Three candidates attempt to plug generation gap

Address student assembly

By Jim Thomas. Tribune editor STOUFFVILLE What is a politician's a true reading of the image, as seen through the eyes of an 18 year out of intense interest old, granted the privilege of casting a ballot for the very first

There are three measure. likely classifications a candidate to be respected: an in- said (by Bob Lewis), to dividual to be tolerated have given the N.D.P. or a political bore.

ville Dist. Secondary School, Oct. 14, attended -

(N.D.P.) and George Timpson, (Liberal), it was difficult to obtain students' minds. For. or absolute boredom, there was little reaction on which to establish an accurate

While a student poll. conducted later, was standard-bearer the special edge; I was of the assembly, in the opinion that George auditorium of Stouff- Timpson plugged the generation gap best.

At 25 and a teacher, but young enough in Hodgson, (Con- appearance to reservative); Bob Lewis, enroll in Grade 12, the

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N.D.P. candidate, Bob Lewis, stresses a point, during a question and answer period with senior students at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, -Jas. Thomas.

presented the kind of beforehand, his straight-from-theshoulder facts that his received with respect. young audience The Liberal speaker wanted to hear. He appeared the best didn't dwell on the prepared. He didn't past. He didn't even harangue about the as children, boys and present. Instead, he

promised what his Party would do (if elected) in the future. His platform presence was perfect and his delivery excellent. Every word came through loud and clear. And regardless-

campaigner of political leanings remarks were

address his audience girls or even students. · Instead, it was 'ladies and gentlemen'. He was frank, humorous, a 'one of us' kind of guy. He plugged the generation gap (of 7 years) with ease. This was indicated by the applause. In my books,

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committed the unpardonable sin of going historical - not only about his own Party, but also including the Liberals and the P.C.'s. Even worse, he didn't speak it -he read it. It had his audience twitching on their proverbial seats.

The second phase of his address was better. He tossed aside his prepared speech and just spoke The students suddenly came alive and listened.

George Timpson was

N.D.P., by far the best

known of the three.

Bob Lewis of the

He talked about things that matter welfare, unemployment. He touched on Party finances and policies. He even apologized for quoting figures, although none were too difficult to absorb.

The applause that followed was enthusiastic. I rated him No. 2.

Bill Hodgson (P.C.) was fighting a 2-strike count when he came to the plate. First, his age, created a twodecade spread; a difficult gap to close. Secondly, as the Riding Member, he seemed satisfied to stake his future on the -past rather, than, a platform. Only the mention of an imathletic proved scholarship program

stirred any response. The applause was more out of respect than rapture. I rated him No. 3.

A big point in Mr. Hodgson's favor, however. He was there. He altered his earlier schedule so that he could attend. He called his rival's bluff. And lucky he did. Anything less would have been tragic.

Sunday skate

Beginning this Sunday, there will be public skating in the Stouffville Arena from 2 to 4 p.m.

Organize 4-week tour to South Africa

Dean Hughes Unionville, a wellknown writer and broadcaster. is arranging an overseas tour of the Dark Continent.

The tour will leave Agriculture will meet in mid- the group, and tours Toronto February and fly to New York. From two of the Republic's there, the group will largest farms. A visit stop in Rio de Janeiro briefly before flying to Kruger National Park. Johannesburg.

will be offered. Gold- Plans have been made

mining, Bantu dances, and a bus tour of Johannesburg will thatched grass huts. provide plenty of The next attraction material for the camera-bug. Officials from South Africa's Department of

is planned to the a wildlife preserve Once in South containing lions, Africa, a wide variety elephants, impalas, of visits and events and other animals.

will be conducted on

for the visitors to spend two nights in "rondavels". or

will be Cape Town, where the tour group will see, among other things, the famous Paarl wine cellars. Next is the Cape of place of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans.

After a trip along the coast to Durban, another flight will take spend in the Spanish visitors Rhodesia. Here they will see Victoria Falls

(twice as high as Niagara and a mile wide), citrus estates, a game park, and the capital Salisbury. There will also be a cruise on the Zambesi

River, to include a picnic on an upstream island. From Salisbury, the Good Hope, meeting tour heads north across the length of Africa, landing in Madrid. There will be

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