

Editorial . . .

An Issue Between Neighbors

At a recent meeting of town council, a letter of complaint was received from a local resident concerning the height of a fence, separating two properties.

Although the Property Committee of council was asked to check

into the matter, the majority of members were unaware of controls, if any, that could be enforced by bylaw.

We feel that the council would be wise to steer clear of such issues. They are private matters between individuals and should be settled that way.

A Dangerous Practice

On Sunday morning, a dog was rescued from an open test-drill excavation on a piece of property north of Lincolnville in Whitchurch Twp.

The animal had been trapped in the hole for two days, after surviving a plunge of about 30 feet to the bottom.

This experience has aroused ill feeling among many residents in the

area and we can readily understand their concern.

We would question the good judgment of anyone who would permit such a hazard to exist. The accident to the dog could just as easily have occurred to a child. The result would have been much more serious.

Tragedies are bound to happen but they shouldn't be invited.

Costly, But Valuable Lesson

During the past few weeks, local farmers no doubt have been watching closely the reports that have come out of the inquiry into the ill-fated FAME program.

While the hearing into the Farmers Allied Meat Enterprises is still going on, there is little doubt but what the government investigation will come up with the conclusion that mis-management led to FAME's downfall.

Many area farmers had money invested in this "dream" and at present, it appears that their investment is in jeopardy.

Farmers, similar to most other

citizens, can not afford to lose money on such ventures, because their main livelihood is a risky enough business. In fact, their money was invested in such a venture because they were of the opinion that they would improve their cash returns, and many of them realized that they had to gamble on that promise.

The hearing will provide farmers with some of the answers as to where they may have gone wrong. Unfortunately, for some, it may be a costly lesson.

One thing they will probably learn is that hard work and a zealous, enthusiastic approach to any venture, does not guarantee success.

Repetition Becomes Tiresome

Last week, the same delegation was back before Pickering Twp. Council, asking that the proposed erection of a new municipal building at the intersection of Brock Road and No. 2 Hwy., be cancelled or at least delayed for a time.

The spokesmen may be quite sincere in their requests but, for listeners and readers alike, we feel its all becoming quite tiresome.

As far as we're concerned, the place to file such complaints was before the public hearing of the Ontario Municipal Board that was held in Brougham many months ago. At that time, only a handful of ratepayers attended and their protests were overruled by the O.M.B.

As far as the selected site is concerned, the decision was reached on a majority vote of council and, unless it is impractical to proceed at this location, this is where the building will be.

During the debate of the issue, no one fought harder against it than councillor Bill Newman of Ward 2. He even took his protest to the

O.M.B. hearing. However, since the question has been settled, he has not played like the dog in the manger all the way down the line. He has bowed to the democratic process of majority rule although perhaps his own personal opinion on the matter has not changed. We would commend him for this attitude.

We can recall the time when Markham Twp. began its move to erect larger quarters on a new site in Buttonville. The decision aroused a great hue and cry, far louder and longer than the complaints heard in Pickering. Nevertheless, the shift was made and the municipality now finds itself cramped for room once again in spite of the expanded premises.

With reference to the Pickering plan, it seems rather strange that almost all of the opposition is coming from the predominantly urban areas of the municipality where, in fact, the new building will be located. In the rural sections and particularly the hamlet of Brougham where the township seat is presently situated, we've heard hardly a word.

Adding To School's Complexities

While there are many efforts being made to bring school courses into a more practical line through the teaching of trades in secondary schools there is one line which would appear may be fouled up by new and considered more "modern" ideas.

Parents sometimes wonder why Junior has such a struggle with his reading. Some answer without thinking, "there are so many other ways for children to learn today such as TV and radio, why worry too much about his reading? But this is no answer for certainly to advance in school the higher he goes in grades the better reader he must be.

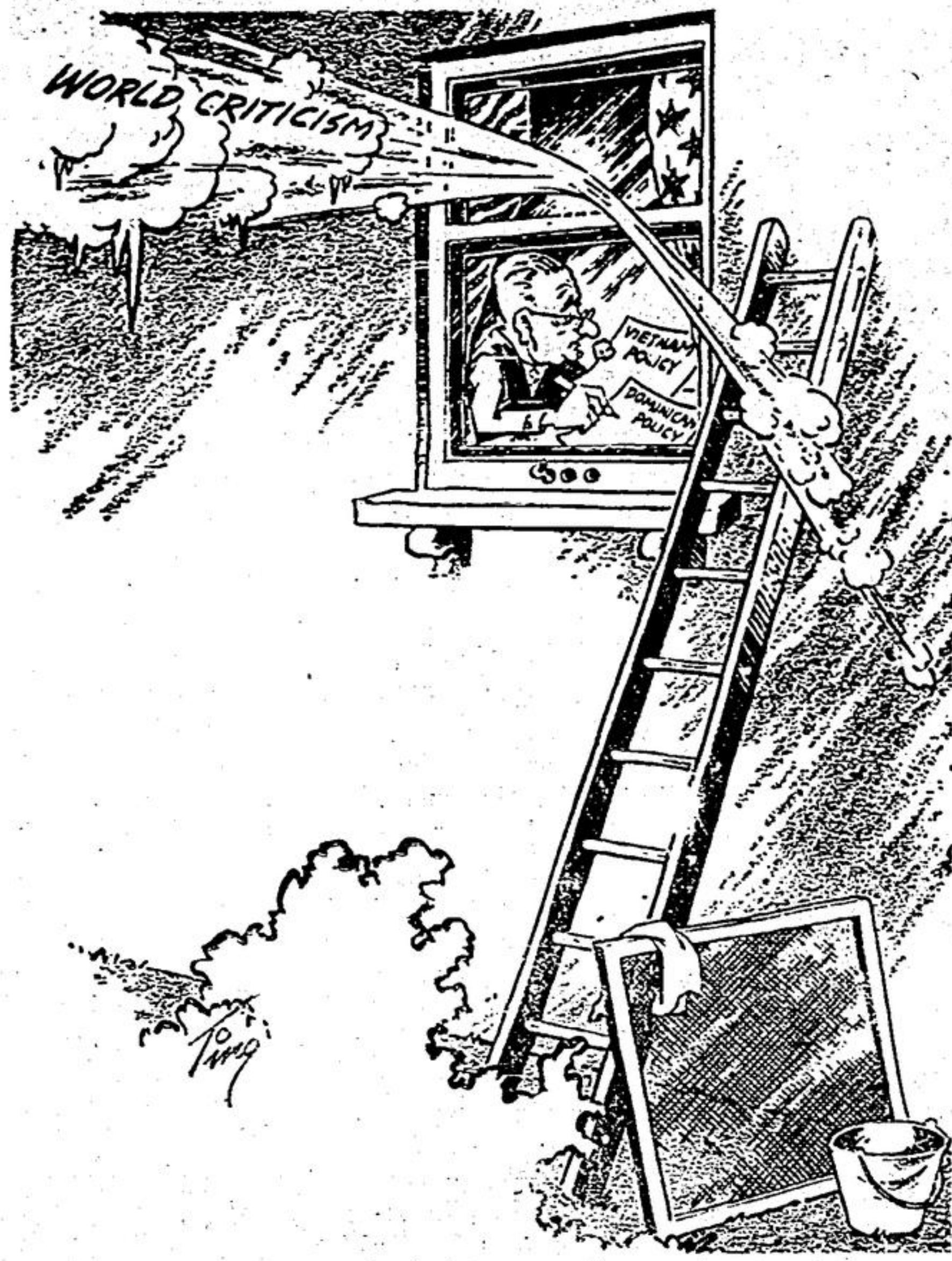
Reading well is a real skill and children's readiness to read differs. Some are slow, some are fast. We are told that almost a quarter of today's scholars need extra help with reading. Some children suffer by starting to school unable to speak clearly and without the habit of listening attentively. With some the vocabulary is very limited. In many cases they have never heard their parents read aloud to them. Most parents have

forgotten the struggle they had, a struggle which some of them never quite mastered. There are many inconsistencies in English spelling which to a child may seem most confusing.

The new method which is being promoted in some circles is by recognition and sound rather than spelling. Most of us recall that we had to learn the whole alphabet thoroughly before attempting to read a single word. The sight and sound method may appear to be a short-cut to producing readers but it would appear to only add to the struggle of producing good spellers. A child who can read but whose only familiarity with the words is by sight would certainly be headed for trouble as he advances and cannot produce the words by spelling.

Children on such a plan will have even more trouble when parents attempt to assist with the reading in "their" way. Most children look on reading as a grown-up skill which can be fun. They should be encouraged at every opportunity and not confused.

Keeping the Storm Windows on This Year



SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley



TIME HOBLES ON

I'll be 45 this week. It's one of those rather decisive birthdays, like 13, and 21 and 30. Only 10 years before I'll be middle aged. A good time to sum up.

One thing that strikes me is the amount of junk a fellow can collect in such a brief span. I came into the world without a stitch or a nickel. And in only four and a half decades, I have acquired a number of stitches, about 400 nickels, a house with two mortgages, a car with 12 payments to go, two teenagers to put through university, and a wife currently talking up the glories of an automatic dishwasher.

Not to mention a houseful of furniture that's all due to be replaced, a basement full of empty beer bottles, a toolshed full of rusty tools and broken bicycles, and an attic full of black squirrels.

But I have no complaints about life. I was the runt of the litter in our family, and I've grown into a magnificent physical specimen, towering five foot eight on hot days, and tipping the scales at a strapping 138 in my winter overcoat.

And what a beating that meagre machine has taken in 45 years? I've been sea-sick and air-sick and love-sick. I've rolled over in a car, crashlanded in an aircraft, and smashed into a steel bridge at top speed on my bike. I've been beaten into unconsciousness by a gang of Germans, and hit with everything from a telephone to a plate of roast beef by my wife. Yet there's hardly a scratch on me. Outwardly.

I've broken fingers and toes and nose (three times). I've had haemorrhoids and hangovers. I've had my scalp laid open by a hockey stick and a horseshoe. I've had measles and mumps and TB and the trots, scarlet fever and buritis and pink eye and dysentery.

And yet, amazingly, the old carcass presses on. Sight and hearing are sound as a bell though smelling is gone completely. Appetite is unimpaired, and the old guts can handle any thing but broken glass. Hair and teeth are thinning and have changed color, but are still original models.

Endurance isn't what it used to be. I couldn't run 200 yards at top speed if the devil himself were after me, with a red-hot pitchfork. But he rarely chases us Sunday School teachers, so why worry?

I can still swim a few hundred yards, and tramp a trout stream or golf course half a dozen miles a day. I can still sit up all night and argue about politics or women or religion.

I can still get excited about an idea or a song or a poem or a play. I can still thrill to the sight of a beautiful broad, or a big fish, or a full moon, or a bluebird, or a bonfire.

I enjoy loafing and hard work, chess and dry martinis, thunderstorms and trees, good movies and little children, old friends and new clothes, though not necessarily in those combinations.

Not bad for an old chap, eh? Please don't think I'm bragging. What I'm doing is singing a paean of thanksgiving for my own good luck, and a note of consolation for you birds who are creeping up on 45.

A lot of people burble, "If I could only live it over, knowing what I do now." Not me.

I wouldn't trade my childhood, romantic, shy, imaginative, for any I've seen since. The thrill of sports as a teenager; falling in love half a dozen times; first job, on a steamboat; university and ideas and new friends; air force and kicks as a fighter pilot; prison camp and hunger and good talk; marriage and kids; weekly newspaper editor; high school teacher. And he hanged if a fellow didn't offer me an interesting new job just last week.

Nossir. I've had a good run. And I'm going to keep right on running. When I'm 85, I want to be known in the nursing home as, "That old devil, Smiley, who pinches your bottom every time you walk past his wheel-chair."

EDITOR'S MAIL

May 28, 1965.

The Editor, Stouffville Tribune, Stouffville, Ont.

Dear Sir:

In view of the following facts

- (1) There is apparently an urgent need for additional hospital space.
- (2) There is apparently an urgent need for complete and comprehensive medical protection for Canadian citizens.
- (3) There is apparently a housing shortage.

The obvious solution to the above is to build more hospitals

and do away with all private housing.

As most of our citizens seem to be ill most of the time, the obvious answer is to live in hospitals. This will eliminate any need for Government Hospitalization and Medical Care Insurance. The rent paid by all the citizens for living in the hospitals would cover all medical expenses. There would be no further need for Hospital Campaigns for funds. The doctors, nurses and orderlies would all live in the hospitals, therefore no problem to get medical service.

Ad Captandum Vulgus.

Prime Minister Pearson To Open Canadian National Exhibition

William H. Evans, president of the Canadian National Exhibition has announced that the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right-Honourable Lester B. Pearson, will officially open the 87th CNE on Friday, August 20. The Exhibition runs through until Labor Day, September 6th.

Jack Arthur, producer of the Evening Grandstand Show has this year worked more comedy into the production than ever before.

"It has the new look," he says. "It will be a fine show and a big show. Comedy Galore."

Victor Borge and Bob Hope will divide the honours to star the extravaganza. Borge's "Comedy in Music" with Leonid Hambro will be featured from Aug. 20 to 27. Hope, the master of rapid patter, will take over from August 28 through to September 4.

Backing these two kingspins of comedy will be the famous Hanneforders, the Royal Family of the Circus with George Hanneford and his family of eight doing precision and comedy riding.

Extending the comedy theme will be Wes Harrison — "Mr. Sounds", a sound effects virtuoso who spins a hilarious story while his vocal cords produce sounds of horses, water, gunshot, thunder, cars, trains and planes. Then there are the Breggazzis — a novelty trio of stage and screen performers who play, sing and perform acrobatics.

One of the main production numbers will be highlighted by Francis Szony and Nancy Clair, the world's greatest dance team. Other main attractions will include Debbie Kaye, a 14 year old Canadian from Sault Ste. Marie, the Liverpool Set, the Womenfolk — a group of six Columbia recording artists and Midge Arthur's Canadettes. Musical numbers will be staged and choreographed by Alan Lund Howard Cable and his orchestra of 60 will supply the music.

PLANT CHRYSANTHEMUMS FOR AUTUMN COLOR

Now is the time to plant chrysanthemums, say horticulturists with the Ontario Department of Agriculture. By selecting a series of varieties, you can have color for eight to ten weeks.

Chrysanthemums grow well in different soil types, but those that have a high humus content are best. The addition of organic matter such as well-rotted manure, leaf mold, or peat moss will prove beneficial.

Plants do best when spaced one to two feet apart, depending on final spread. There is considerable difference in the vigor and growth of chrysanthemum varieties and it is therefore wise to buy a few more plants each year to replace old or dead ones. Healthy, vigorous clumps may be divided. The outside shoots, or stolons that form round the base of old plants may be cut off and planted to produce new plants.

Select a location in full sunshine, and in soil that is well drained. To give the plants a good start, apply about two lbs. of a complete fertilizer such as 5-10-15 to 100 square feet of growing area. About mid-summer, slide-dress with one pound of same fertilizer to 100 square feet.

Roamin' Around . . .

Girl's hockey here in Stouffville may become a thing of the past unless sponsors are found to promote next season's program. The cost of ice time, equipment, etc. is more than the club can carry. They had performed every Friday evening between the two Community League games. The management is extremely appreciative of the financial assistance provided last winter by the following local firms — Betz Pools Ltd., Patrick Motors, Wagg's Jewellery Store, Gar Lehman, Weldon Shoes, Crest Hdwre., Coffey & Bartley Motors, Hunt's Sunoco, Stouffville Bakery, O'Neill's Furniture, I.G.A. Foodliner and the Veteran's Construction.

Harry Allard, the golf pro. at Rolling Hills, sank a 315 yard hole-in-one shot last week. Quite a thrill no doubt even for those who know all the tricks of the trade.

While on the subject of golf courses, it would appear that the Cherry Downs Club at the 7th conc. of Pickering is nearing completion. Work on this property has progressed much faster than the re-construction of the hill at the front of the premises. It must be a couple of years ago since Mr. Bill Cherry requested action from Pickering Twp. Council to correct this hazardous situation but, to our knowledge, nothing has been done. With cars going both to and from the golf course and the Claremont Conservation Area, we can visualize the traffic problem that will occur at this site. This may be a major project but with the taxes that Cherry Bros. will turn over to the township, we feel that their request was not out of line. As for the travelling public — keep a rabbit's foot in your club-bag.

Private swimming pools are becoming quite numerous around town. The latest under construction is at the Jeffrey home on Glad Park Ave.

We had a look at the new ambulance that will operate out of Markham Village and, if approved by neighbouring councils, could serve both Markham Twp. and Stouffville. It's a fine looking machine, fully equipped and ready for the road. At the present time it can accommodate only one but a collapsible stretcher will be installed to handle a second patient. Nine men are available on call, with five regular drivers. The vehicle is owned by Mr. John Vance. Twenty-four hour service will be provided at a requested retainer fee (in Stouffville) of \$300. Persons using the ambulance will of course pay the regular rate over and above the standby. If okayed by the town council, the \$300 will be paid by the municipality.

A little over a year ago, Mr. and Mrs. David Livingstone, William St., Stouffville, won an estimated \$30,000 in the Irish Sweepstakes. Their horse, "Peacetown" came in third. Although Mr. Livingstone is reluctant to discuss anything about his good fortune, it would appear, on the surface at least, to have changed their lives very little. A new Thunderbird, parked in the family garage, is the only visible sign of their windfall.

Last week, we were taken on a tour of the Cachet Country Club site, a rather exclusive subdivision in Markham Twp., with an entrance off the Don Mills Road, north of Buttonville. One would almost require a guide to travel the network of roads that extend eastward past the 5th conc. The developer is a Mr. Richard K. Person who resides on the property. Some of the homes are country mansions, costing an estimated \$30-\$40,000. Others are less expensive, say about \$25,000. Former Stouffville district farmer, Bill Brodie has a new residence in the area. A stream cuts through a portion of the subdivision and a golf course is in the making. It's a rather scenic drive on a Sunday afternoon and it doesn't cost anything to look. Just make sure you take along a compass or you might travel around in circles.

High School athlete, Laurie Buckland posed a loaded question for Garney Henley of the Tiger Cats on Friday night when he asked — "Do you think that Hamilton will have a chance against the Argos this year?" Henley was the guest speaker at the annual Athletic Banquet at Stouffville High.

If we sent any local folk on a wild goose chase down to the Markham Arena on Saturday night for an evening of roller skating, we're sorry. The date was changed and the opening is now scheduled for Monday evening, June 14th.

Girls must still be considered as second-rate athletes. If not, then there would be an All-Ontario track meet where they could compete. From what we can learn, after girl students compete in the Georgian Bay finals, they're finished for the season while the boys take on rivals from across the Province. If it wasn't for instructors like Lloyd Percival, girls like Abby Hoffman and Susan Nigh would be virtually unknown. It's not fair.

The first western-type show to be held in Stouffville in many years, attracted a standing-room audience to the Sales Arena on Thursday night. The program was sponsored by the Kinsmen's Club and the members have every right to be pleased with the success of their first public venture. The crowd applauded as no Stouffville crowd has ever applauded before. This spectacle alone for us, was worth the \$1.00 admission fee. Adults, teenagers and children joined in the sing-along, clapped their hands and stamped their feet to the echo of steel guitars, banjos, drums and a big bass viol. The transformation of the Saturday sales ring into a Thursday night bandstand was in itself, quite amazing. We could still catch a faint odiferous scent common to the farm animal family but this was diffused by a border of lilacs that circled the platform. The imported talent was good but the local stars shared equal prominence. This may be just a start for something even bigger. There's some talk of holding another similar show with a headline attraction — say Hank Snow or Kitty Wells. Well anyway, there's talk of another show in larger quarters, perhaps even the auditorium of the High School. We wish the Kinsmen luck. They're off to a fine start.

The Honda motorcycle-craze continues throughout this area. Local dealer, Fred Lewis of Altona has sold 26 of the machines. Their prices range from \$299 to \$899 with eight sizes and three models in each size. They are manufactured in Japan.

Jim Hill has been named Chief Instructor at the Stouffville Community Swimming Pool this season. He will be assisted by Anna Mae Sanders and Jim Daniels, both qualified teachers and examiners. Frances Farr will also instruct and later qualify as an examiner when she completes her tests at the end of this month. Additional guard duty will be performed by Barbara Winn, Sharon and Nancy Wideman and Darlene Watson. The manager is Mr. A. H. Williams.

Ten energetic members of the Stouffville Lions Club turned out on Thursday evening of last week to repair the south field of the Memorial Park following the circus invasion of trucks, horses, goats and one elephant. Those present included — Walt, Todd, Don Huxtable, John Foulds, Dr. Bill Murphy, Norm Hill, Bun Sellers, Bob Hammond, Ralph Corner, Charlie Taylor and Ron Lee. Mr. Lee very generously donated two loads of fill to level out the worst holes. The chore was made much easier by town road foreman Elgin Wagg and his tractor-loader.

On Saturday afternoon, Mr. Helmut Schuetze, of Don Mills completed a successful maiden flight of his single-engine home-made aircraft from the Buttonville Port in Markham Twp. The craft was built in his basement and cost \$1,800. It measured 14 feet long, 16 feet wide and weighed 548 pounds. It is powered by a 65 hp. Continental motor, the only part of the plane that he did not piece together himself. The cruising speed is about 120 miles per hour. Prior to take-off, the craft was given a thorough inspection by an official of the Dept. of Transport. It took one year to complete the project. Mr. Schuetze is a member of the Scarboro Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association and a former Flying Instructor at Buttonville.

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