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Tribune

Tim Wees

New Democratic party candidate

STOUFFVILLE—A former student of Stouffville District High School has tossed his hat in the political ring. Timothy Wees, 23, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Wees, Stouffville, R.R.3, and now living at Ingleside, near Cornwall, will represent the Stormont New Democratic Party in the next federal election. He was the unanimous choice at a nomination convention of the riding association held at the Cornwallis Hotel.

Now married, Tim is employed as the Eastern Ontario supervisor of the New Haven Children's Homes, a division of Brown Camps, with headquarters in Toronto.

In his acceptance address, Mr. Wees charged that the democratic system was not being used to foster individuality but rather to repress it. "Our government is not interested in the needs of the individuals it represents. It is subservient to the industrial concerns who pay its election expenses," he said.

With reference to the Conservative Party, he stated that the official opposition opposed the government, not because there is any real difference in their beliefs and not because they have any real concern for the people, but because that is the way the political game is played. Mr. Wees dwelt on three main issues—the law of injunction, the Canadian Indian and unemployment.

"The injunction law was created to protect citizens, not attack them. But an industrially oriented government has allowed it to be manipulated so that it is being used not for you, but against you," he said. He recommended that where there is no violence, the injunction law should not be applied to strikes.



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With reference to the Canadian Indian, Mr. Wees termed them "the most repressed and ignored individuals in the land."

With respect to conditions, Mr. Wees noted that at the end of February, 3,674 people were out of work in Cornwall. He charged that unemployment figures of 4 to 6 percent were considered normal as far as the present government was concerned. "What happens to the four to six percent who are out of a job?" he asked, "Is this part of government planning? What are they supposed to do?"

Mr. Wees pointed out that a man's pride lies in his work and his ability to bring home food for his family. "If he cannot do this, then he no longer feels like a man." "If the government will not change the laws, then we'll have to change the government," he concluded.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pearce and son Ross and Mrs. Gerald Pointon of Toronto had supper with Mr. and Mrs. O. Madill, Sunday.

Editor's mail

Constructive criticism should prove a benefit

Sir: Not being a resident of your area, I do not feel qualified to comment on most of the happenings in your village.

I had occasion to read the April 4 issue of your paper, however, in which were many letters of complaint from pupils regarding your report on their theatrical endeavour.

I am confident the pupils have in their adolescent innocence done you and your paper a grave injustice.

My line of work, bringing me in close contact with newspapers and public relations, makes me familiar with the internal operations of your business and I am constrained to make a suggestion to the students, the object being to help them to see that there is always more to any situation than just what one wants to see.

I suggest that the students form a committee to do some research and find out how much lineage and illustration space has been given to the students of the school in the past 12 month period. And not necessarily just for direct school activities but in connection with their outside interests as well.

I have no doubt that on some occasions you have been asked for, and willingly given, pictures of individual students and groups.

One can scan almost any ethical newspaper on any given day and find an editorial which is defending them rather than

shooting them down as they have accused you of doing.

For all this lineage and illustration space and for the defense of our kids, no charge is ever made. It all represents a considerable amount of money in a year. Guess who picks up that tab.

Being a parent myself, I know that when we parents attend any endeavour in which our kids are involved, we applaud and praise them not because they were the finest in the world (though they may at times do an outstanding chore) but just because they are our kids and we love them in spite of any deficiencies they may display.

It's not quite that way, however, when you are scratching for bread out in this old world (and bear in mind that the day does come when you are the one who must do the scratching). The world justifiably demands value for money tendered. Not necessarily your values but the values of the guy who's paying the bill. Not what you'd call unjust, is it?

When Mr. Thomas reported your performance he was not "destroying" you as you claim. He was telling the truth which is sometimes a bitter pill to swallow. If, however, you take that pill, grin and take advantage of its benefits, you'll be a better and bigger person for it. When you are ill and the doctor prescribes a medicine that tastes unbelievably vile,

do you refuse to take it? Certainly not, because you know you'll be better for it. So it goes with life. You'll find as you grow up (hopefully) that life is not all Sunday school.

Speaking of Sunday school. One student said she thought a few sacred numbers such as hymns would be "out of place." Let's get things straight. A hymn or sacred song is by definition: "expressive of praise" (to God).

If we are engaged in an activity where we don't want God—is it God who is "out of place?"

Look at "the way it is" my young friends. You are loved by us "old creeps." When you think we are "shooting you down" it is for a good reason—we are helping you learn how to fly higher later on.

I've said more than I intended to so I'll add one little thought and let it go at that.

You think you've been dealt a bum hand of cards. Okay, downtown in Toronto, on University Avenue, you'll find a building called The Sick Children's Hospital. Take the time to go down there one afternoon and see some kids that really got a bum deal. Check this out, too.—Of those hundreds of kids who have had their wings "clipped" for the rest of their lives—NOT ONE EVER COMPLAINS THAT THEY WERE "DESTROYED" BY SOMEBODY! They are too busy trying again and again to learn to fly, with broken

wings. And here you are with all the equipment and more things going for you than you ever dreamed of. Quit whimpering in the corner there, and look beyond your noses. That old sky is more blue and beautiful the higher you go. START FLYING! Leave the mud of self-pity for the Yorkville types.

P.S. After you have seen beyond your noses, a letter to Mr. Thomas, to that effect would not be "out of place."

Sincerely, E. Peters, 79 Thorncliffe Pk. Dr., Toronto, Ontario.

Raise \$65

STOUFFVILLE—Grade six students of Summitview Public School in Stouffville, contemplating a trip to Ottawa in June, organized a car-wash program Saturday that netted them \$65. The money will be used to help pay expenses.

The boys and girls, assisted by their principal, Mr. Boardway, worked diligently all day, scrubbing a steady stream of cars inside and out. The weather was perfect for the project.

On Saturday Apr. 20, these same pupils will embark on a Slave-Day program. Anyone wishing a few springtime chores done around the house is asked to get in touch with the school or Mr. Boardway.



Seventeen year old Kathy Morey of Sherburne, New York, holds three trophies her corps won Saturday in the Pageant of Flags ceremony at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

U. S. corps

Tops color guard show

STOUFFVILLE—Seventeen year old Kathy Morey, color guard captain of the Sherburne Drum and Bugle Corps, Sherburne, New York, received so many trophies, Saturday night, she couldn't carry them all. The presentations were made at the first annual Pageant of Flags in the auditorium of Stouffville District Secondary School. There were twelve entries, including six from the United States.

The Sherburne guard received 92 points to top the competition. In addition, they received first for best general effect. Miss Morey was judged the best guard captain in the show.

More than 400 persons attended the performance. The master of ceremonies was Bill Kamps, Rupert Avenue.

tion behind the Sherburne corps was the Shamrocks of Kenmore, New York, 91.3 points; Toronto Optimists, 91.15; St. Catharines Chessmen, 90.06; Sherburne Wildcats, Sherburne, New York, 90.04; Markham Collegettes, 89.65; Michael Power, Knights, 89.25; Stouffville Centurions, 88.8; Wavettes of Rochester, New York, 87.7; Greece Cadets, Greece, New York, 85.7; Blue Angels, Rochester, New York, 85.05 and Kinsmen Girls of Stoney Creek, 83.55.

Of particular interest to the Stouffville audience was, of course, the Centurions, led by guard captain, Lois Farthing. They did extremely well against strong opposition and placed eighth. The Markham Collegettes placed well up in the standing, finishing sixth.

The show was one of the most colorful programs of its kind ever held here, with the uniforms of some entries defying description.

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