a Stouffville lady entered a plea of guilty to a traffic charge in Magistrate's Court, Sept. 8, she won an adjournment of the case when evidence presented, aroused some doubt in the mind of Magistrate Russell Pearce. He changed the plea of Mrs. Marjorie Beaumont, Elm Road to one of 'not guilty' and set a new date of Oct. 20 for the hearing.

P.C. David Hadden of Stouffville testified that the driver was in collision with another vehicle, Aug. 9, at the intersection of Fairview Avenue and Main Street. He charged her with failing to yield.

Mrs. Beaumont said that she brought her auto to a

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### FAMILY MAN

Don Deacon is 47. He and his wife, Florence, have lived on the family farm at Unionville for the past 20 years. They have six children, 5 boys and 1 girl, ranging in age from 7 to 19. Annual holidays have been spent in family camping and they have visited almost every Province in this way. Don's recreation is Scottish country dancing and travel. He is following a family political heritage from his grandfather who was Premier of New Brunswick and Minister of Railways in the Laurier Cabinet.

### CHURCHMAN

Don Deacon is also a concerned layman who is active in inter-faith projects. He is an elder at Central United Church, Unionville, where he has taught Sunday School for many years and has also served as a steward. He was Chairman of the successful York Presbytery Projects Fund in 1965 and organizer of Laymen's Weekend retreats from 1959 to 1961. Don is Vice President of the Unionville Council of Churches presently sponsoring "Unionville" Senior Citizens Home.



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