

'Uncle Cliff' a hit at nursery school

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There are hugs all around when "Uncle Cliff" arrives at the Chick-A-Dee Nursery School in Stouffville each week.

"Uncle Cliff" is really Cliff Quinn, the 84-year-old Stouffville resident who comes in once or twice a week to play the harmonica for the pre-schoolers, something he has been doing for about 10 years now.

"They want to dance and jump up and down when I start to play," he said with delight. Mr. Quinn also mows the lawn at Chick-A-Dee and does any repairs that are needed. That's in between mowing the lawns of some of his relatives in the area.

He began coming to the daycare when his niece, Nora Quinn, worked there.

"The kids love him," said Chick-A-Dee Nursery School's owner/operator Heather Preece.

She cares for between 10 and 12 children who range in age from 18 months to six

years every day, with the assistance of Jackie Carpenter. She is an Early Childhood Education student from Seneca College doing her apprenticeship work at the nursery school.

The lively senior wrote his autobiography in the early 1980's. The book, which outlines his life on the family farm in Colbourne, Ont., with his five brothers and two sisters, can be found at public libraries.

The children at Chick-A-Dee Nursery School have also been visiting the seniors at Parkview Home on Rupert Ave. every two weeks.

They were all dressed up in their scariest costumes when they arrived at Parkview the day before Halloween.

When Ms. Preece began taking the children to Parkview earlier this year, the youngsters told her, "We like to visit the grandmas and grandpas."

Wilferts campaign together

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"If there are questions on some municipal issues I will give her the benefit of my 12 years as a ward 6 councillor," he said. An average morning is hectic for the Wilferts, who are apt to bump into one another while readying to hit the election trail.

"I get up early and I'm usually in the office by 7:30 to do some constituency work," Bryon said.

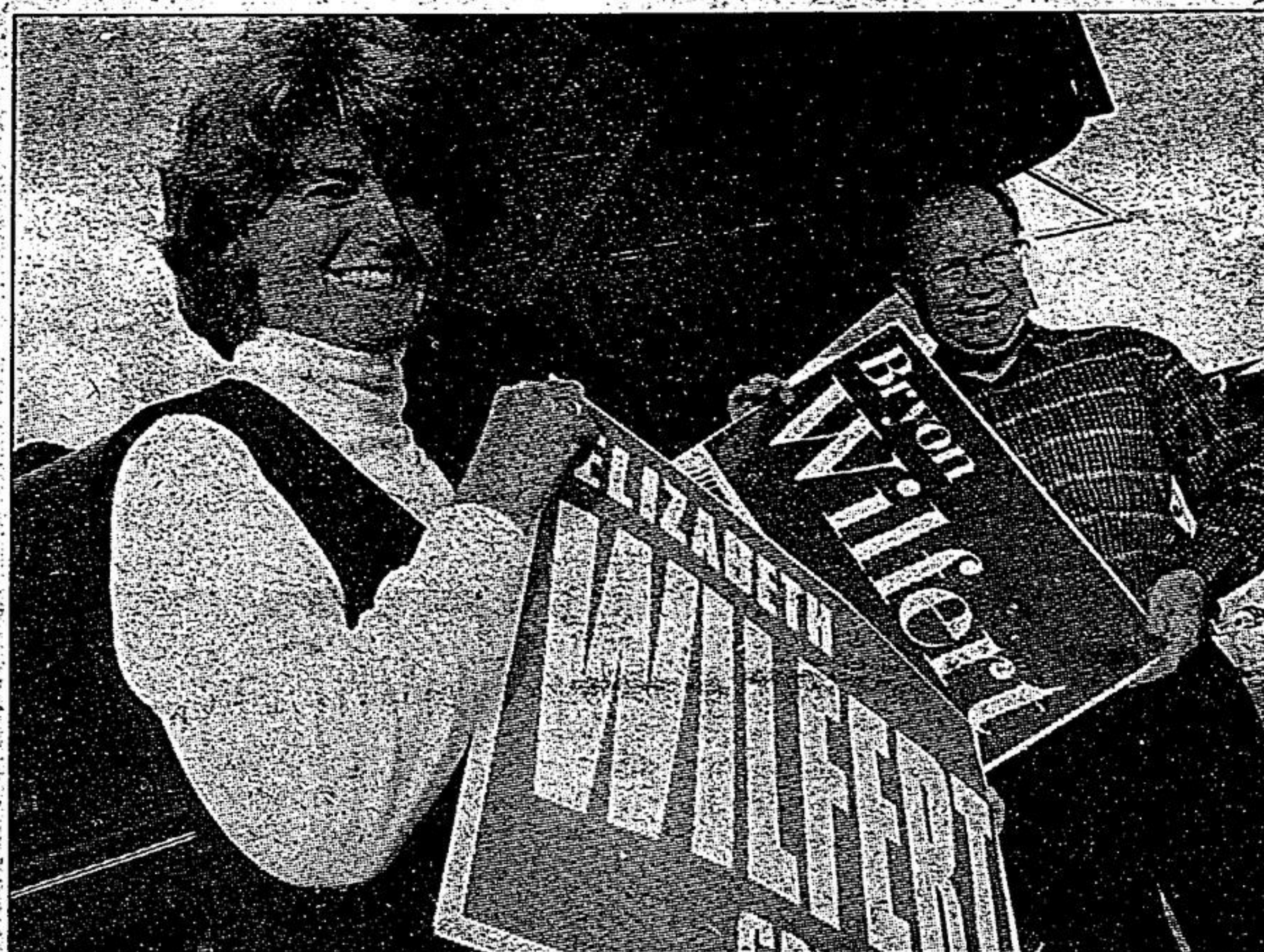
On some days the two will join forces to rap on doors in Ward 6, which is also part of Wilfert's large Oak Ridges federal bailiwick. Their daily routine, which will continue until the Nov. 27 federal election, begins at 8 a.m. when the two hit the bricks for 14 hours of campaigning.

"People are very intrigued when they see us both at their door," Bryon said. "We often say we are on a date and they think that's neat."

Bryon stressed the two never lose sight of their separate goals even though they are a husband-and-wife team.

"The only thing common between the two of us is our commitment to our community," he said. "Elizabeth has deliberately stayed away from having any direct political connection with the Liberal party. She is known in her own right." Anything can happen on an election campaign especially when you are a familiar face holding an election sign.

Proving that all politicians are fair game to the public, Bryon is button-holed by an elderly gentleman when he



STAFF PHOTO/MIKE BARRETT

Elizabeth and Bryon Wilfert show off their election signs.

steps out of his car.

The gentleman announces he is voting Progressive Conservative because the Liberals aren't paying off the national debt quickly enough.

It is hard to tell whether he is serious or not. Smilingly, the MP explains the Liberals are paying down the debt and after finding out the gentleman lives in Thornhill, tells him he should move to Richmond Hill. "If you moved here I'm sure you would vote Liberal."

Nonplused, the gentleman gets in his

BMW and drives away. Later, Bryon explains he takes every issue brought to my attention personally and I try to reply in a personal way.

The Wilferts are definitely a little harried these days. Elizabeth is in such a hurry, she just smiles when you ask how she combines electoneering with homemaking. "Just don't visit my house until after the election, please."

With that, the two are off. Today they are going in the same direction.

For awhile, anyway.

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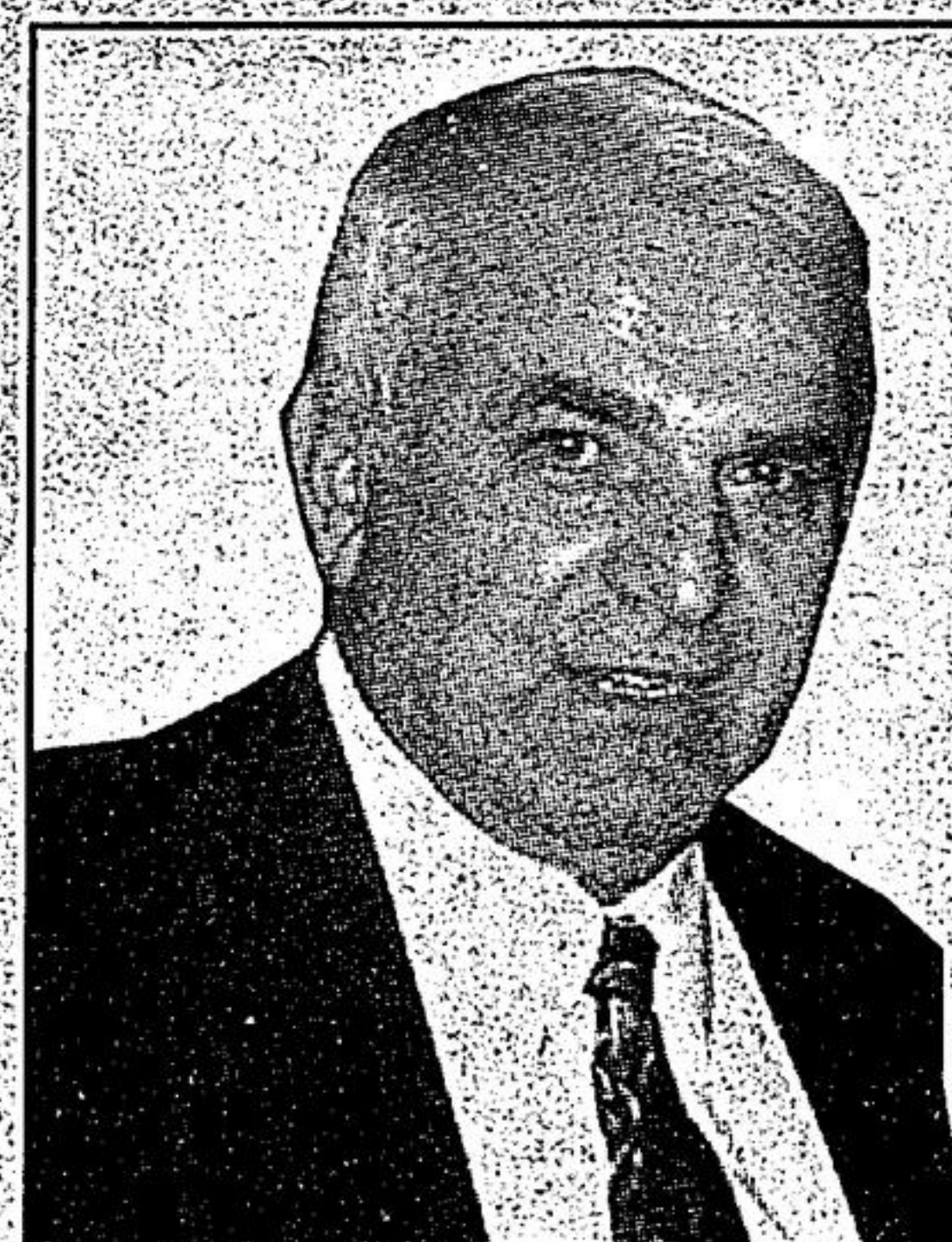
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