

Letters

"A shame" police made us move cars during Concert

I would like to congratulate and thank the children and teachers of Oak Ridges Public School for a very enjoyable evening on December 14, 1977.

It was plain to see that the children worked very hard to learn their parts and that both the teachers and parents were very proud of a job well done.

It was a shame that half way through the evening the York Regional Police arrived at the school with orders that all cars parked on the north side of Elm Grove had 15 minutes to move their cars or they would be ticketed and towed away because one resident had trouble getting into his driveway on the north

side of Elm Grove. The Oak Ridges Public School concert is held one night around Christmas time and one night in the Spring and I feel this year a lot of children and parents are left with a lot less respect for the York Regional Police because of one officer and his sergeant.

It is sad when two policemen in less than one hour can break down what it has taken other members of the force 365 days to build up in regard to respect from the public.

The signs on Elm Grove state no heavy trucks and no stopping 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., which is not fully enforced by York Regional Police during

school hours, yet when a family joins together these two evenings a year, our police force wants to tow away cars from a street that does not have one 'no parking' sign on the north or south side of Elm Grove.

The Oak Ridges OPP did a great job on Yonge Street when the cars were moved from Elm Grove to Maple Grove and again

when the concert was over and the parents and children had to walk south on Yonge Street where the sidewalks were not cleared because of the heavy snowfall and were forced to walk on the curb lane to get to their cars parked at the plaza, etc.

Jack Ward
71 Maple Grove
Oak Ridges

Viewpoint column upsets this Markham councillor

I am writing with regard to your 'Regional Viewpoint' column written by Jim Irving entitled "All I want for Christmas".

The juvenility of Mr. Irving's remarks on the Town of Markham's representation on Regional Council makes me question just how informed he is, how many meetings he attends (if any) or whether he even reads what transpires at Regional meetings.

The malevolent references to Mr. Roman, Mrs. Walker and Mr. Moran's attendance at meetings were most unfair and impertinent, particularly when no other Regional Councillor's records were on the line for comparison.

nor obviously, is Mr. Irving even aware of circumstances which prevent attendance at meetings, such as ill health, travel and simultaneous meetings elsewhere.

If Mr. Irving would trouble himself to look at the records before "shooting off his mouth" I think he would find that Markham has not asked for six representatives on Regional Council, but one additional.

Any reference to six members of Council, to my knowledge, has been comparing our representation with the rule of thumb used when Durham Region was set up, which was one councillor for every 10,000 population.

Oshawa, for example, getting ten for 100,000 people.

Markham's reason for demanding better representation on Regional Council is not for any of those listed by Mr. Irving but because of the violation of the rights of the 59,204 people in the Town of Markham who are not being represented to the extent they are entitled.

If we were looking strictly at representation by population, Thornhill alone would be entitled to three members.

Why Mr. Irving has this apparent resentment towards Markham I readily couldn't guess, except that he reflects a certain thinking always evident in some municipalities north of

Richmond Hill, which perhaps is one of the biggest problems in the Region of York today and which now necessitates a stronger voice from the southern municipalities who have the growth and the problems that go with it.

Richmond Hill and Vaughan will soon find themselves in the same position as Markham when the planned growth in those two municipalities materializes and the decisions of their destiny are still being controlled by rural towns and townships who don't understand the problems and if they do—don't care about them.

Instead of cracking Christmas jokes, Mr. Irving would serve the

community better to address himself to serious matters, seriously.

Trustee article "informative"

I would like to congratulate Don Cameron on his excellent article "Finding Ways to Save Money in Education" in your December 14 edition.

It was the most informative and constructive statement on educational costs that I have seen and I would hope that it would be read and inwardly digested by trustees and teachers alike.

What we need is a better return for our tax dollar and the suggestions in Don Cameron's article could certainly be effective.

What we need is a better return for our tax dollar and the suggestions in Don Cameron's article could certainly be effective.

P.W.G. Harris
407 Becker Road
Richmond Hill

Correspondent has a wish

As one of the latest additions to the news staff at The Liberal, I would like to offer, through the paper, my sincerest appreciation to Editor Ron Wallace and Thornhill News Editor Larry Johnston for their kind indulgence in breaking in a newcomer.

Your co-operation and consideration have been super. Thank you. To the readers of "Inside Thornhill", thank you, too, for your ready acceptance and eagerly helpful attitude.

I have been the recipient of numerous calls and commendations with many valuable tips handed down by previous employees and interested Thornhill readers.

To all of you, my heartfelt wish for you and your loved ones this Christmas, is to truly find the true meaning of Christ's birth—love and peace for everyone from everyone.

Georgina Burkholder
17 Paeter Court,
Thornhill.

For Florence

Recently I visited a woman in hospital, Riverdale near Gerrard beside the Don Jail, Oh — you know.

Approximately two years, The same time her daughter moved away, Shame filled my heart.

Next time, don't wait two years, she said, Two years is a long time, It took mounds of courage.

The woman is crippled you see — A disease by the name of Multiple Sclerosis, Attacking the nervous system.

An uncle down east has the same, It's getting closer, you see —

Her family has moved away, A sister never visits,

No more picnics, she said, Her daughter would drive the car, I would hold her head so it wouldn't snap.

The only time out of her room Is to the library, In the hospital — I might add.

It's Christmas, The good Lord has been gnawing, At the hardness in my heart.

Where is the family? The friends? Have they died? I think that not be the case.

Lord, something has died — The bodies are alive, But love, Compassion, care — be it not there?

Precious a woman of gold, For sure and rare, No bitterness, Only hurt feelings.

It hurts, she said, Why must it take so long? Surely for each one, There is at least one soul in need.

If not twenty, twenty million, But it only begins with one, My intent is not for patting on the back.

Disgust of myself, Pity that wrapped up in me, I could not see, Beyond to the sorrow of another.

Pity not, Only love, It's Christmas — Christ's Birth

Where it all began, The gift of love, In a stable, Poor — in a bed of straw.

This year may Christmas Be — what it's meant, Love fill our hearts and enter our heads, React — love and serve.

I was afraid of the eyes, Her muscles are weakened, Her eyes move, Strange.

She listens with her heart, The eyes didn't bother me, Hospitals are depressing, some say, People — human beings inhabit hospitals.

Life exists in hospitals, Turn your back, Pretend they are not there, Let fear rule your soul.

But wait, Stop and think — Jesus loves everyone, He can give you strength.

Do — before it's too late, None of us know, How we someday may be, Some are lucky, some are not.

Age is no excuse, Young can bring hope, One visit, Can brighten a heart.

It can bring, What gifts, Money cannot Begin to do

Margaret Donovan
243 Anzac Road
Richmond Hill

HAVE A GREAT NEW YEARS RESERVE NOW

WINDHAM MANOR
DINING LOUNGE
TAVERN

GALA NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

COMPLETE WITH A DELICIOUS HOT BUFFET, DANCING, NOISE MAKERS AND TOAST TO THE NEW YEAR. ONLY \$32 PER COUPLE, INCLUDES TWO SOUVENIR GLASSES.

NEW YEAR'S DAY FAMILY BUFFET
GRACIOUSLY SERVED FROM 4 P.M. - 8 P.M.

Windham Manor
DINING LOUNGE - TAVERN
11595 YONGE ST. RICHMOND HILL


FOR MORE INFORMATION ON RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL 884-1370

Christmas Wishes

Let there be love at Christmas when all the world is warm and bright with dreams. In the hushed landscape of this glorious season, we send tidings of comfort and joy and continuing thanks to all!



The Management and Staff
W & P MOTORS LIMITED
SALES - SERVICE - LEASING
10440 YONGE ST., RICHMOND HILL



SALE SALE SALE

DRASTIC REDUCTIONS ON WINTER MERCHANDISE COMMENCING TUESDAY DECEMBER 27, 1977 AT MARTINGROVE & HWY 7

L. J. Fashions
Woodbridge Mall



Season's Greetings

from the **MANAGEMENT and STAFF OF ALLENCOURT**

IGA

Bayview & Markham Rd., Richmond Hill

IT'S XMAS TIME AGAIN
and time to fill your home with beautiful lush **FLOWERING PLANTS**
This year why not try.....
J. VALENTE & SON LTD.
Plants Direct from the Grower

<p>POINSETTIAS</p> <p>4-7 BLOOMS \$2.99 15-20 BLOOMS \$5.99</p> <p>Available in white, pink & red</p>	<p>MUM POTS</p> <p>59¢</p>
<p>CHRISTMAS CHERRY</p> <p>99¢ AND UP</p>	<p>CYCLAMEN</p> <p>\$4.99</p>

3" TROPICALS - 2 FOR 99¢
FREE: DECORATIVE POT WITH EVERY PURCHASE
VALENTE & SON
GREENHOUSES LTD. 114 CROSBY AVE. RICHMOND HILL
ONE BLOCK EAST OF YONGE
CALL 884-9582 - 884-1740