

# Editorial . . .

## Cadets May Leave Stouffville

A meeting is to be held shortly to consider the moving of Air Cadet Squadron No. 94 from Stouffville to Newmarket. The re-formation of the Squadron several years ago, was to serve Stouffville and Markham, with a number of boys from Newmarket. Since that time the personnel of the group from Markham and Stouffville has gradually diminished, while those attending from Newmarket has steadily increased.

The Civilian Committee operating the Squadron has had an uphill struggle to provide the necessary financial requirements, and has had difficulty as well finding enough persons to serve on the committee from Stouffville. It requires nearly \$1500 a year to operate the squadron, this amount covering rent and other various items. The raising of this money is strictly the responsibility of the committee. In addition persons must be found who are prepared to give their time as instructors and senior officers.

The Stouffville Squadron was one of the early cadet groups formed, having been first established in the early years of World War II. Following the war it was disbanded but thanks to the efforts of Mr. Harry Hetherington, who himself had been a cadet, the Squadron was re-formed a few years ago and Mr. Hethering-

ton became the first Commanding Officer. He retired from the post a couple of years ago and his place was taken by Mr. Jas. McKellar. Both men have given unstintingly of their time and effort to keep the Squadron going. In the Civilian Committee, Jas. Ogilvy has been the leading light in the operation.

It appears now that there is a civilian group in Newmarket interested in directly sponsoring the Squadron which is made up primarily of Newmarket boys. It is regrettable that the Stouffville name should fall from this Air Cadet Squadron to which it has been attached for so many years. However, Markham has shown very little interest in either sending boys or civilian assistants, and Stouffville's "push" behind the effort has been steadily waning. On the other hand, Newmarket with its larger population, is providing more and more boys and appears ready as well to give the civilian impetus and financial backing required.

Cadets, whether they be air force, army or navy, are excellent youth organizations, and we have always regretted that this part of high school life was gradually done away with. The military aspect provided by these groups, gives to youth something which cannot be replaced by any competitive sports program.

## Church Supper and Anniversary Time

It's church or fowl supper and anniversary time for a great many of our town and rural churches. Why the anniversaries of the churches are all held in the fall is a mystery I have not been able to solve. Presumably, most of them date back to the founding of the churches, often over a century ago. It may be that the farmers, having got their crops safely harvested and their summer work done, had a feeling of gratitude and a spirit of thanksgiving and they got together to found a congregation of believers.

It must have been by chance that this was also the time when the turkeys were maturing and it was the ideal time to get a good dinner, for it is obvious that the churches came long before the fowl suppers. The connection has only come in more modern times. Last week St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in town

held its annual supper. St. Andrew's is one of the last remaining churches in town to undertake such a project.

The supper means a lot of work, especially for the ladies of the congregation. Many city folks don't realize that for such a small price they can get such a full-course meal by the finest cooks in the land.

Unquestionably in many churches, the ladies have simply got fed up with the heavy work load of a supper. They decide it would be easier and not much more expensive to forget the fowl suppers and just pay so much from each family. However, there are others, who, when November rolls around again, change their minds. No doubt a good supper brings a sense of achievement, helps the social life of the community and brings in \$500 to \$1000, less expenses, and that is worthwhile.

## Town Lighting Too Limited

"Stouffville is a nice town in the daytime but it's like a cemetery at night". This remark, made only recently by a visitor here, would have been taken as an insult by some. We accepted it as constructive criticism for it is true.

The lighting in the Main Street shopping area is bad, in fact much of what is available is reflected onto the street from the store windows or overhead neon signs.

While towns and shopping plazas in other communities present a dazzling display of luminous brilliance,

Stouffville has fallen far behind. Some of the fixtures, on the north side of the street should be replaced immediately. A close look will disclose that the shades are so dirty or discoloured that little light could shine through if it was available. The same may be said for many sections in the residential areas.

Good lighting is as much a necessity in a town as good roads and good sidewalks. It is an item that the taxpayers should not have to beg for. It should be provided as part of keeping pace with progress.

## Committee To Be Commended

Stouffville centennial committee has filed its report which, in turn, has been approved by the town council. Although on a project of this kind, a single type of program will never meet with the unanimous approval of the people, we feel that the majority are reasonably well satisfied with the final decision.

The new park entrance and a planned museum are important, of course. What satisfies this writer most, however, is the fact that

enough interested persons could be found who were willing to meet as a body on several occasions to reach a common agreement. Not only were the pros and cons of the park entrance and museum discussed thoroughly but other secondary proposals were considered. A brief, outlining these proposals will be kept on file.

We feel that this appointed committee has done its work well and we are pleased that the council has seen fit to recommend the retention of this group as a future advisory body.

## This Is Young Canada Book Week

This week, Nov. 15 to 22 is Young Canada's Book Week. The purpose of this special week is to draw the attention of adults to the fact that Young Canada is becoming more and more book conscious and consequently more and more needful of opportunity for and encouragement in their use.

The youth in and nearby Stouffville have had the facilities of a good library here for many years. Our public library should be considered as a definite part of our educational system. This system is changing so rapidly that students, even in our elementary schools are sometimes asked to study subjects that we never heard of in our day at school. A great deal of supplementary reading is required since it is impossible for every,

school to have an adequate supply of sources for research, more are turning to the public libraries. Some libraries have been forced to curtail the borrowing time to meet the demand.

Many improvements have been made in our own local library in the past decade, but it is quite evident that the time is coming when today's facilities will be far from adequate and new and larger quarters will need to be provided. New libraries are springing up all over. Markham, our neighbor to the south, hopes to erect a new library building, valued at \$60,000, as a centennial project.

Young Canada is interested in books and if you doubt it, just drop into our local library sometime and see how our librarian is kept busy.

# The People Say —

QUESTION — DO YOU AGREE THAT A NEW PARK ENTRANCE AND A MUSEUM IS A SUITABLE CENTENNIAL PROJECT FOR STOUFFVILLE? IF NOT, WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST?

**Miss Marilyn Davis, Baker Ave.**  
Yes, I think it's a good idea. The new entrance will help make the park even more attractive than it already is.

**Mr. Chris Armstrong, Albert St. N.**  
No, I don't agree with the project. There are five entrances to the park now and I feel that's sufficient. Although I'm opposed to the plan, I don't have any other suggestion to offer.

**Mrs. F. Barker, Fairview Ave.**  
Yes, I agree with the project.

**Mrs. L. Hoover, Manitoba St.**  
I agree with the project in a way and yet I think that the money could be put to a better use. She suggested that the park should have an attractive entrance but felt that the museum wasn't really necessary. "There are so many museums in this part of the country that I don't feel we need one."

**Mrs. Douglas Ramer, Hawthorne Ave.**  
Yes, I'd like to see this project carried out. It would be a definite asset to the community. I think that the new park entrance will beautify the town and the museum will preserve the history of Stouffville.

**Mrs. Keith Sutherland, Albert St. N.**  
I definitely think that the museum should be constructed. It would be a real benefit to our community.

**Mrs. Fred Griffin, Main St. E.**  
I haven't really given the project too much thought. Whatever is agreed on will be alright with me.

**Mrs. R. F. Sargeant, Victoria St.**  
It sounds like a fine idea. I believe that the residents of Stouffville would take a real interest in a museum and it would be a benefit to the town.

**Mrs. R. Thorn, Albert St. N.**  
I think it's a wonderful idea. The museum will attract visitors and the new park entrance will beautify the town.

**Mrs. J. Williams, Maytree Ave.**  
I'm in full agreement with the museum project as it would be a good place for the children to visit. They would enjoy it and it would be educational as well.

**Mrs. A. Woodward, Main St. E.**  
I feel that the museum would be a real asset to Stouffville. I think that the committee has made a wise decision and I agree with it.

**Mrs. J. D. Wylie, Rupert Ave.**  
I agree that our town should have a more impressive park entrance. It seems that tourists are always looking for parks in the different communities, but I don't think they would be too impressed with the entrance to ours.

**Mrs. Doug. Widdfield, Glad Park Ave.**  
I feel that a new park entrance as planned is a good idea and I'm sure it will be a beauty spot in town.

**Mr. Jim Abell, Albert St. N.**  
I felt personally that improved library facilities would have provided the most benefit to the most people, especially the young folk in town who will become our future community leaders. I realize that the committee had a good deal of time and thought into the project before it was finalized.

**Mrs. Wm. Barry, Main St. E.**  
I think it's a wonderful idea. I feel that it will be very attractive and a real town beauty spot. Certainly the present park entrance is nothing to brag about.

**Mrs. Jim Brazier, Hawthorne Ave.**  
I feel that the proposed park entrance could be quite lovely but it also could be quite costly to maintain. As for the museum, it is something that you might visit once but would not necessarily return again.

**Mrs. Dick Coffey, Loretta Cresc.**  
I think it's a fine idea. I know that a lot of places smaller than Stouffville have museums and they are real tourist attractions.

**Mr. Jim Couse, Fairview Ave.**  
I'm not in complete agreement with the plan. I would rather have something that we could use rather than just look at. I feel that a community recreation centre would be the ultimate since it would benefit both young and old. Perhaps we are not quite large enough to consider a project of that size.

**Mrs. Ernie Abraham Jr., 9th Line N.**  
The park in town has no real entrance to be proud of. I feel that the project is a fine idea and could be developed into a real beauty spot. I'm opposed to a museum as I feel they are too costly to maintain.

# Editor's Mail

45 Victoria St., Stouffville.

Dear Editor,  
I read with astonishment of the proposal by "an appointed committee," to create a "museum" as Stouffville's centennial project. Its acceptance by council bears some thinking about. To agree to a proposal to spend \$17,500. of public funds on a project which, according to all the available information, amounts to little more than a transaction in real estate, general contracting and landscaping, and changing the name Anglican Church to Museum, seems oddly stupid.

The question that occurs to me is: has anyone given thought to what this "museum" might contain? Is it to be an antique fire engine museum or a natural science museum or a museum of antique furniture or, perhaps, a wax museum containing, as its centerpiece, a beeswax reeve ad-dressing an assembly of paraffin wax councillors? Precisely what sort of museum is it to be? This answered, one might sensibly ask: will this sort of museum serve a public need in Stouffville? If this can be answered in the affirmative we then come to the really critical question: where and how might we acquire the variety and quality of objects that will make this museum worth visiting? And where will the money come from to purchase these artifacts? Until these and many other questions have been satisfactorily answered, the whole matter remains rather like agreeing to build a new road without ever having bothered to decide to where.

Centennial year 1967 seems everywhere to have touched otherwise sensible minds with a sort of madness: a madness to spend huge sums of money (witness the \$135 already pledged for construction of 15 new theatres) on imposing structures of brick, concrete, metal and glass, without ever properly considering what might be contained within them. It would be pleasant to think that Stouffville's centennial project had been based upon common sense deductions. But, I suppose, this is just too much to expect.

Sincerely,  
Alan Bevan.

## THE COFFEE HABIT

(By Dorothy Moss Pickering, RR 1.)

The dangers of acquiring the smoking habit, the drinking habit, the habit of taking drugs, are all pointed out so thoroughly that no one develops any one of them. Without Knowing What He is Doing.

But the coffee-drinking habit is detrimental to, and needs some warning signs posted around it, just because it is so insidious and pervasive. Coffee drinkers can drink without any social disapproval, without any warnings from vital statistics, without even a frown from teetotaling Aunt Matilda.

No employer asks for a coffee abstainer, no lady specifies "non-coffee drinker" in her offers of lodging. Indeed, the rest periods in the factory and the business office are called "coffee breaks" as though they were purposely meant to be used in the consumption of coffee as part of one's working duties.

And at night, when you relax in front of the TV, what is the one every program? Everyone, from cowboy to nurse to housewife, stops for coffee at least once in a half hour program, no matter what they are going through. Housewife tells all her troubles over the coffee cups — cowboys relax around the campfire with tin mugs of coffee — the country doctor serves himself after major surgery with a pot of coffee — the nurse goes to the coffee bar even truck drivers and construction workers break out the coffee with their lunch boxes . . .

And there you sit with the coffee table set up, matching them cup for cup.

It does no good to go out. No matter where you go or what you do, someone will offer you a coffee.

You do not realize the danger in this business of coffee drinking until it strikes down someone Dear To You.

But a relative of mine has recently developed high blood pressure from excessive coffee consumption.

She worked at a desk all day, alone much of the time, and the coffee percolator was near by. She, to break the monotony, drank cup after cup, and it was estimated that her coffee consumption was over fifteen cups per day. Until she became ill, that is. She is now on a strict diet with no coffee allowed.

In my own case I was alerted to danger only when I absent-mindedly mixed up two cups of coffee (instant) from the boiling kettle on the stove.

"Mother," said my youngest child, "don't you remember you were boiling that kettle to steam open this letter?"

Indeed, so I had been. "Please enclose this slip with your payment" read the paper in my other hand. It will help us credit it to your account."

But their letter was already stamped and sealed, and the postman due any minute. Steam was the solution.

If the Happy Home furniture company wonders why their letter is sealed with adhesive tape, it's because I had to tear it open to put in their slip of paper — because I'd used up the boiling water to make coffee instead of steam — that's why.

Only then did I realize the coffee habit was growing on me. I had mixed up two cups of coffee, and I was alone. The coffee habit is a social habit, it automatically tempts you to over indulge, before you think — I had better break this off here — my husband has just come in, and the first thing he said was "Would you put the coffee on?"

# Laff Of The Week



"I don't care how they look! . . . Standing around in these damp clouds all day gets my feet wet!"

# Roamin' Around . . .

Wm. Corcoran, conc. 9, Whitechurch has a good advertisement for General Motors parked in his driveway. It is a 1961 Chevrolet that has been driven a total of 150,000 miles without a single major repair. It has worn out six sets of tires, one set of brake linings and one battery. It has had two sets of spark plugs and one set of points. Mr. Corcoran purchased the auto from Conlin Motors in Markham and now plans to trade it in on a '65 model. "If the new one stands up as well as the old one, I'll have few worries," he said. What kind of new car is he planning to buy? A chevy, of course.

Rev. Norman Rowan, former Pastor at Second Markham Baptist Church west of town and more recently at Preston, has been the driving force behind a project at Keswick that has resulted in the construction of a Youth Centre in that community. Mr. Rowan is now the minister at Queensville but still returns to Stouffville to renew old friendships. He was very influential in youth work while a Pastor here.

"I have erected fences in six different townships and could still do it," said Mr. Jonathan Morganson in a street-corner conversation recently. Mr. Morganson will be 91 on his next birthday.

Rather than drive home from the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening of last week, we expected some of the patrons at the annual turkey supper there to take off and fly the distance. A total turkey weight of over 360 pounds was consumed which is enough to produce a physical transformation of some kind.

We understand that an estimated 400 members of the Jehovah's Witnesses will attend a gathering in the Stouffville Dist. High School on the weekend. Although we do not uphold all of their beliefs, we cannot help but marvel at their devotion to religious duty. Every week, while travelling through the Village of Pickering, we see at least two standing on the street corner, distributing literature, rain or shine. Few of us could match this kind of enthusiasm.

Speaking of Pickering, there's a horse down there that simply refuses to remain at home. Purchased by Mr. Fred Poynton, Pickering, RR 1, several weeks ago from a previous owner in the Stouffville area, the four-footed beast has been hit by the wanderlust again and Mr. Poynton thinks it could be in this district. The reason for its wayward ways is difficult to explain unless, of course, its just plain homesick. We think that it's been cruelly separated from a little lady horse and is just plain love sick.

A couple of weeks ago, we commented that local window-cleaning expert, John Foulds was the only adult who benefitted from the soap-scribbling practices of Halloween. We were oh so wrong. We have learned that John makes the rounds on the morning after the night before and cleans all his customers' windows free of charge. Who said you never get something for nothing?

We salute four senior citizens of this community this week. Last Thursday, Mrs. Sarah Pipher, No. 43 Hwy., north of Markham was 98. On Thursday, Nov. 26th, Mrs. Thomas Bennis of Claremont will also be 98. On Wednesday, Nov. 25th, Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Kerr of Lemonville will mark their 60th wedding anniversary.

We could not help but be impressed with the appearance of a high school student group who visited down-town late Saturday afternoon. They were part of a visiting volleyball team who performed in an association tournament here.

After viewing the mass audience in attendance at the high school Commencement Exercises on Friday night, it is easily seen that the increased accommodation is money well spent. We were very much impressed with the Principal's handling of the memorial presentation in tribute to the late Robt. Mole. We can only say that Mrs. Mole, although possibly the saddest parent in attendance, must also have been the proudest.

The sunny afternoon on Saturday brought Mr. Harry W. Sanders out for a walk. Unknown to many residents in town, Mr. Sanders served Stouffville as reeve back in the era of the early '30's. His council record dates back to 1928 and extends to 1937 when he was succeeded by Mr. A. E. Weldon. It is interesting to note that in 1934 he defeated the reeve Wilfred Morden by 36 votes. Other members on the council of that year included — Arthur Weldon, Mervin Watts, Ross Brown and Walter Brillinger.

It was just one year ago that Pickering Twp. gave its approval to the proposed erection of a licensed motor hotel at Kinsale. All we can see on or near the site is the broken down remains of a barn foundation. And to think of the volumes of words that were wasted on that project.

Lloyd Weldon, Rose Ave., had a smart looking 1930 Ford sport coupe and although its eye-catching appearance would cause many a head to turn on Main Street, it just failed to pass the test in class competitions. So, beginning this week, the Ford will be taken apart, nut by nut and bolt by bolt. It will be repainted and polished from bumper to bumper and roof to running board. It will be equipped with new tires and a new motor. Much of the work will be done by Lloyd himself with the help of John Sangsters, Albert St. N. John owns a 1931 Ford coupe. Lloyd says that the refinishing job will take about one year.

One girl and twenty-six men. That is still the one-sided story of the Caledonia Pipe Band of Oshawa. This colourful troop headed the Remembrance Day parade through Stouffville on Sunday afternoon. Partially hidden within the ranks was fifteen year old Cheryl Williams, the lone lassie in the band. This only goes to prove that women can blow up a lot more air than men.

Although the town council is hesitant to impose a ban on the distribution of door-to-door advertisements, we agree with the local Ratepayer's Association that the practice does, at times, create an eyesore, especially in built-up subdivisions. We feel that some people leave this literature on their front steps for a longer period than necessary in the hope that a strong wind will relay it over onto their neighbour's lot next door.

Massey-Ferguson Farms at Milliken received a top award for their corn entry at the Royal Winter Fair. The seed for this prize-winning crop was provided by Mr. W. J. Brodie, RR 1, Unionville, local representative for Northrup-King and Co.

Someone with nothing more than air between his ears, took a joyride in his car through the south park in town last week and, in addition to leaving grooved tire marks in the soft earth, he snapped off one of the trees donated to the park by the Horticultural Society.