

After initial conflict in North Pickering

Leasing program well accepted by farmers

PICKERING — Most, but certainly not all, of the farmers involved in the North Pickering Project say they're happy with the leasing program developed jointly by the provincial government and local representatives.

Two-thirds of the land involved in the North Pickering Project will be used for agriculture and open space. The remainder of the 25,000 acres will be for urban and commercial development.

Farms will be maintained on top-grade land west of the West Duffin Creek. Agricultural Area One, will support long-term enterprises such as dairy and beef farms. In Area Two, since intrusions will appear from existing hamlets, land will be used mainly for cash crops.

A leasing program developed by government and farmers ensures that this area will remain in agricultural use only.

At first the plan was rejected by the local residents. Dozens of meetings were held but they failed to produce any solution or compromise.

Eventually a committee of six farmers was selected to speak on behalf of the area farmers.

One of the committee members, Phyllis Hollinger, says the group functioned as a mediator. "We met with the government officials to draw up a plan that would be acceptable to both parties. There were many revisions and additions made in the leasing program—mostly to the benefit of the farmer."

It is the responsibility of the government as landlord for instance, to construct new buildings and maintain the upkeep of the existing ones. Reasonable rental fees must also be maintained.

The Hollingers operate a dairy farm. Len Hollinger and his son David agree that they would rather rent land from the government than from the land speculators who owned the land previously. "With the government as landlord, we are getting improvements made on the farm. We have already received aid in building a new part of our barn," Hollinger says.

The Hollingers intend to stay on their farm even though they cannot own their land. They recently invested \$31,000 for a combine and forage harvester, and feel that they would rather rent from the government than tie up capital in land.

However, leasing land from the government isn't agreeable to everyone.

Many farmers in the area, who have always rented their land from private owners, hoped they could eventually purchase their own land.

Ted Allchurch, one of the more successful dairy farmers in Pickering, shared this dream. "I would have preferred that the expropriation never happened," Allchurch says. "I've always wanted to own my land, but it looks like I'll have to move to Lindsay or somewhere to do so."

Although Allchurch has suffered a disappointment, he isn't bitter towards the government plan. "I'm not agin' it and I'm not for it, but you can't fight it."

Allchurch will remain on his farm until he finds a piece of land he can buy.

The farmers most upset about the expropriation are those who already owned their land. Wally and Elsie Reesor fall into this group.

Although the Reesors will remain on their 170-acre farm, paying rent, their interest in farming isn't the same.

They were also upset about the way the government handled the expropriation. "All we got was a letter informing us about our land being taken for development," says Mrs. Reesor.

John Henderson, agriculture field officer for the project, says most of the farmers are taking a positive attitude toward the plan and that they seem satisfied with what the project is attempting to do.

"Land held by speculators or week-end owners was often left idle. Since expropriation, 1,200 acres of land that was out of production before, is now cultivated. After this year all arable land will be worked. This makes us and the farmers happy," Henderson says.



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A plaque, similar to the one shown above, will be given to each of the contestants in the Farm Improvement Contest for Durham Region, held in conjunction with the International and World Plowing matches.

Awards Sept. 16

193 in contest for homesteads

DURHAM REGION — Tuesday Sept. 16 is a big day for the participants in the Farm Improvement Competition, held in conjunction with the International and World Plowing matches.

That night at 8 p.m. at Uxbridge Secondary School, the prizes will be awarded to the winning farms.

According to FIC organizer Lynn Fair, the Durham contest has drawn the second largest number of entries for a contest in any previous competitions held in the counties hosting the International Plowing Match.

Approximately 150,000 people are expected to attend the plowing matches to be held Sept. 23-27 near Oshawa.

The farmstead and rural home improvement competition is in its closing days. One sideroad in the region has five farms in a row entered.

In most cases the farms and backyard areas will be cleaned up, barns and fences painted, flower beds arranged and even new machinery buildings constructed.

The man with the most difficult job is Eugene Lemon of R. R. 2, Stouffville who is to judge the three different categories. The sections are — farmsteads being improved, rural homes and farmsteads already improved. In the first category there were 117 entries. A total of 193 in Durham Region entered the FIC.

All contestants will receive a plaque for entering. Winners in each section will receive a silver tea service at the awards night presentations. Winners and runners-up will receive large size aerial photos in color of their homes.

Victoria Square

Saleable items still needed for rummage sale

By Mrs. W. Sandle
VIC SQUARE — Church service will resume again on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 11:30 a.m. with the Rev. Victor Shepherd in charge.

A miscellaneous shower will be held in the Community Hall on Thursday evening, Sept. 11 in honor of Diana Hasselfeldt and Lloyd Vanderkooy who are being married early in October. Please accept this notice as your invitation to attend.

Good used saleable articles are still urgently needed for the annual Auction Rummage Sale to be held in the Community Hall on Saturday, Sept. 20 sponsored by the Victoria Square District Lions Club. For pick-ups kindly contact Lions Jack Walker, 884-2882, David Beadle, 773-4190, or any other Lion member.

A speedy recovery is wished for Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Henderson who were involved in a motor car accident last week. They were both hospitalized. Dwight received a broken ankle and a broken wrist, while his wife Lois received two broken ribs and bruises.

Birthday greetings to Linda Empringham, Sept. 4; Sherry and Shelly Brumwell, 14 years, Sept. 7; Norman Tyndall, Sept. 7; Joy Mortson, Sept. 9; Catharine Shepherd, four years, Sept. 9; Kenneth Petty, Sept. 10.

Special wedding anniversary greetings to former residents of our community Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stickley, now of Parkview Home, Stouffville, who on Sept. 6 will be celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wiles, (Lorna Hibbard) who were married in the Thornhill United Church on Friday, Aug. 29.

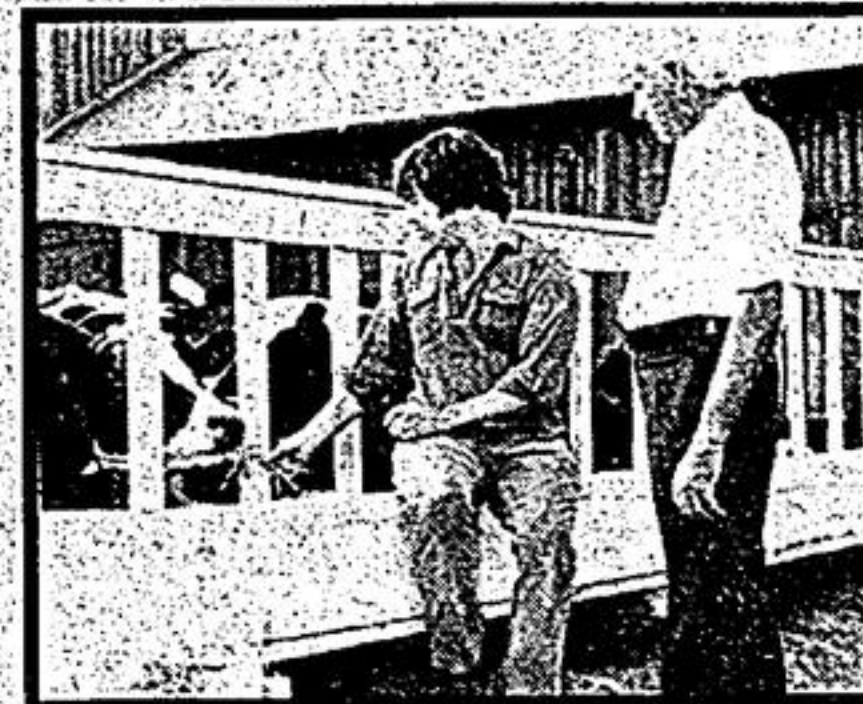
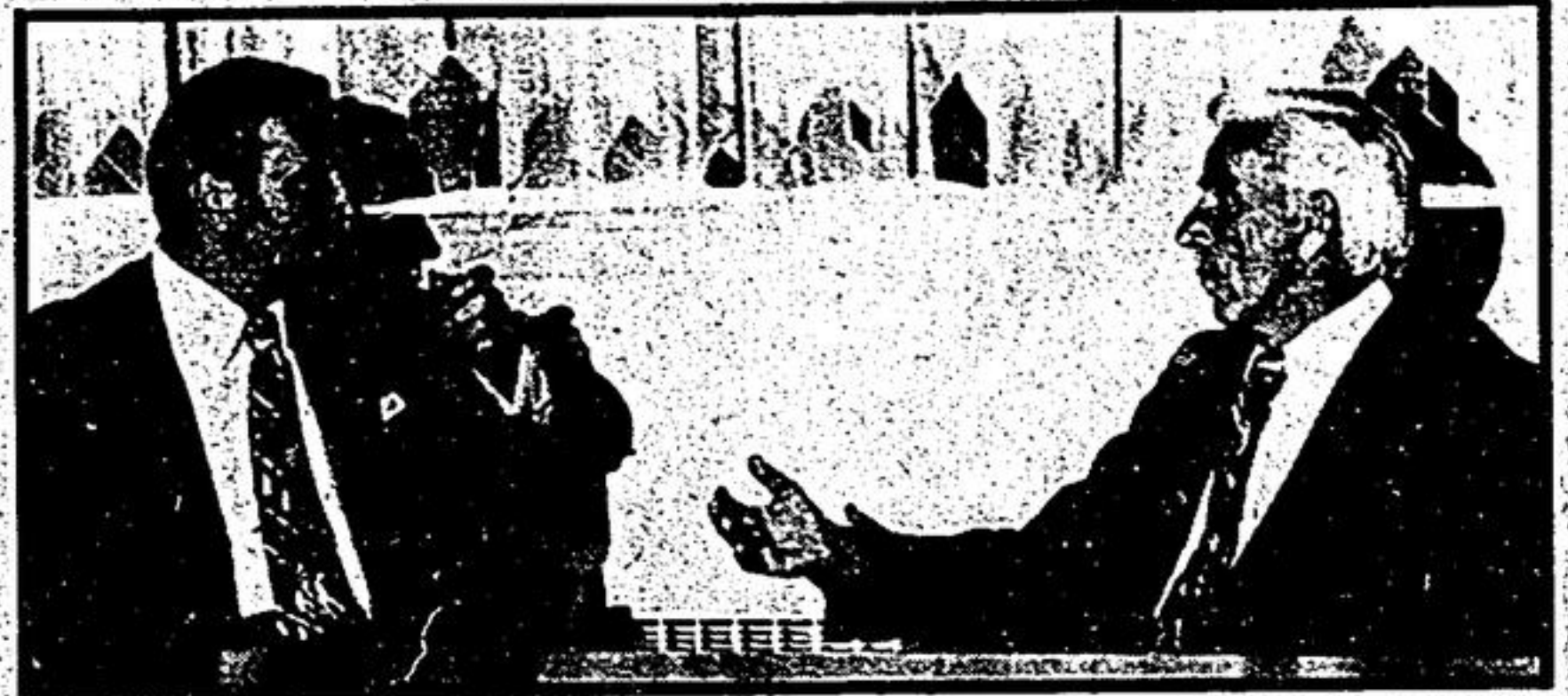
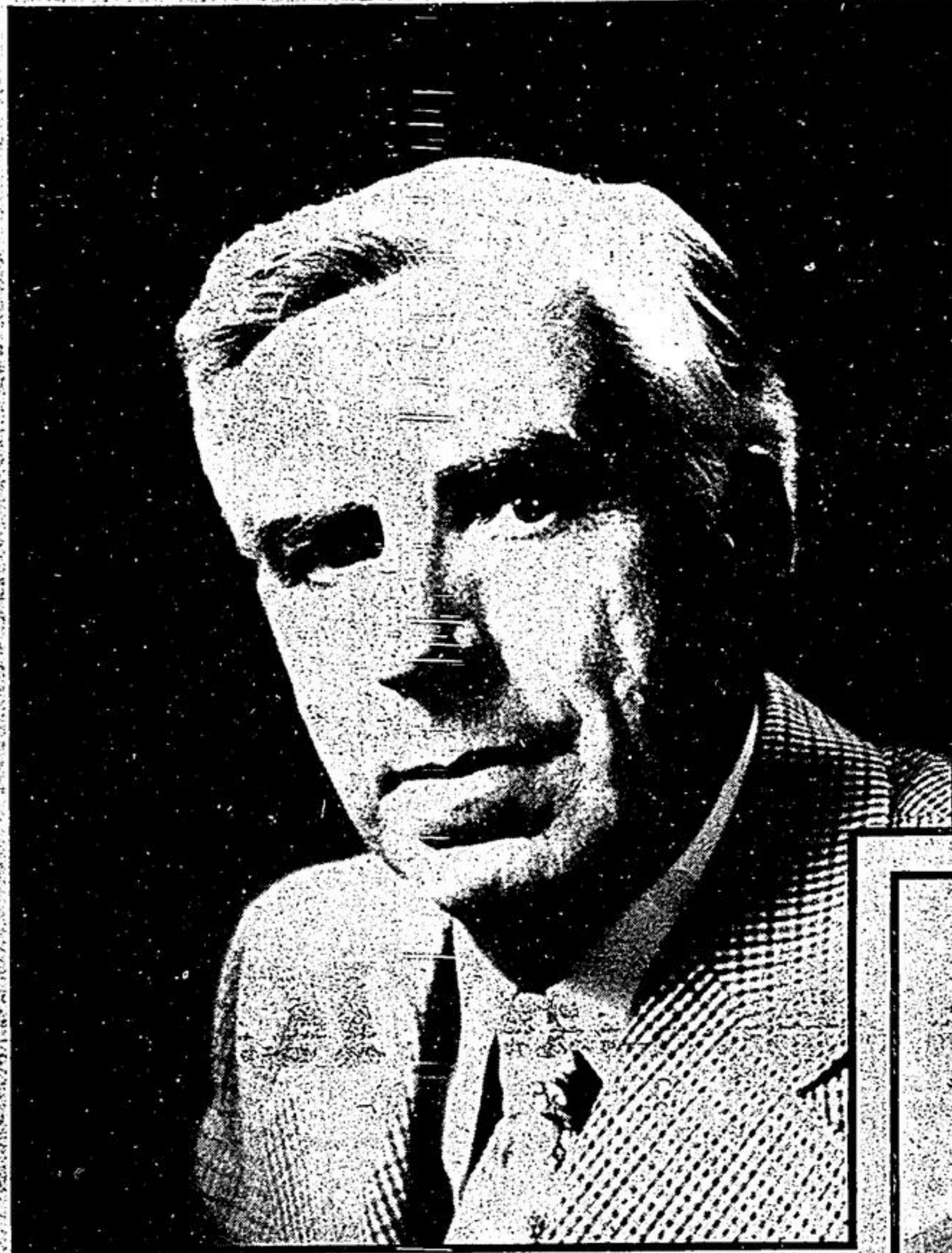
Mr. and Mrs. Heber McCague and Mrs. Phyllis Boynton attended a surprise birthday party on Saturday for Mrs. Margaret Cummings at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George McCague at Harriston.

Starting high school on Sept. 2 will be Clarke Canning, Kim Friedel, Julie Hardie, Dorothy Harris, John Mikkelsen and Kathryn Rumney. We wish them every success as they strive for higher learning.

A new start in life will be those going to Kindergarten: Susan Canning, Barbara Friedel, Roseanne Mortson, Michelle Penock, Amy Downs, Michael Tinker.

Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Meed and family have returned home after visiting various places in the United States and Canada. While there Desmond told and showed slides of his work when he was in Africa before his furlough home in July.

Ruth Frisby has been spending several days with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Huggins and family at Port Perry.



Hodgson helps people

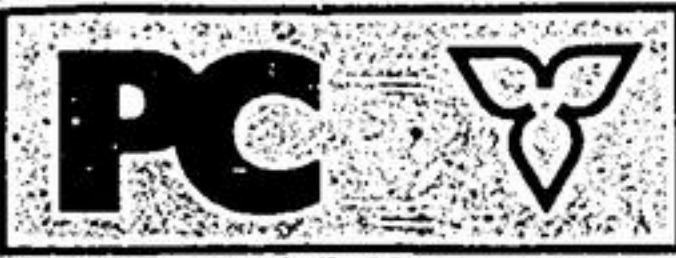
During his past two terms in office as MPP of York North, Bill Hodgson has been totally committed to serving the needs of the people of this riding... officially, and on a personal basis. He was successful in gaining Mr. Davis' personal approval of the \$15,000,000 addition to the York County Hospital. He fought successfully to have this region declared a separate judicial district, which resulted in the approval of a \$15,000,000 Court-house and Registry Office in Newmarket. His efforts were effective in getting the construction of the Highway 404 project underway; and in the expansion of GO transit facilities for the York North residents. He has been equally successful in securing Provincial grants and other forms of assistance for the improvement of our highways; expansion of sewage treatment facilities; preservation of our farmlands; improvement of conservation and recreational areas; the establishment of Day Care centres; and in-

creased housing for our Senior Citizens. Bill Hodgson has been enthusiastic and effective in achieving real benefits for the people of York North. And, despite his busy schedule, Bill has made himself available to help solve the personal problems of hundreds of people throughout the riding.

Bill Hodgson has done an excellent job as your MPP... and he wants to continue to serve you for another four years.

Re-elect Bill Hodgson on September 18th. He helps people!

HODGSON, Wm. (Bill)



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EVENTS:

- Sept. 2 at 8 pm — Wine & Cheese gathering at Latchman Hall, Stouffville
- Sept. 3 at 8 pm — Wine & Cheese gathering at Lion's Hall, Maple
- Sept. 4 at 9 pm — Wine & Cheese gathering at Kincraft House, King City
- Sept. 4 at 8 pm — All Candidates Meeting, Community Centre, Newmarket
- Sept. 5 at 6 pm — "Save Stouffville Committee" meeting, Stouffville

- Sept. 6 at 4 pm — Beef & Oyster gathering, Hugo Walker's home, Kingcross
- Sept. 7 at 6 pm — Barbecue at the Saunder's home, Kleinburg
- 8 pm — Dinner at the Italian Hall, Woodbridge
- Sept. 8 at 8 pm — Wine & Cheese gathering at Community Centre, Aurora
- Sept. 9 at 7 pm — Cable 10 all Candidates Meeting, Richmond Hill Studio
- 8 pm — Wine & Cheese gathering at Veterans' Hall, Newmarket