

# Editorial . . .

## A Lesson From The Little Lads

Any adult athlete could possibly have learned a lesson in good sportsmanship in the Stouffville Park on Saturday afternoon. It was a scheduled playoff game. The top-sided score favoured the visiting team. There was no arguing with the umpires. No players offered excuses for errors. There were no threatened protests. There was no foul language. There was elation by the winners and

disappointment written on the faces of the losers but no hesitation to offer a hand-shake at the end. In conclusion, the personnel of both clubs sat down to a picnic table of sandwiches and soft drinks. The teams? Squirts, the lowest age class on the Ontario Amateur Softball scale. We may be a little older and a little wiser but in the field of good sportsmanship, some adults would do well to take a lesson from the little lads.

## Not The Way To A Tourist's Heart

It is amazing to see how far off the beam some people in the tourist business can get in their desire to lure U.S. visitors to their establishments. We have done sufficient travelling to know that the way to interest a tourist is not to make everything look like home. In the British Isles and in Europe where U.S. and Canadian tourist trade is really big business, you won't find the Stars and Stripes or the Canadian Ensign flying all over the place.

Somehow many in this country have the idea that the way to attract Americans to their place is to make the place look more American. Nothing could be farther from the truth in our opinion. Just take a look the next time you're motoring at the

number of motels flying the American flag.

In addition to the flag-flying the eating establishments persist in trying to entice tourist trade by serving "Southern" ham, fried chicken, and New England boiled dinners.

We think that Canadians could better demonstrate their friendliness through their personalities. Surely we have some things with a Canadian flavour to offer the tourists from the South. It might not even be surprising to find that many Americans are embarrassed by this type of window-dressing which so many Canadian business people seem to think is the way to an American's heart. Some visitors might even be so unkind as to describe us as "those fawning natives north of the border."

## Wage Differential Makes Market Tough

At a time when this country is trying desperately to stimulate the economy and open new doors for selling Canadian products abroad, it is significant to consider the great wage differential among the competing countries.

Statistics recently issued show up as follows; average hourly rates of pay, in United States \$2.35, Canada \$1.73, Ceylon 15c, Japan 34c, Denmark 94c, Finland 73c, France 46c, West Germany 73c, Ireland 47c, Italy 40c, Netherlands 55c, Norway 98c, Sweden \$1.13, United Kingdom 92c, Australia 97, New Zealand \$1.14.

The price structure and living standard must all be borne in mind of course, when relating one figure to another. Fringe benefits and social

allowances paid to employees must not be overlooked either. Some of these rates include such payments, others do not. Countries where these extra benefits may be added to the hourly rate are, Japan, West Germany, France, Italy, Netherlands, United States and Canada. In some cases these benefits range as high as 40% of the hourly rate.

In the face of these rates, selling abroad by the United States and Canada is exceedingly difficult, and can only be overcome by mass production methods which lowers unit cost and if possible, an uplift in quality. Any way you look at it, the overseas market for those with the high living standards, as in Canada and the U.S., is tough.

## Too Many Tractor Deaths

On Saturday afternoon, a five year old Buttonville district boy died under the rear wheel of a heavy farm tractor. The tragedy, only one of several similar accidents that have occurred in this area within recent years only points to the need for strict rules and regulations to govern the operation of such equipment.

At the time of writing, there is some question whether an inquest will even be held into the fatality.

We feel that such a hearing is both vital and necessary. The findings could add some support to much-needed government legislation on machines of this nature.

A definite ruling will not restore the young life that was snuffed out on Saturday or bring back the ones that were killed before but it might make certain practises prohibitive and thus aid in saving children's lives in the future.

## That \$200 Truck Payment

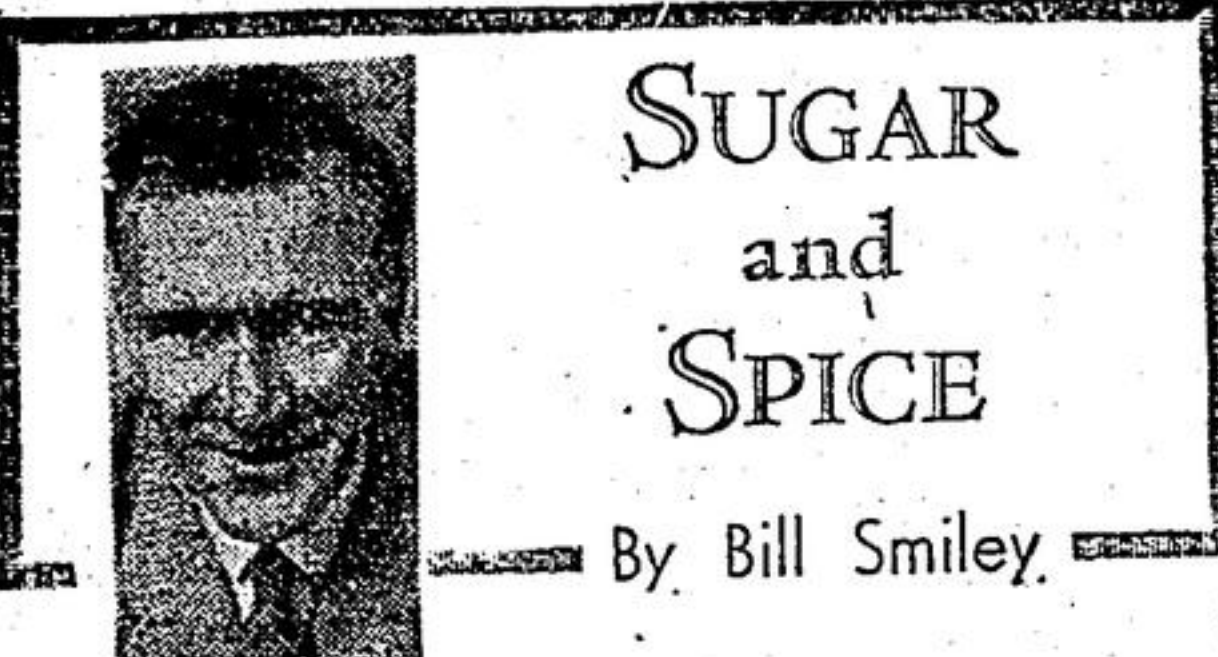
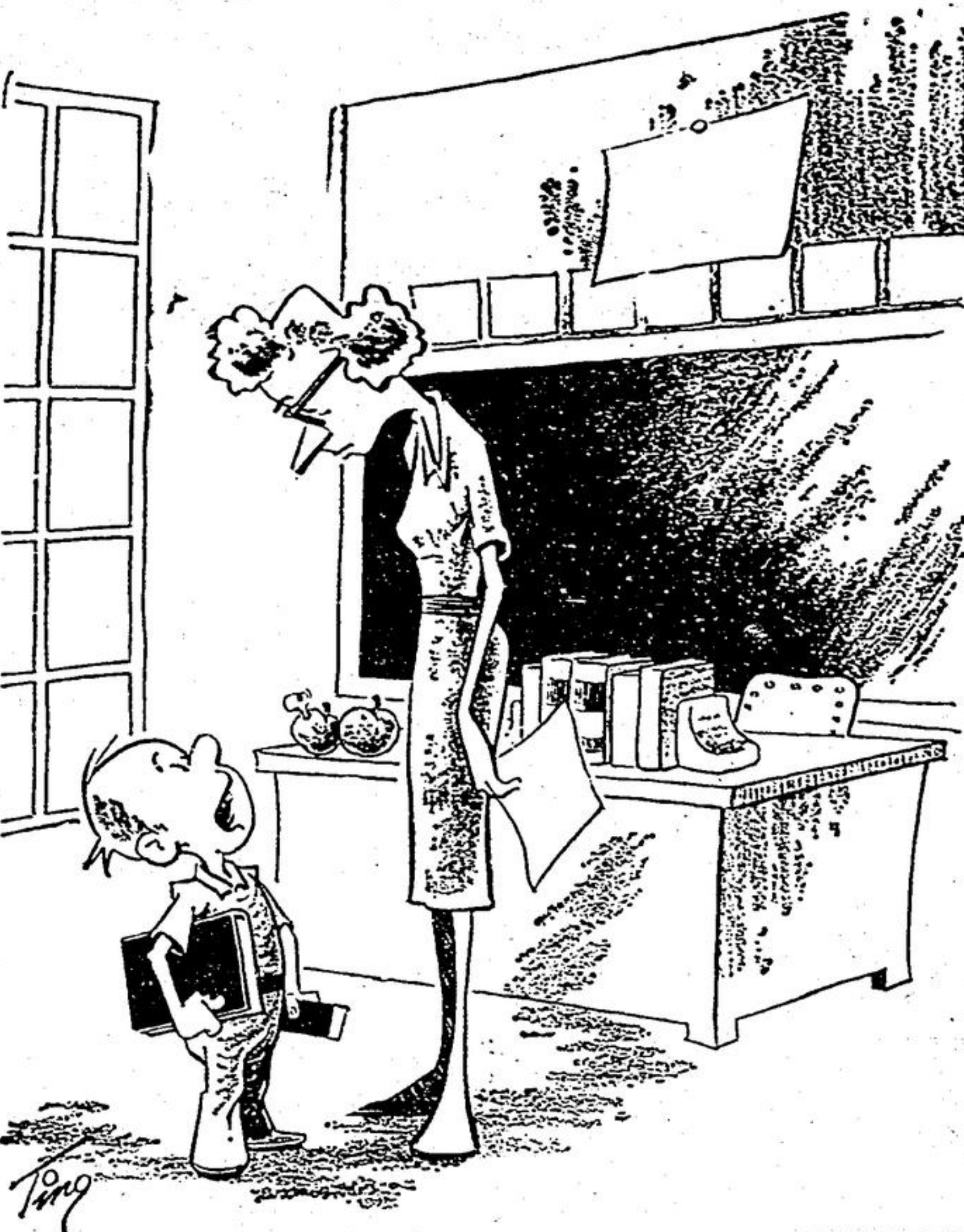
Tent revival meetings are continuing this week in the Stouffville Memorial Park. The central speaker at these evening gatherings (twice on Sunday) is a Peterboro pastor, Rev. M. B. Ainsworth. Last Sunday night he hosted his largest attendance, thirty-six adults and nine children.

We have attended two of the tent services and although not wholly familiar with all aspects of the Pentecostal faith, there was only one incident that, in our opinion, could be considered as "offensive". It concerned a plea, fifteen minutes long, for funds to meet a \$200 payment on the pastor's truck, due in September. Like some public auction, the speaker started at bids of \$10 and when this class of wage-earner had responded to the appeal the figure was reduced to \$5 until a goal of \$50 had been pledged. Not being blessed with that type of folding money for that particular purpose, we dug down deep for the proverbial quarter but a half-dozen patriots gave the raised-hand signal to put the campaign over the top.

Although the legality of such a plea is subject to question, we would suggest that hundreds, yes, perhaps thousands of Tribune readers have cars, trucks, tractors, etc. that are financed and with payments fast approaching. We would suggest too, that if a single individual made a personal plea on the Main Street of Stouffville for financial assistance to meet this obligation he would be collared by Police Chief Keating and given the old heave-ho across the town boundary line. And yet, a businessman's car or a farmer's tractor is just as necessary to him as a tent-totin' truck is to an evangelist.

In the two times we were present, the same appeal went out although Sunday evening's plea was by far the loudest and longest. We must admit that Pastor Ainsworth's approach was direct. His request was not glossed over with any flowery words or fancy phrases. "I've made two payments on my truck but the last and largest is coming due very soon," he said. "I'm asking you for \$50 here tonight". And \$50 he received.

"I think I'm gonna do better, now that we have a test ban"



By the time this appears in print, I hope to be lolling arrogantly beside the saltwater swimming pool at the Manoir Richelieu, one of Canada's most lush hideaways for worn-out millionaires and tired-out weekly newspaper editors.

Both will be gathered there this week, the former trying to regain their lost health, the latter trying to ruin theirs, at their annual convention.

At the moment of writing, it's merely a hope. Between here and there lies a nightmare of car, rail and boat travel, with a wife and two children.

I have no doubt whatever that the journey will be an unforgettable horror composed of car troubles, missed trains, sea-sickness, forgotten brassieres, mistaid baggage checks, furious wife, and lost children. This is the way we always travel.

As usual at our place, the kids and I have taken the preparations for attending this convention with admirable calm, while my wife has been sewing and ironing and swearing softly since the first of July. I swear she'd need three years' advance notice should we ever decide to go to Europe for a month.

What really baffles her is the unpredictability of the good old Canadian weather. Late August can be reeking hot, cold and clammy, or brisk and breezy. Figure three changes of clothes a day for three possible climates, for four people, for seven days, and you have the measure of her misery.

This week, while she stewes at home, getting ready, I'm at a slightly different type of convention. It's a gathering of school teachers. Oh, there are similarities. You wear a name badge at each. You eat meals at each. There are receptions at each. Each has a key word: "dedication" at this one and "grass-roots" at the newspaper one. There are interminable uplifting speeches at each.

But what a difference in the details! At our first evening at the Manoir, I shall lead down to cocktails my beautiful wife, enhanced by a smashing hairdo and new gown. We shall sip languidly and exchange bons mots with old friends, while a white-gloved waiter passes the hors d'oeuvres.

Then, wooed by dozens of handsome, young public relations men who want us to sit at their table, we shall proceed in stately style to the Lobster Thermidor and the Baked Alaska.

Things weren't quite like that at the first meal at the teachers' gathering. My dinner companion was pleasant, but not exactly exciting and by no stretch of the imagination beautiful. He didn't even get a new hair-do for the convention. He was my room-mate, director of the technical wing in a high school.

None of this decadent dining at seven. Dinner was at five-thirty. We washed our hands and went down to weiners and beans, followed by a palatable, but not quite exotic, dessert of canned cherries.

At the Manoir, great public institutions life finance companies will vie with one another to provide pre-dinner receptions and post-dinner convivialities for the editors.

At this convention, the only reception was a coffee-and-cookies affair at 9.30 p.m., and the guests paid for the grub.

At the Manoir, each evening will produce its small parties, followed by dancing and entertainment in the handsome casino. At this one, evening entertainment consists of a walk around the grounds followed by a couple of hundred other lonely teachers who miss their families, and ends with a coffee from the automat in the basement.

Teachers and weekly editors are good and useful people, and have much in common, though they often hate each other's innards. Both try to inform, educate and raise the standards of society. But when it comes to conventions, though I'll probably be healthier after the teachers' affair, I'll have a lot more fun with the editors.

## Sunday School Lesson

Golden Text: Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. — 1 Pet. 5:6.

Approach to the Lesson

As we have seen, Jacob was an astute man with a keen eye for the main chance and, although possessing the birthright blessing and having met with God at Bethel, his inbred cunning did not leave him in that one exalted moment. Like the rest of us, he needed more than one visitation from God, and in the strange and wonderful events recorded in Genesis 32, we see him brought from artfulness to godliness, from fear to faith, from weakness to strength, and from being a successful man of the world to becoming a man of God.

By now Jacob was advancing in years. He had spent 20 difficult years away from home living with his uncle Laban. This home was not a happy one, and Jacob's business relationships with Laban were very unsatisfactory. Neither was his own spiritual life at a very high level. We read, for instance very little about God in the intervening chapters. "Jacob's life at Haran was one prolonged discipline in various ways. He was almost continually in the crucible whether through the faults and sins of others or through his own unworthy and sinful expedients. The entire story is full of sad and sordid incidents, but as we read it we shall do well to bear in mind that the long-suffering patience of God was all the while at work with His unworthy servant" (Griffith Thomas). Jacob's native cunning needed Laban's artfulness in order to save him from himself. Often the people who we least appreciate are made the greatest means of blessing upon us. God uses sandpaper personalities in order to refine His servants!

The most important thing in our lives is not our relationship with men and things, but with God: when that is right other things come into harmony, too. Here we find God reaching into Jacob's life at a time of crisis, and bringing him to a place of victory. If we follow the example carefully we can expect God to come into our lives in like manner.

The Heart of the Lesson  
Jacob invoked God's covenant and blessing in prayer, and then discovered that God was much more concerned with him than with his circumstances. Bringing God into a situation is adventurous as well as comforting, and it can be costly, for God deals with us as well as we deal with Him. Prayer is not a casual, or even frantic, invitation to God to intervene for us, it is a plea for Him to help on His own terms. The blessing that streamed into Jacob's life because of God's striving with him is a token of that which he is equally willing to give to us.

## OPENING FOR APPRENTICE

Commencing the last week of August The Stouffville Tribune will have a position open for an apprentice. Two years high school preferred. Good chance for young man of high school age to get a start in the printing trade. Apply to either Bert Jackson, plant foreman or C. H. Nolan, publisher, Stouffville 640-2100.

## Int. Plowing Match On M.F. Farm - '65

York County will be represented in the 1963 World Plowing Match to be held in Caledon in October, the local match committee agreed at a recent Newmarket meeting. Site of the 1965 match will be the Massey-Ferguson Farms in Milliken, committee chairman Winfred Timbers, Stouffville, reeve, said. It was felt that York participation in the World Match at Caledon in the afternoon parade on opening day Oct. 3 and throughout the matches will serve to publicize the 1965 event.

# Vernon B. C. "News" Best Weekly In Canada For 1963

The Vernon, British Columbia, News, has been named Canada's best weekly newspaper for 1963. The Mason Trophy, emblematic of the top spot, was presented to the News at the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association convention, held this week at Murray Bay, Quebec.

The News also won the Amherstburg Echo trophy for the best front page. The Trenton, Ontario, Trentonian, placed second best all-round newspaper classification and also second in the front page competition while picking up the first prize, the Rae L. King Memorial Trophy, for best editorial page. Third in all-round excellence was the Leamington, Ontario, Post & News. The Abbotsford, British Columbia, News was second in the editorial page competition and the Pointe Claire, Quebec, Lakeshore News was third.

Complete results are as follows:

CLASS 1 — Circulation 3,000 and over.

MASON TROPHY — Best All-Round Newspaper: First—Vernon (B.C.) News; Second—Trenton (Ont.) Trentonian, Third—Leamington (Ont.) Post & News.

RAE L. KING MEMORIAL TROPHY—Best Editorial Page: Trenton (Ont.) Trentonian; Second—Abbotsford (B.C.) Sumas & Matsqui News; Third—Pointe Claire (Que.) Lakeshore News.

AMHERSTBURG ECHO TROPHY — Best Front Page: First—Vernon (B.C.) News; Second—Trenton (Ont.) Trentonian; Third—Tie—Brampton (Ont.) Times & Conservator, Midland (Ont.) Free Press Herald.

CLASS 2 — Circulation 2,001 to 3,000.

GERTRUDE A. DUNNING MEMORIAL TROPHY — Best All-Round Newspaper: First—Fort Erie (Ont.) Times-Review; Second—Williams Lake (B.C.) Tribune; Third—Weston (Ont.) Times-Advertiser.

P. GEORGE PEARCE MEMORIAL TROPHY — Best Editorial Page: First—Fort Erie (Ont.) Times-Review; Second—Gananoque (Ont.) Reporter; Third—Tie—Hanna (Alta.) Herald, Minnedosa (Man.) Tribune, Mission City (B.C.) Fraser Valley Record.

WILLIAM UDALL MEMORIAL TROPHY — Best Front Page: First—William Lake (B.C.) Tribune; Second—Pictou (N.S.) Advocate; Third—Mis-

son City (B.C.) Fraser Valley Record.

CLASS 3 — Circulation 1,001 to 2,000.

EDWARD W. JOHNSTON MEMORIAL TROPHY — Best All-Round Newspaper: First—Acton (Ont.) Free Press; Second—Campbell River (B.C.) Courier; Third—Portage La Prairie (Man.) Manitoba Leader.

GEORGE W. JAMES TROPHY — Best Editorial Page: First—Port Elgin (Ont.) Times; Second—Creston (B.C.) Review; Third—Rimby (Alta.) Record.

OMER PERRIER TROPHY — Best Front Page: First—Ladner (B.C.) Optimist; Second—Tie—Acton (Ont.) Free Press, Leader; Third—Port Coquitlam (B.C.) Herald.

CLASS 4 — Circulation 1,000 or Less.

WALTER ASHFIELD TROPHY — Best All-Round Newspaper: First—Nanton (Alta.) News; Second—MacGregor (Man.) Herald; Third—Whitehead (Sask.) Herald.

GEORGE M. MURRAY TROPHY — Best Editorial Page: First—Whitehead (Sask.) Herald; Second—Eckville (Alta.) Examiner; Third—Elora (Ont.) Express.

RIDGETOWN DOMINION TROPHY — Best Front Page: First—Nanton (Alta.) News; Second—MacGregor (Man.) Herald; Third—Grenfell (Sask.) Sun.

SPECIAL COMPETITIONS

ADAM SELLAR TROPHY — Best 1962 Christmas Edition: First—Altona (Man.) Red River Valley Echo; Second—Blenheim (Ont.) News-Tribune; Third—Powell River (B.C.) News.

J. A. MACLAREN TROPHY — Best Local Spot News Picture: First—Quessell (B.C.) Cariboo Observer; Second—Rouyn (Que.) Rouyn-Noranda Monitor; Third—Elmira (Ont.) Signet.

S. R. CURRY TROPHY — Best Sport Page: First—Powell River (B.C.) News; Second—Pointe Claire (Que.) Lakeshore News; Third—Georgetown (Ont.) Herald.

A. E. CALNAN AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE: First—Alliston (Ont.) Herald; Second—Powell River (B.C.) News; Third—West Vancouver (B.C.) Lions Gate Times.

## EDITOR'S MAIL . . .

Stouffville, Ont. Aug. 26/63.

Mr. Editor, Stouffville Tribune.

Dear Sir,

Being the target in headlining your editorial Column, and referred to as something that barks up a tree, I should like to say at least I do not run with the hare and bark with the hounds, nor let myself become a mouth piece, for those who hid behind the fence, neither do I sit on the fence, waiting to see which way the wind is going to blow.

In your editorial you have painted me as a "Twentieth Century Scrooge" and one who would deprive our citizens of their rightful pleasures in life. I have spent considerable providing winter recreation enjoyed by young and old, in an old fashion community spirit, this endeavour was such a success it far exceeded all expectations.

You have accused me of trying to force higher water rates on the Arena. This is NOT CORRECT at no time have I ever stated anything about higher rates. I only say the arena should be on meter and pay its fair and equitable share, be it "MORE or LESS." Who knows what the cost would be since there is no meter at present to record the exact consumption?

I cannot accept all the credit for this meter idea, it was at a special meeting called by council, and held in the P.U.C. office, when one of the council members suggested all commercial gardeners, should be placed on meter.

Why not start on the larger users of water? The arena is one of the largest annual consumers of water and pay just over one dollar a day for water, while some other accounts pay over \$1500.00 annually. The arena had a meter at one time, it was removed for some unknown reason, by "Whom" and "What For" has been a mystery, but after reading your comments it is quite obvious "Why", but who removed the meter still remains a deep dark secret.

In comparing other arenas, which are municipally operated and do not show a good balance sheet, it is quite understandable when you realize our arena is a stock company having paid \$6.00 dividends on a \$100.00 investment over the past 15 years.

Now anyone with the intelligence of an editor can't help but know you can't compare a mutual operation with that of a stock company because they have two distinctly different objectives.

I agree the Arena is a first class recreational centre, pro-

viding good wholesome fun for those who wish to attend, but the fact remains more support comes from outside than from town patronage.

The arena company has been indirectly subsidized in the past by those who invested their money without full dividend payments.

Are the citizens of Stouffville now expected to extend this subsidy by continuing to extend special water privileges, which are not afforded to other commercial accounts in town?

In referring to commercial ventures that might want to locate in town receiving unfair incentive, if treated in this manner, how about commercial business which are now located here, they have already helped to pay for the building and still paying their fair share of its maintenance, they should share in any special considerations.

The P.U.C. pays property taxes also. Business taxes to the town treasury, therefore must be considered as a business enterprise, as such it should receive a fair and just compensation for services rendered, particularly when every customer is a co-owner in its operation. It is our duty and responsibility as commissioners to see that this business is conducted in such a manner as to produce an economic and efficient operation.

You also referred to the water restrictions as not being adhered to, I agree this is true in a few cases.

When the commission made these lawn hose restrictions, we felt it was in the best interest of all citizens, we understand the circumstances making these temporary restrictions necessary and as a representative of all the citizens in Stouffville, we must act accordingly, keeping in mind everyone rather than "Favouring The Chosen Few." This has been my policy since accepting a position as a commissioner on the P.U.C. and this stand will continue to pursue regardless.

In your report you stated the P.U.C. were presently trying to sell hydro power to the arena, this may be so but as a commissioner have never received an invitation to attend or enter into any such agreement.

I receive a number of weekly papers from the surrounding communities and read with interest their editorials. When I compared these with some found on your editorial page, I suggest your time and effort could be put to better advantage elsewhere.

Many thanks for the space taken.

(Sgd.) W. D. Atkinson.

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