

Editorial . . .

School Principal Is Right

In our view the principal of the high school who forbids students coming to the institution with beetle haircuts is right and the students are wrong.

The Beatles who dress like freaks and use freakish haircuts, are in show business, and everything they do is to further their careers as performers.

Teachers have a little more to do with students than merely to teach, they are trying to help them prepare for adult life as well.

Ill-Timed Information

Monday, Dec. 7th was election day in Markham Township. On that very same date, Monday, Dec. 7th, Ron Haggart of the Toronto Star saw fit to reveal in his column, information concerning candidate Stanley Patterson that could have cost him dearly at the polls.

We were shocked and disturbed when we read this item. Not because of the facts, true or false, but because any columnist would, in his own sound judgment, see fit to produce an article so damaging to a candidate on the very day of balloting.

We are a firm believer in fair play to all. At election time, we feel that it is grossly unfair to throw dirt in the face of an aspirant to office unless he has an equal right to fight back.

Little Public Favour

Election results in this area during the past few weeks have proven that it's difficult to start in at the bottom after you've had a taste of the top.

There have been several candidates in recent years who have gone through the municipal mill to the reeve's chair and then, with no interval in between, have dropped back to a councillor's post.

Reeve Frank Williams of Whitchurch is a prime example. During his climb up the ladder, he was always accorded strong support at the polls.

Who Are They Trying To Kid?

We think that the director of information for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Jas. Ross was way off base when he advised farmers not to stay at the posh Toronto hotels when they attended federation meetings in the city.

The idea he was apparently trying to put across was that as long as the government is paying you subsidies for your goods and you are complaining of low prices, you should not show that you're anything but a candidate for the poor house.

Mr. Information Director, don't try to separate rural folks from urban folks. There's no reason why farmers should try to live second-

themselves, and failing to do so they'll be fired. By this time father won't be around to help and the employer wouldn't care if he was.

One of the big faults in handling young people, and one which is so prevalent today is telling them to defy authority. We don't mean that they must conform to everything in the past, and they undoubtedly won't, but just to make oneself obnoxious for the sake of defying those in authority is no way to acquire independence.

Surely there are better ways of establishing independence than by insisting on looking like a freak, and it's to be hoped these high school students find this out.

Information

Mr. Patterson, in a public statement several days prior to nomination, made it known through the weekly press that he would contest the reeve's post in Markham Twp. An entire week elapsed between nomination and election day.

We detest these kind of tactics and regardless of whether a writer is acting within the limit of the law, we feel that the article was in the height of bad taste — not for WHAT it said, but for WHEN it was said.

to-step out of the reeve's office but seek re-election as a councillor.

Mrs. Nellie Kydd of Uxbridge Town is a similar situation. The former mayor, Mrs. Kydd relinquished that post but made a bid for a council seat of lesser distinction.

The electorate, for some reason, appears to take a dim view of this practice. They feel that there comes a time for the merry-go-round to stop and for the old riders to get off.

Now, how about some Christmas definitions, so that you won't be misled by a lot of cliches that have sprung up around the sacred and joyous occasion.

Christmas list — men acquire a heavy list to starboard from reaching into their hip pockets for wallets so frequently. Women acquire a different type list: pelvis thrust out, back tilted badly to the rear from the waist up, acquired from carrying parcels piled to their noses.

Christmas pudding — closely allied to Christmas list. It is more noticeable in men — a type of paralysis that comes from pudging their hand in their pocket so often.

Christmas spirit — what the kids have and you don't at 6 a.m. Dec. 25. Family Christmas — you cook the turkey and are stuck with the dishes while the relatives sleep it off.

Christmas punch — the recipe is simple. Take one husband and wife, decorating tree on Christmas Eve. Mix one set of lights which doesn't work.



SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley

HOW TO LIVE WITH CHRISTMAS

Thirty days hath September, April, June and Christmas. At least it seems that way.

About the middle of November, the advertising swings into high gear. We are implored to buy "a gift to enchant her" — like a dainty electric shaver. Or something "the really needs" — like a tastefully-wrapped bottle of dandruff remover.

Women start getting that harassed look about the first of December. They spend hundreds of hours at the Christmas chores: ruthlessly hacking off the list of people who didn't send us a card last year; desperately wondering what to get Uncle Dud, who is in an institution; frantically trying to get their husbands interested in trees and trimming and turkey.

Well, cheer up, chaps. It comes every year, but it lasts for only 30 days. Perhaps something to get your mind off the whole thing . . .

With Christmas in the offing, perhaps you'd be interested in a new party game. Any number can play. It is guaranteed to increase the spirit of goodwill and jollity at any Christmas party.

Called "Conjugation of Irregular Verbs", it was invented by Bertrand Russell. It goes like this: the player is given an irregular verb; he conjugates it. Example: "I am firm; you are obstinate; he is a pigheaded fool." Get the idea? Let's try another.

Ready? "I am witty and sparkling. You are unusually talkative. He is drunk as a skunk."

One more. "I day dream. You are an escapist. He ought to see a psychiatrist." This sort of thing is certain to get a dull party off the ground.

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Christmas tree — any coniferous tree which falls over the moment it is placed in a stand.

Christmas cookies — people who think they are going to spend less on Christmas than last year. Sometimes pronounced "kooky".

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Christmas punch — the recipe is simple. Take one husband and wife, decorating tree on Christmas Eve. Mix one set of lights which doesn't work. Throw in trip downtown for extra set of lights, by husband. Stir in a few short calls on friends on way home. Put husband gently inside door at one a.m. Christmas morning — and you get your Christmas punch, right between the eyes. It is considered only sporting, if you feel like retaliating, to wait until Boxing Day.

Kathryn Hall, Gr. 13.

"Personally, I don't like them and I feel that the Principal has the right to reject any form of dress or eccentricities that a student may employ if it is detrimental to the school. I feel, however, that anything as harmless as beetle haircuts is going to extremes. It's like placing a ban on girls' skirts that are worn too short or too long, it's really not that important."

Eleanor Shirk, Gr. 13.

"Personally, I think they look terrible, but I don't think they should be banned. She noted that as high school girls are expected to conform to certain dress regulations, then boys also should respect certain rules. She suggested that parents, by not upholding the recommendations of the Principal, were wrong. She said that no legitimate beetle-cuts had ever been worn to Stouffville High to her knowledge. 'Some came rather close,' she said."

Jim Hill, Gr. 13.

"As long as their hair is clean and combed, it's okay with me." He suggested that it would be unwise to ban the beetle-cut. "I'll never wear it," he said. "I wouldn't be able to see to play basketball."

Joyce Rose, Gr. 13.

"I don't like the look of them but if there are some students who do, then I feel they should be allowed to wear their hair that way. I feel that a Principal would not be justified in enforcing such a ban but if he did, then it becomes a school law and should be respected."

Mark Bramham, Gr. 13.

"I wouldn't wear it myself, but I see no reason why others shouldn't. It's only a fad. If a ban is imposed, I feel that the students and their parents should comply."

Beverley Carrington, Gr. 13.

"I don't feel they should be allowed. They add nothing to the appearance of a person. A high school student should be reaching a stage of maturity and should assume a look of respectability. Some do not feel that a school should dictate to students on proper forms of dress — well I do and I feel such rules should be followed."

Peter Hambly, Gr. 12.

"There are many different kinds of hair-cuts and the beetle style happens to be the craze right now. It's just a fad and won't last. I can't see how a boy's haircut would bother other students and I feel they should be allowed." He noted, however, that if the Principal ruled against the practice, the students in question should comply. "After all, he's the man who runs the school," he said.

Marian Yusko, Gr. 13.

"No, they shouldn't be allowed they look terrible. If they're not too long, they are alright but a real beetle-cut is not my idea of good grooming."

Jeanette Lang, Gr. 12.

"I don't like them, especially if they're blonde. I think they should be allowed in school if any of the boys want to wear them." She said that if the Principal ordered them banned, his decision should be final.

Dianne Storry, Gr. 12.

"I don't like them at all and I think they're completely out of place in High School. Boys should keep their hair cut for appearance sake." She said that, to her knowledge, no problem of that kind had ever come up at Stouffville.

Barbara Winn, Gr. 12.

"It depends on the length. I don't like the real beetle-type individuals."

Roamin' Around . . .

A favourite Sunday afternoon picnic spot is no more. The site, at the westerly entrance to the hamlet of Greenwood, off No. 7 Hwy, lost its attraction when the large maple tree located there, was cut down last week. Over the years, hundreds of people have enjoyed this picnic place and the old maple could probably tell some interesting stories if it could talk.

With the exception of Whitchurch, each of the surrounding townships can boast of one lady member on its newly elected public school area boards. Uxbridge has Mrs. Margaret Murray of conc. 7; Pickering has Mrs. Eleanor McKean of Cherrywood and Markham has Mrs. Mildred Toogood of Unionville.

Speaking of school boards, a second nomination meeting will be held on Dec. 18th in Markham Village to select sufficient candidates to fill the six trustee positions. Only five qualified following the last meeting on Nov. 30th. It's difficult to understand why so few people take an interest in school board activities when its members perform such an important service in the community.

We wish someone could come up with a suggestion on how the road sign at the corner of Mill and Main Streets in Stouffville could become a more permanent fixture at that site. The post is the target of cars and trucks almost every week and at the time of writing, the marker is lying flat on its back. The street is just too narrow to accommodate that type of structure.

The stealing of coloured bulbs from Main Street Christmas trees in town is prevalent this year and rather discouraging to merchants who are becoming tired of continually replacing these fixtures every week. In front of one store, the main wire leading to the tree was cut.

It is reported that the Chas. Reynolds farm near Green River in Pickering Twp. has been sold.

The identity of Stouffville's "Peeping Tom" may no longer be a secret. This night prowler has been seen on several occasions and the description seems to point to one individual. If any one resident reads this item with a guilty conscience he'd be well advised to remain at home unless, of course, he'd like the feel of a volley of buckshot biting into his britches.

Rumours persist that ex-reeve, Sherman Scott of Pickering Twp. is thinking seriously of making a comeback into municipal politics in 1966. Whether he would run in ward 5 or for reeve or deputy-reeve is not known. The current council is in for a two-year term that concludes at the end of '65.

Markham Twp. Reeve, Chas. Hooper will make a bid for the office of Warden in York County in '65. Other candidates likely in the field will be Sid Legge of Newmarket and Joe Dales of North Gwillimbury.

The Richmond Hill Community Swimming Pool fund is still about \$25,000 short of its required total. Last week, the treasurer was elated to receive a cheque for \$25,000. In the mail, his levity was short-lived, however. It was drawn on a fictitious bank. A rather poor kind of joke.

We would suggest that a No Parking sign should be erected on Main St. west of O'Brien Ave. This is an extremely dangerous corner for the motorist attempting to turn west on Main, particularly on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon when traffic is heavy.

John Pugh has done it again. He has acquired the first licence plate in Stouffville for 1965, a custom he has practiced now for several years. He was knocking on the Murphy office door at 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 1st. It's a good habit to get into. Most people, including this writer, seem to enjoy being last instead of first in the lineup.

The students of grades 7 and 8 of Orchard Park School have displayed the real spirit of Christmas. Rather than take, part in any exchange of gifts, the pupils of grade 8 will donate money to the Save The Children Fund. Grade 7 boys and girls will send their donations to the Star Santa Claus Fund. We think there's a lesson to be learned here.

There has been some controversy in Markham Village concerning the need of a cenotaph as a tribute to those who gave their lives in two World Wars. At a pre-election meeting at Morgan Hall on Wednesday evening of last week, Reeve Alma Walker told the gathering that such a memorial was almost completed after World War I but the builder attempted to erect a German insignia on the cairn and was run out of town. It is now only a heap of broken stone.

Congratulations to Mr. Geo. Freeman of Cedar Grove who celebrated his 94th birthday on Sunday.

Want to see our children's eyes light up on Christmas morning? Just put a Boxer puppy under the tree and watch the reaction. Costly, you say? Not really. If you act fast, a Church St. resident has such a dog to GIVE AWAY. Just call, 640-1168 between 2 and 5:30 p.m.

Does the name Robt. Dales bring back memories? We have learned that this same Mr. Dales, a prominent executive with the Bank of Nova Scotia, was once a prominent baseball pitcher in Stouffville back in the days when crowds of 500 to 1,000 people were not uncommon in the park. He is the son of the late Dr. F. A. Dales who resided on Church St.

It may be hard to believe, but Stouffville hasn't a single family welfare case on file at the present time.

EDITOR'S MAIL

Dec. 10, 1964.

The Editor, The Stouffville Tribune, Stouffville, Ont.

Dear Mr. Editor:

We thought your readers might be interested to know of the generosity of many citizens of this County in response to an appeal from their local Children's Aid Society.

In October we wrote to each of the County's Women's Institutes and each of the men's service clubs asking for their help in paying for two artificial legs for one of our older wards. These legs cost \$700.00 and rather than add this item to our already over-burdened budget it was suggested that we ask these groups for their assistance. The Board of Directors of the Children's Aid Society have been

most gratified by the response and have asked that I write to you, Mr. Editor, so that all the citizens of York County will know of the generosity of them: selves and their neighbours. One Club called recently to ask the amount still needed to reach the objective and promptly responded with a cheque for the balance. In this way our objective of \$700.00 was realized.

We are enclosing a list of the Institutes and Clubs that replied. We are always glad of contributions to any part of our Society's many services and felt you might like to draw this to the attention of your many readers, especially at this time of the year.

Above all we would ask you to help say Thank you to the many, many men and women of York County who have helped our boy to stride forward with a brand new pair of "man sized" artificial legs.

Sincerely yours, (Miss) Betty C. Graham, Executive Director.

- Donations received re Artificial Legs Mark-Vaun, W.I. \$5; Schomburg, W.I. \$5; Newmarket W. I. \$5; Mary Graves, W.I. \$5; Scarborough Jct. W.I. \$5; Daves Rd. W. I. \$5; Berwick W.I. \$10; Temperanceville W.I. \$10; Highland Creek W.I. \$5; Thornhill, W.I. \$5; Snowball W.I. \$10; Gormley, W.I. \$5; Stouffville, W.I. \$25; Bethesda W.I. \$10; Markham Village W.I. \$10; Lakeview W.I. \$5; Keswick Optimist Club \$25; King City Lions Club \$50; Newmarket Optimist Club \$200; Newmarket Kinsmen Club \$10; Aurora Lions Club \$195; Markham Lions Club \$100 — total: \$705.

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Rosalyn Kreclck, Gr. 13.

"I feel that it's the choice of the individual. Although the Principal and teachers are in charge and the students should co-operate, I feel that an outright ban is carrying things a little too far. Like everything else, beetle haircuts can look neat if kept combed or can look terrible. It's only a fad."

Karen Hamilton, Gr. 13.

"Certainly, why shouldn't a student be able to wear a style of his own choosing? Since Canada has freedom of speech and freedom of the press, why not freedom to wear what you want. Different styles show individuality — let students be individuals."

The People Say . . .

Should Students Be Allowed To Wear Beetle-Type Haircuts

Herbert Otto, Gr. 12 Pres. Student's Council.

Basically, one should be able to make this choice without interference. He noted however, that this freedom of choice should not be abused if it is not in the best interests of the majority. He said that where there is a form of rule and discipline as is the case of a High School Principal, this authority should be respected. "Personally, I feel that beetle haircuts are not in

good taste," he said, "they look sloppy."

Barbara Howard, Gr. 13.

"I feel that beetle-cuts should be accepted," she said, "they can be neat if combed properly." She noted that in the case of Richmond Hill, the students involved would have saved both themselves and their school a good deal of embarrassment if they had adhered to their Principal's wishes.

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