

Letters

Reader is horrified at animal treatment

Since I was once a resident of Richmond Hill, many of my friends and interests still reside in the area.

The other Saturday I was at the Stouffville Market, and was horrified (as I was several years ago) at the conditions the animals were kept in, the obvious rough treatment they received, and the fact that apparently there was no supervision nor inspection of them.

Is there no official of the Humane Society who can be spared to oversee these suffering animals? Perhaps there is no one available because the sale is on the weekend? Yet the animals continue to suffer through heat, overcrowding, lack of food and water and exposure to the sun.

This is all going on in the heartland of our province, a province that has showed itself truly compassionate to suffering humans, as evidenced by the concern for the boat people and the starving third world.

Can we be truly humane if we do not show concern to all suffering living creatures? Because they are not of our own species is no reason for us to ignore their (often) mute pleas for mercy.

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Newcomers to Canada need compassion from residents

People are turned away from the Church, and they think that Jesus is a figment of a Religion fanatic's imagination. How does He apply in a real way in a real world? And what is the responsibility He places on the heart of Christians?

First of all, instead of criticizing we should be building up; saying kind encouraging words helps. Unkind words only hurt people's feelings. Because Jesus was born in a stable I do not think he would turn away any refugees, be it Vietnamese or Jews. But if people who are calling themselves Christians want to bring the world into the church, then they have to begin letting Jesus into their hearts, so that he can draw the world in. The church isn't popular lately and neither are Christians.

Jesus actually shed tears because his heart was filled with love. Tears are considered a weakness by some today. If we are truly committed to the Lord then our hearts can cry over other people's heartaches. Compassion in the real sense of the word is what newcomers to Canada need. The kind of compassion that, instead of patting itself on the back, is producing fruits for the Lord.

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William Lane was a cooper, reader says

May I draw attention to the article on the front page of the August 1 edition - "Cooper House Sets Example".

As a person vitally interested in local history and as someone who has done much research in back issues of newspapers, I feel it is very important that facts be reported as nearly correct as possible.

The house at 14 Colborne Street in Thornhill belonged to William Lane, who was a cooper by trade. Yet this is the second story on this house where it has been called the William Cooper House. In the issue of August 30, 1978, in an article by Astrid Toim, the heading reads "William Cooper House".

I strongly feel that once these mistakes are made and not corrected, future historians will continue to repeat the error. Most people, unfortunately, are happy to accept someone else's facts rather than do their own research.

Laura Weaver,
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Help service changes name

We were sorry to discover that Vaughan Community Information was not included in the 1979 Liberal Community Guide.

To keep your readers informed, our name was changed from Help Information and Referral Centre to Vaughan Community Information as of May, 1979.

However, we were pleased to see that our service was listed in the Community Guide Additions in your July 18 issue.

Helen Poulis,
Director,
Vaughan Community Information


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