# Editorial

#### The Little Country Store

It would appear that the rural reign of the little country store is nearing an end. In a gallant defence of its proud but simple domain, only a few remain to wage a losing battle against the steady encroachment of urbanized shopping centres and supermarkets.

The little country store has served its patrons long and served them well. Now, we the fickle public. with nary a sign of sadness nor tear of regret have turned our backs on a most faithful friend.

The little country store stocked everything from horse collars to bubble gum. There was a place for everything, although everything was not always in its place. When the antiquated crank-style cash register failed to produce the necessary change, the owner would merely dig. down into a well-patched pocket for an additional supply of nickles, dimes and quarters.

The little country store knew no regular hours. If the front door was locked, purchases could always be made at the adjoining residence - a sort of annex. On Saturday night, it resembled a community meeting place. Politics, the weather, the hay

crop, births, marriages and deaths were current topics htat were thoroughly discussed. When everyone had been brought up to date on the week's neighborhood news, all parted company in separate directions. "See you in church tomorrow, Joe." would be a common parting remark.

The little country store was no thing of beauty. No tiled floors, no stainless steel showcases, no fluorescent fixtures, no air-conditioning,. no revolving doors, no giant plate glass windows and no multi-car parking lot. In spite of its failure to keep in step with the trend of the times. the country store retained a friendly atmosphere that could never become out-dated. The majority of customers either lived just a "stones-throw". down the road or on the fifty acres around the corner. A few strangers would enter the front door. All would leave as a lifelong friend.

The little country store has been part of our heritage. Few of us saw them come. Too many of us are seeing them vanish. Lemonville, Altona, Buttonville, Kinsale and Cedar Grove are all vivid signs of changing times. To some, it may be a step forward. To others it signifies a major step

#### Put It To The Test

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the members of the Ballantrae Public School Board. Their present plight is perhaps unique in the entire province. Unscrupulous cottage-owners at Musselman's Lake are responsible, in part, for a pupil enrollment that, according to September expectations, will exceed the capacities of the present five-room structure.

Larger land-owners, faced with a sky-rocketing mill rate have joined forces in a solid front against further increases in the section's debenture debt. Council's hands are tied. Breach of bylaw cases aired in court have gained little sympathy from presiding magistrates. Still, these summer residences continue to "flood" the schools with four to six pupils per dwelling and the section reels under, the tax load.

We would suggest that the board members should pass the buck right into the laps of the province. Somewhere along the line there will have to be a "show down" on the issue and we feel that the ratepayer who is sharing the major portion of these school costs, is nearing the end of his rope.

The problem at Ballantrae has not occurred overnight. It has been smouldering like some semi-dormant volcano for over four years. The board members have done everything humanly possible to satisfy the needs of the children and meet the wishes of the ratepayers. It would appear that the area's educational dollar has been stretched to the limit. Someone must surely break under the strain.

They definitely make for orderly

While it is true that there is

The time has come to take a

parking, and what is even more im-

portant, they give much more assur-

ance that those who want to park on

Main St. to do business, will find a

considerable revenue from meters,

this is of secondary consideration,

and the only reason that there is a

realistic view of our parking prob-

lems and modernize our system as

much as possible. Take a leaf out of

those communities which have made

changes and see the benefits they

have derived. Notice the bustling

communities which have meters, and

the steady flow of cars in and out;

cars driven by people who drop their

few pennies in the slot, do their busi-

ness and move out for someone else-

not a street where seventy-five per-

cent of the space is, taken up with

cars, parked for the night, while the

great majority scramble for the few

spaces that are left.

fee at all is that it gives control.

### Parking Meters Again

At last week's meeting of Stouffville municipal council, there was mention of the installation of parking meters, a subject which has been. dormant now for some time. On this occasion a number of business men appeared before council suggesting that some contact be made with the Dept. of Highways as regards widening the Main St. and instituting angle parking. The majority of the group present favored parking meters, and were told that they could be installed anytime that a sufficient number of all the business places indicated that they desired them.

Now, as was the case when meters were debated several years ago, we are strongly in favor of them. Those who say they are afraid they would drive business away, are only kidding themselves. We don't know of a community anywhere which has installed meters where they have ever asked to have them removed. We would also venture to say that the most prosperous towns around, have meters, and like them.

#### Council Should Act

Our town is once again being offered a gift which any community in the Dominion of Canada would "give its eye teeth" to get. Mr. Arthur Latcham is proposing to build for Stouffville, a modern curling rink, fully equipped and ready to go. He has asked council in return to provide additional parking space in the town park since the proposed new building will use up considerable of what is now available. How they do this he is not concerned with - it might be necessary to procure additional park land as this newspaper has suggested a number of times.

Whatever steps need to be taken to provide this extra accommodation is a mere nothing compared to what is being offered by this town benefactor. Mr. Latcham has already provided Stouffville with a fine swim-

ming pool, baseball floodlights, grandstand and picnic shelter, and ratepayers must be eternally indebted for these wonderful gifts. Our sister, communities, yes, communities all across the country marvel at our good fortune.

We believe that council will take steps to provide the space that is necessary, and we whole-heartedly endorse whatever steps they take to enlarge our park for this purpose.

All the gifts mentioned above. are luxuries for any community, and Stouffville has received them at no expense whatever to the taxpayer. Most centres work years to gain some of them, and then everyone has to dig deep to provide the money. Thus we say, whatever small amount is necessary to bring another fine recreational gift here should be provided without hesitation.

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## Tell Of The Week



WAY BACK - WHEN?

(May 1896)

The Stouffville Bicycle Club had their weekly run to Claremont on Tuesday evening last. Their next weekly run will be to Markham on Tuesday eve-

Little Dorothy -"Grandma is the nicest place! You don't have to mind a thing that said to you."

We desire to draw the attention of the public to a personal matter which should be under stood by every society, church or organization in the Community. Sometimes it happens that no report of a lecture or, entertainment appears in the paper. and surprise may be expressed of the entertainment are fault, because the usual courtesy of admission ticket was not extended.

A Seven Day Wonder at Spofford & Co.'s -

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Altona-

Altona is now connected with the outside world as Mr. Willis ship of Whitchurch intend Monkhouse has installed a telephone in his store. Some of the a tannery company in an farmers are placing them in their homes. The world is moving forward.

Stouffville 1903 .-Mrs. James and son Arthur-

May 3, 1894 —

Those having any job print- the matter. I am certainly very ing to do, call at this office for quotations. We run dodgers at as to the cause, when in reality | 51 per 1,000, quarter sheets at by this "sludge pot" but I canthe parties who are in charge \$1 for 50 or \$1.25 per 100, half sheets at \$1.25 for 50, or \$1.50 per 100, and whole sheets at \$2 by this unwanted refuse. This per 400. All other work done at | company shows little concern proportionately low prices. The for our township or they would notice given in the Tribune in not ask the Council to accept connection with work done in this waste. this office is worth as much as bills owing to the extensive and Aurora would think if suddenly general circulation of the Trib- a Whitchurch, firm requested une through the entire neighbourhood: (42.223 124 126 276

Wm. Malloy, B.A.,

### EDITOR'S MAIL

March 31st. Mr. James Thomas, Editor, The Stouffville Tribune, too far.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Our neighbour, Mrs. Mary Hume, who is one of your subscribers, was kind enough to pass along to us your editorial Stouffville, Ont. on the Canadian National Exhi- Dear Sir: bition Grandstand Show which

item on the menu. This, of pions are made. course, has always been a major problem in the production of the Grandstand Show and it is all too seldom that we have the privilegé of seeing it acknowledged publicy.

Thank you again for the morale-boosting editorial. Our production staff, as well as the writer, found it most encourag-

With kindest regards. Yours very truly. C.N.E. Association J. A. Arthur, Executive Producer,

Gormley R.R. 1,

Grandstand Show

April 23, 1960 Editor, The Tribune,

Stouffville, Ontario. Dear Sir.

I wish to stand corrected if I'm wrong, but I understand that the Council in the Townenter into some agreement with joining municipality whereby this township will continue to be used as a dump for sewage from this Aurora firm.

This issue has been hanging of Toronto are visiting at her fire for some time now, and it daughter's, Mrs. A. C. Burk- would appear that the members are back-tracking from their former critical stand on

disappointed. I am not personally affected not stand idly by and see any part of our municipality defaced

I wonder what the town of permission to dump sewage on property within its borders? We Editor and Proprietor all know what the answer would be. Here is certainly one case

Mr. G. Lehman, Reeve,

On behalf of the Mayor and appeared in the February 4th council of the Town of Ridge town may I extend to you and We wish to thank you for your to your council, and through understanding of our problems you to your wonderful Midget which exist in presenting a show Hockey team, the congratulaof this size and your kindness in | tions of the Town of Ridgetown, bringing it to the attention of its officials and its citizens for your readers. Catering to an the splendid showing made in audience with such varied tastes the Ont. Minor Hockey chamin entertainment is rather like pionship playoffs, and for the serving a table d'hote dinner to good sportsmanship of each and a thousand people. Most of them every member of your team. will enjoy the meal but many They are truly the type of will fail to appreciate every young people from whom cham-

Sincerely yours. Gladys Kennedy, Clerk-Treasurer

What Does the Bylaw Mean

ones already there carried out. feel very proud to belong to cers furnished with a car, gas, many people know of this. and some allowance on their I was visiting Mr. Beaton, the own cars and I believe trying to then Clerk, a very fine gentledo a good job. What we would man who worked hard and well the council do not want to en- charging so little for his servforce the good dog bylaw al- ices? I noticed a very imposing ready there.

In the cleven years I was the ed what it was, and to my surofficer, the council wanted that prise, it was the Signing of the law enforced and published-it Armistice which we celebrate in the paper two or three times once a year on November 11. and the majority of the dog | The declaration was signed at owners were law abiding citi- the back of the firing lines in zens and tied their dogs or kept France. I wonder if this importthem under control I would say ant picture is being so preservabout ninety-five percent did ed for future generations, and just that. And the small minor- as belonging to Pickering Townity of about five percent were ship. warned to tie their dog or be

1960 where we are stretching the liable for a summons and after good neighbour policy a little one summons, most of them obeyed the law but some had to -A Taxpayer have two or three, and we got some extra revenue for the April 9, 1960 town and no extra expense.

Ithink it is high time some I think it is high time some dog took off part of a lad's ear while playing at home. Lawns and flowers should be protected now. Help to keep our town nice with the beautiful lawns and flowers and shrubs. We certainly don't need extra expense just now in trying something new added to our already heavy ex-

pense. Thanking you for allowing me to air my views and the views of many many more.

-Ira D. Rusnell

Balsam, April 22,

Stouffville Tribune, Stouffville, Ont.,

Dear Sirs:

At this time, when the Commander of The French Forces and President of France is visiting the country of Canada, may We put in a council in Stouff- I mention something I saw in ville to do our business and to our Pickering Township Hall make bylaws and to have the at Brougham, which made me We have two capable Police offi- this township. I don't imagine

like to know is why some of for the good of many people, picture hanging there and ask-

-Mrs. R. Day

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# Sugar and Spice

dians are lacking in tradition. traditions we haven't even told anyone. This legend, reprinted one of them.

Once upon a time, two three million years ago, a Canadian couple lived in a cave with their three small children. When the winter had begun, they'd had eight small .. children, . but they'd had to keep the wolf, away from the door somehow, to small children.

Now, it was spring and things were tough. The mammoth they had put in the deep freeze at the back of the cave was gnaw' ed to tusks and tail. The Mother had begun to eye the three small children, gaunt as they were, in a rather chilling manner. And every time the Father looked at the Mother, saliva leaked out the corners of his mouth. She had a little more meat on her than; the three small children.

As for the three small children, they took a snap at the calves of their parents every time they crawled past them. And the wolf had long since forsaken the front door. He knew well that if he whined once, he'd be hauled in, clubbed and end up as guest of honor at a wolf dinner.

It was a tense situation and just to make it unbearable, the Mother started agitating about the condition of the cave. She wanted all the bones picked up and dumped outside, the skins on the floor shaken out, and the mammoth's skeleton dragged outside, so she could get into the corners and clean them.

Some people think we Cana- | Maintaining an iron self-con- | children. When they saw their trol, the Father went to work. Mother pick up her club and They are quite wrong. We have He knew that if he hit her, as he advance on them, the three should, and she went down, he'd small children uttered three pounce on her and gobble her small squeaks of despair, and by request, tells of the origin of up. He didn't want to do that, forgetting that they had not as she was a good woman. She learned to walk, got up and bealways chewed the tougher piec gan to run like hell. es of meat before handing them to him. And she made the best sabre-tooth tiger soup in the neighborhood.

But she made a mistake when she told him to go out and get some clean sand for the floor. and the wolf was very partial He rolled back the stone at the mouth of the cave. It was a golden morning, blue sky, world turning green. He took a deep breath, a quick look over his shoulder, and off, in that order, and didn't stop until he reached The Place Where the Big Ones

> When her mate falled to return, the Mother snarled: "That lousy bum. He never has time to do anything around the house but he always has time to go to The Place Where the Big Ones Are." The three small children, knowing they were living on borrowed time anyway, nod- 12-pound trout. She was well ded their three small heads into it before she remembered, agreeably, though they didn't with shame, and said: "Go and have a clue about what, was find the three small children bothering her, as she stormed around, cleaning up.

By noon, the cave was tidy and the Mother was fit to be tied. She sat in the cave entrance, chewing her nails in a combination of rage and ravenousness. The three small children sat in the sun on their three small bottoms, looking worried.

she had chewed three of her finjoint. This would never do. Saded her gaze on the three small the house-cleaning.

Just then, who should come strolling up, whistling, but Father? The Mother scarcely had time to hide her club behind her back. "Bet you don't know what I've got for you," beamed the daddy coyly, hiding something behind his back. "And I'll bei you don't know what I've got for YOU," she countered, grinning whitely, and clutching her club tighter.

But he knew her of old. dust as she swung, he leaped like a deer and she missed. Grinning hugely, he whipped from behind his back a knotted piece of hide, on which were strung the three biggest rainbow trout you ever saw.

After the tears of remorse and her assurance that it was just her nerves, he gave her a and give them a fish." She could have saved her breath, as the three small children were al ready crawling out from behind three small rocks, their three small noses quivering and their three small teeth glittering. Soon their three small bellies were dragging on the ground.

And so they all lived happily ever after. Until next winter. Suddenly the Mother realized And that's the story of Opening Day of the trout season, and gers right down to the second how it acquired its significance on our Canadian way of life, ly but remorselessly, she fasten- even though it interferes with

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