

# Letters

## Hill Juvenile Girls insulted by ball players

On behalf of the Richmond Hill Juvenile Girls Softball team, I, Stephanie Clarke, would like to submit a letter concerning a girls' softball team.

PLAY BY THE RULES!

A girls' juvenile tournament took place this weekend in Barrie,

Ontario, commencing Friday, June 1st. The weather was perfect all three days of the tournament and considering this and the pleasant surroundings, a good time was expected to be had by all, but unfortunately, this was not so.

It was ruined by some

unruly players on the neighboring Aurora team.

Baseball is a game, win or lose, which involves skill, determination and discipline.

Ignorant and incriminating remarks on the field are far from acceptable either in mens

or womens leagues. Especially in girls leagues, continuous obscene remarks about another opponent's physique are not only unsportsmanlike and unladylike, but are not a part of winning a game and are just plain abominable behaviour.

Whatever happened to Rule 10, Section 9A that states: "Any manager, coach or player shall not make disparaging and insulting remarks to the opposing players," and the effect of this is that the players is immediately thrown out of the game and the coach or manager given warning.

Rules are not made to be broken and a rule such as this is to ensure that people who love baseball, including spectators, can enjoy it and be protected from coaches and players who can't discipline their foul mouths on the field.

Congratulations go to the Aurora team for playing well and winning the first Juvenile Tournament of the year, but regrettably, the victory was spoiled by a few team members with bad attitudes.

Let's clean up this type of behavior, ball players, so the rest of us can enjoy the game and not have to spend our spare time writing letters to the editor to get the message across.

Following is a list of players on the team who have given verbal consent to testify that they too are upset and were witnesses to these accusations: Sandra Trumble; Kerri Snider; Rhonda MacInnis; Lauren MacInnis; Suzie McWatt; Darlene Harrison; Cheryl Clark; Debbie Howarth; Loretta King.

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## Alf Stong is doing his job finding out about schools

In The Liberal of May 30, you quote Trustee Patti Grand as regretting the intervention of Alf Stong in the overcrowding problem at German Mills.

Mrs. Grand indicated that she felt this was the Board's responsibility. I concur it is the Board's responsibility since 1975 when German Mills Public School was first opened in an overcrowded state.

All inquiries to the Board regarding this problem have always received the same response, "it's the

Ministry's fault", "you have to convince the Ministry".

A number of residents having heard this message have acted on it and written to the Ministry of Education and to our member of the Provincial Parliament, Mr. Alf Stong.

These letters were not intended to ruin the cause of German Mills' case, but were written out of a sense of frustration with the delay and general lack of activity of the Board.

Furthermore, any ac-

tivity that has taken place appears to have been undertaken very reluctantly and without any real appreciation of the problem at German Mills.

Look at the history. First we were getting a school on the Flowervale site then we were not; then on the other hand we might still get a school if the Bishops Cross development is built.

First, it's go to the Ministry; now, it's don't go.

Surely, it's the responsibility of our elected representatives to represent the interests of their constituents, be they provincial or local and particularly if the issue is both provincial and local.

In the same article, Mr. Don Cousins asks, "What does Mr. Stong think he's doing?"

It appears to me he is doing what is expected of an MPP, representing his constituents' interests. Is that wrong?

Maybe he can get answers to questions that so far have remained unanswered when posed to the trustees.

I don't think I need to defend Mr. Stong to the Board nor to explain his actions as I am sure he can do so very capably for himself.

But it seems I must explain my actions and those of other residents of German Mills to the Board.

We are tired of the run-around we have been getting from the Board, particularly in the past year, and have accordingly taken the Board's advice and brought the matter to the attention of the Ministry of Education.

Hopefully, the run-around will stop.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Chapnik  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Crouch,  
Thornhill.

## Police concerned about fatalities

The tremendous increase in fatalities resulting from motor vehicle accidents which have occurred on municipal roads within the Region of York during the first five months of this year compared with the same period last year has been termed unacceptable by the Chief of Police and members of the Board of Commissioners of Police for the Regional Municipality of York.

Seventeen persons have died during the first five months of this year as a result of those accidents compared with four persons killed in motor vehicle accidents in the first five months of 1978.

In nearly all of those 17 fatal accidents evidence was available to clearly indicate that one of the drivers involved was driving in a reckless manner or without consideration for other motorists.

Consequently, Chief Crawford has informed the Board of Commissioners of Police that effective immediately traffic enforcement will be increased substantially in this municipality with particular emphasis on enforcement of the speed laws and other moving law violations.

Every member of the York Regional Police Force, the Board of Commissioners of Police and indeed most members of this community have justifiably been proud of the enviable record relating to traffic fatalities which has been maintained by the citizens of this community during the past five years.

That record has results in York Region being named by a management consulting firm who was

conducting a study into traffic accidents across Canada as having, during the years 1975 and 1976, the lowest accident rate per thousand population of any municipality in Canada within the population group of 100,000 to 250,000 people.

The present fatality rate will undoubtedly, if it continues, completely destroy that record.

The Board of Commissioners of Police and the Chief of Police recognize their responsibility to safeguard the lives of the people of this community from a violent death in a motor vehicle accident and sincerely urge every resident and motorist who travels upon our roads to recognize the seriousness of this unacceptable situation and co-operate with them by respecting the traffic laws and rights of other motorists and by doing so protect their own lives and the lives of others.

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Chief of Police  
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The success of this drive was due, in great part, to The Liberal and its readers.

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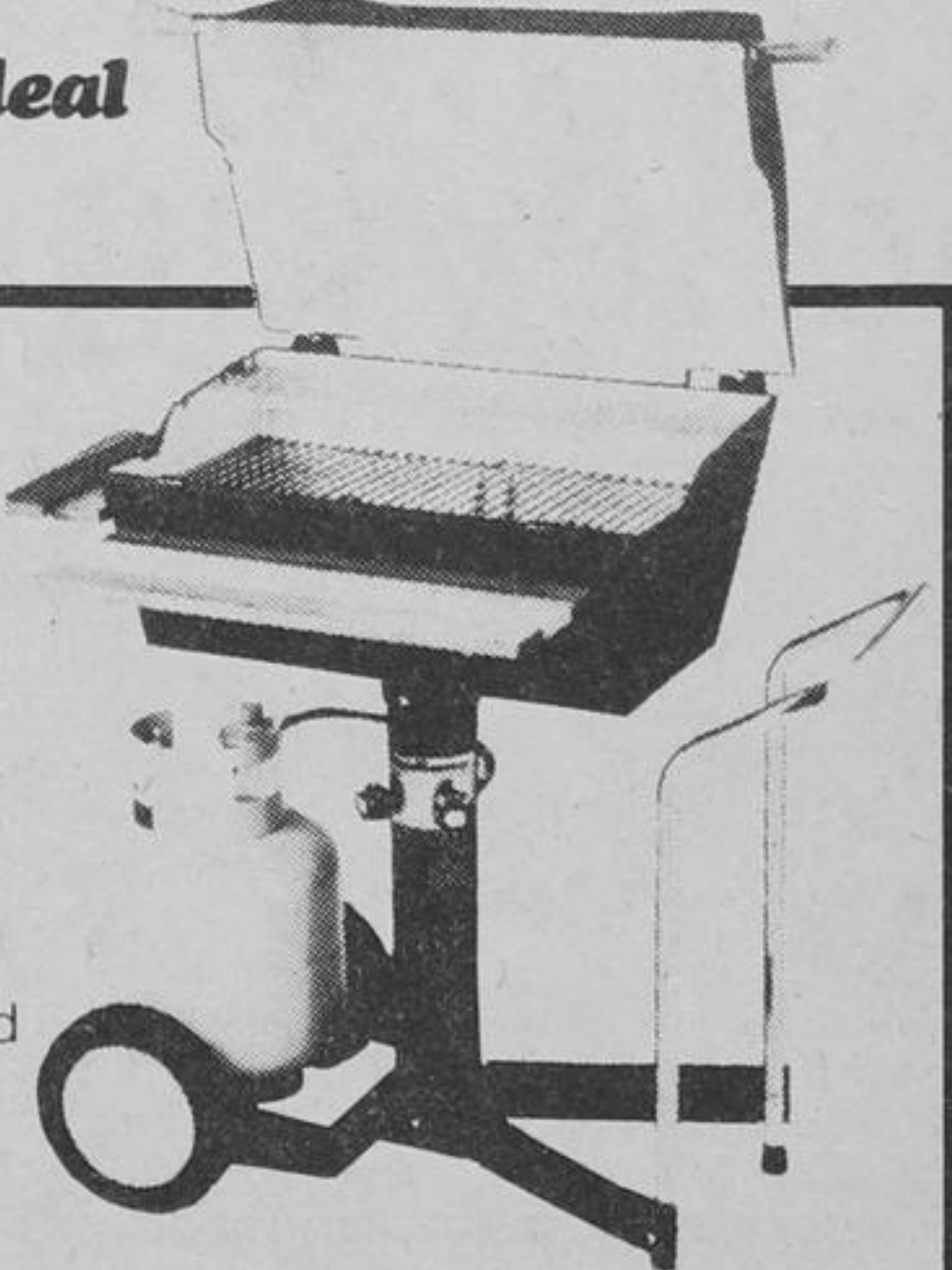
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