

Tribune Editorials

Basement Apartments Could Help

Basement apartments in Stouffville should be taxed the same as separate dwellings. In addition and even before this, they should be allowed by bylaw with certain restrictions covering area and facilities.

Basement apartments do exist in town tax free which is contrary to law, while according to the Building Inspector, he is forced to turn down requests for such apartments as illegal. He contends that any basement apartment that is good for \$75 rent or more, should be contributing to the municipal tax col-

fers. They should also pay separate rates for services such as hydro and water.

It is highly unlikely that the use of such apartments could create any school problems because of their size. They would, however, be a boon to couples and single persons who are having to bypass the town because of lack of accommodation.

We agree with the Building Inspector that anything that is rentable should be taxable in order that all citizens may bear their fair share of operating the municipality.

Regional Trend Likely to Continue

Regional operation is a term which we have been hearing more and more during the last couple of years. Already York and Ontario Counties have turned to this new technique in dealing with health and assessment. It appears the trend will continue, no doubt in education and law enforcement, as well as welfare and planning.

Costs have continually frightened the heads of the individual municipalities and rightly so. The history of such changes usually points to an upward trend in costs. Similarly when the federal government takes on any job previously done by a provincial body, the cost goes up. Those who discount this

argument say, 'but the service is much better.'

Supporters of these enlarged plans say that many of those who serve on local boards are laymen with little specialized training in the field. For that reason they are prone to miss the long range implications of their decisions.

Opposition members say the individual municipality will lose control of its own affairs under all these enlarged schemes. This fact cannot be denied but in our crystal ball we see the trend continuing and even gaining momentum.

Victims of Crime Deserve a Break

Large amounts of public money are spent each year on housing and feeding criminals and attempts to rehabilitate them, but the blameless victims of crime has traditionally had to defend for himself.

A customer in a bank gets in the way of a nervous holdup-man and is shot. A cigar-store operator is beaten and robbed and left unconscious. A working widow, returning from her job, is assaulted near a bus stop. These hapless casualties of crime are more than anonymous statistics. They could be any of us, as we unsuspectingly go about our daily business.

Who pays the medical bills of these civilian casualties? Who compensates them for the loss of income? Who comes to the aid of their families if they are killed or incapacitated?

Saskatchewan does. There innocent victims of violent crime can be compensated, from public funds, for monetary loss and suffering. The legislation is passed and tribunals are being established to hear applications and award damages. The plan is based on the New Zealand system.

Compensation for crime is still a relatively uncharted field, and it's about time we gave appropriate attention to its claims.

Manitoba and British Columbia are shortly to follow Saskatchewan's lead, and we can think of no better Centennial project for Canada's provincial legislatures than to enact similar schemes of their own.

Safety Belts Do Help

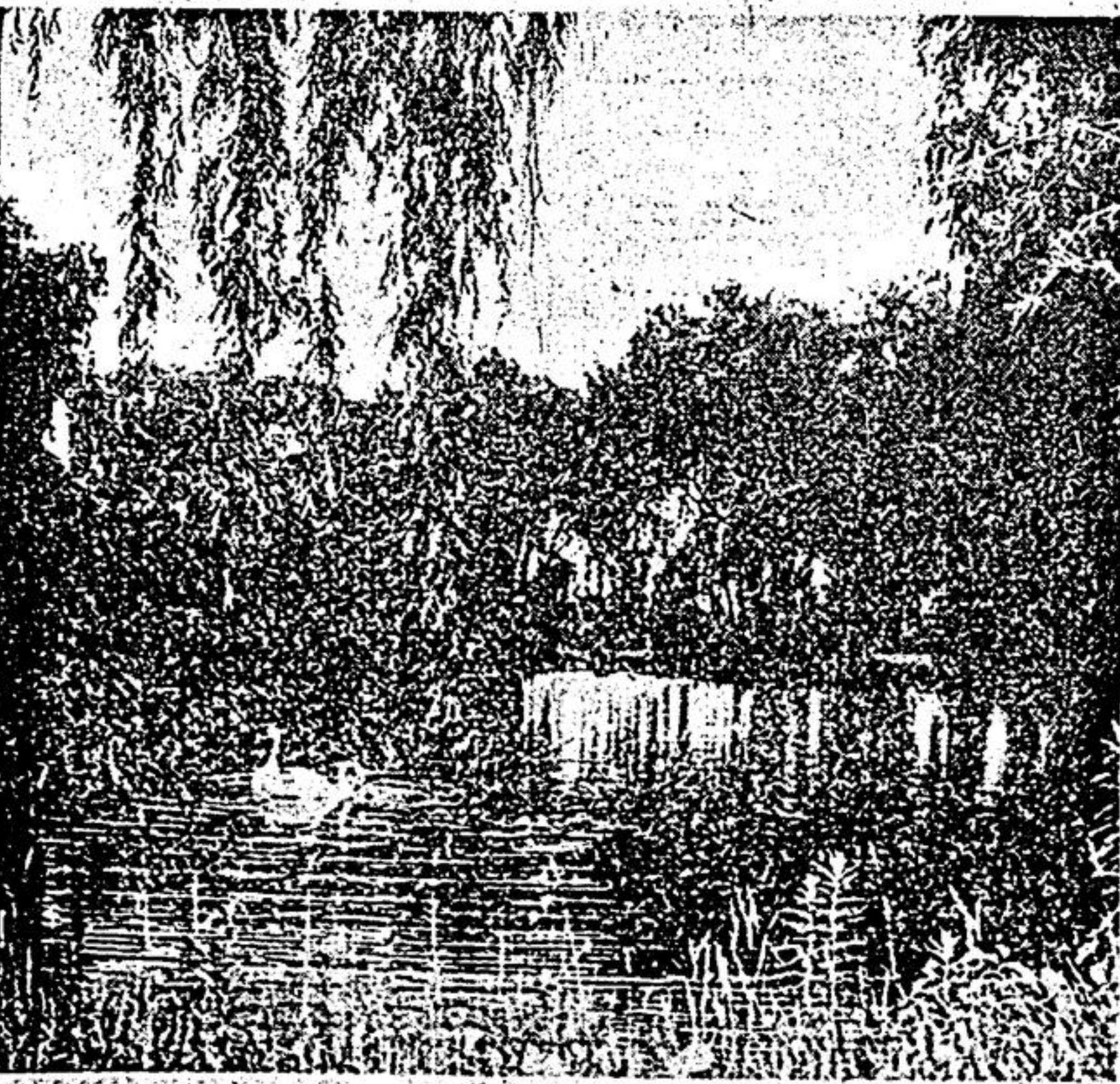
To help check the rising toll of auto accident fatalities during the heavily travelled summer vacation months, the Garage Operators Association of Ontario warns motorists to use their seat belts.

G.O.A. says that accident victims have a far greater chance of surviving and of escaping crippling injuries when restrained by seat belts.

It takes a few seconds to buckle up, and once you start wearing seat belts it becomes a habit, one that could save your life.

Recent auto tests conclusively prove that bodily injury is substantially reduced when seat belts are fastened. Motorists who are "strapped in for safety" avoid ramming their head on sharp objects on the dashboard and collision with the windshield upon impact.

"Drivers who shun the use of seat belts are only taking needless chances." Next time, you drive make sure that yours is fastened.



Scenic Beauty At Lemonville

Scenes like this can be obtained by photographers when driving around the Lemonville area. —Staff Photo.



NEWS ITEM: OTTAWA WARNED INDIAN RACE WAR IMMINENT

SMOKE SIGNAL

SUGAR AND SPICE

Winner Number One

By BILL SMILEY



Well, the inevitable has happened! Smiley couldn't make up his mind about his own contest as so many of the contributing columns fell into the "excellent" category. So, Smiley declared a draw, allowing two winners. Each winner will receive \$25. Here is the first column, to be followed by the other winner next week.

Stouffville, Ontario
By Ellen Armstrong

Maybe the comments of a middle-aged Canadian female don't constitute a column but there is only one way to find out, so here goes —

I AM SICK AND TIRED OF ...

The assumption that Canadians are inhibited and inarticulate. The celebrations in Ottawa and in every little and big town and city in this our year of jubilee shout a resounding "NO" to this idea. Oh, sure, we have to have a good reason for letting our hair down. A good reason may only present itself once in 100 years, but when it does, brother, we can holler with the best and better.

The claim that Canadians have an inferiority complex. Down here in the grass roots where I and 99.9 percent of my fellow Canadians crawl around we are proud of Canada and of being Canadians. We are ashamed only of the would-be intellectuals who claim they are inferior because they are Canadian. They are inferior, all right, but for other reasons. Unfortunately they seem to have the ear of "ye editors" and so get their views aired in the papers with nauseating frequency.

The bland statement that "The Church has failed." Failed, to do what, may I ask? I may answer, too, in fact I will. Failed to do whatever the speaker of the moment thinks she should have done. I suggest we find out what is the Church, then try to assess success or failure. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," said Christ. This is the Church's mission; in this she has succeeded and is succeeding. And even critics must admit she has not failed in another sense. She has endured and survived! Name one other nineteen hundred and sixty-seven year old institution!

Editor's Mail

Best Publicity

We had the pleasure of being in Ottawa last weekend and during our stay watched the Changing of the Guard on Parliament Hill. The tourists were there by the thousands, many of them Americans.

We chatted with one such visitor, a chap from Missouri whose words were these, "this is a wonderful country, people are so friendly, and this show is a real pride show, a real pride show for you Canadians." We couldn't agree more.

We were prompted to write this note since we were irked last week by a column in the daily press as an editorial writer took the armed forces apart for the expense of this display. As far as we are concerned this particular writer can't see over his nose.

This Changing of the Guard ceremony is one of the finest pieces of publicity this country can have. People live it, tourists and homebreds alike. You just have to see the thousands who turn out every day as evidence.

It will be a dull day indeed when such shows of pomp and ceremony are ever done away with. Let's keep our 'pride show' going, it's wonderful.

The Publisher.

... Transistor radios in public. Here I feel like busting into poetry which I have entitled

Lines on Trying to Have a Picnic at a Roadside Table on the Shores of a (Once) Peaceful Lake

Where once the song of birds was heard,
And wind in trees above,
A crass transistor radio,
Emits a crooner wailing low
His cheap synthetic love.

The gentle murmur of the waves
Is drowned in noisy chatter.
"Buy whiskey, soap and cigarettes,
Buy pills and soup with regrets —"
Sublimities don't matter!

Some day ere long we'll conquer space,

Ah, mournful thought and bitter
Mid stars that sang creation's birth
The crude cacophony of Earth,
Man's pestilential twitter."



THIS WEEK & NEXT

A Lot Of Gaulle

By RAY ARGYLE

The visit of Gen. de Gaulle to Canada achievement of France's overseas rebirth.

Shorn of her colonies in Indo-China and Africa, possessing a few scattered islands like Tahiti, Martinique and St. Pierre, modern France sees Quebec as its most formidable creation outside Europe.

For Quebec premier, Daniel Johnson and the separatists and quasi-separatists of French Canada, the visit of de Gaulle was a triumphant return of the French race to North America.

Apparently missed on Johnson and his followers was the irony that the French Canadians, in the adulation of de Gaulle and things French, were doing the very thing for which they had so long criticized English Canadians.

Those who had accused the rest of Canada of fawning colonialism toward London now seemed to be committing the same adoration of Paris and things Parisian.

But the French Canadian who has grown from 60,000 to six million since the British conquest, has led a lonely life in North America. The resurgence of culture and national pride brought about de Gaulle's visit should be understood in this light.

Less easily understood by Canadians, however, was Gen. de Gaulle's apparent outright invitation to the people of Quebec to ally themselves with France and take "their destiny in their own hands."

Gen. de Gaulle, the great statesman that he truly is, has nonetheless encountered bitter disappointments recently both at home and abroad.

For him to come to Canada and invite Quebec to take itself out of Confederation, which his remarks amounted to, represent the worst possible kind of interference in another country's affairs.

This of course means nothing to de Gaulle because Quebec is French and the Frenchness of Quebec is to de Gaulle, paramount to the independence of Canada.

The use and abuse of the word "image." There seem to be fads in words as in all else; this is the "faddy" word of the moment. Every man, woman, or organization is concerned about his, her or its "image." May I suggest, (in fact try to stop me) that, if we are concerned with integrity, decency and honor in personal, social and political life, our public image will take care of itself. It will be a favorable one, too.

The availability of filthy literature, particularly for the youth of our country. Some excuse this, by insisting young people must learn the facts of life. Manure is a fact of life too, but if we see our children eating it we restrain them, forcibly if necessary.

Trying to write a column — My admiration for you, Mr. Smiley, has leaped into the stratosphere. How do you do it, week after week after week ... ?

Heise Hill Could Have Graves 175 Years Old

Heise Hill is located three quarters of a mile south of the Gormley post office, on the fourth concession of Markham Township. Like many other places this hill derives its name from the people who settled and pioneered the place. The cemetery and church near by, have long been landmarks in this community. The cemetery possibly antedates the church more than half a century. Years ago there was a large sign supported by two posts bearing the name, Heise Hill Cemetery, with an inscription as to its founding and purpose.

Just how long ago the first dead were buried there is a little difficult to ascertain. The generation of men who would have first hand knowledge of the facts, are gone. Of the following generation, there are only a few, and these do not have a connected or detailed account of its history. It is thought by some that the earlier graves were there in the late 1790's. The oldest visible date on any marker, however, is 1811. It has been said that the first white person to be buried there was in 1811. Whether that implies that Indians or Negroes were buried earlier is now uncertain. At any rate there are quite a number of common field stone slab markers that today bear no visible engraving of any kind. A few show signs of having been marked with names and dates at one time, but time and weather have all but erased them. There is one wooden slab marker that bears a name and date now beyond recognition. The date was possibly in the early nineteenth century. That some graves are so old as to be altogether without any marking is proved by the fact that in digging a new grave it has happened that the ruins of an old grave were unearthed.

It may be of interest to know the approximate size of this unique city of the dead. As estimate was taken by counting the rows of markers both ways. The result of this count would place the figure at between 1,400 and 1,500. There are quite a number of vacancies in the area checked, but there are also, a number of graves beyond the area counted so that it is thought the figure to be a fair estimate.

Strange as it may seem, the Heise Hill Cemetery is not the property of the church which occupies the adjacent lot. The church was not built until 1877, by which time the cemetery had considerable growth. It seems that originally it was open to any and all who agreed to meet the conditions set forth by its founders. Possibly this is still true in a large measure. The fact that Mennonites, Methodists, Baptists, and possibly others beside the Brethren in Christ have been and are being buried there substantiates this argument.

The first tract of land to be set aside for a burying ground was donated, not from the Heise property but from the farm immediately south. A man by the name of Grateman, made this worthy donation. When the church was built it seems as though the cemetery was then enlarged, or possibly shortly after this, and was widened out to about ten rods. From time to time since that additional purchases have been made.

At the present time then, there is some land to be disposed of as family plots. The money is held in a fund by the Trustees of the property to take care of current expenses such as care, taking and digging graves which requires several days a week during the summer months. Such cemeteries, well kept, are a credit to any community.

Certificate For Safety of Car Only

All automobile dealers now must provide a new certificate of fitness with each used car they sell.

The certificate must be signed by both the dealer and mechanic, they undertake that the car is in a safe condition to be operated on the highway, but they don't give assurance, however, that the whole car is in good mechanical condition.

The certificate they issue covers nine points: tie rod ends, lights, tires, brakes, steering, rear view mirror, horn, windshield wipers and parking brake.

A car could have a faulty transmission or rear end and still be approved, but as a safety factor the certificates of course are worthwhile, but it is a mis- take to think they are a guarantee of fitness.

As only dealers have to issue them, there is no certificate requirement in private sales.

Widespread Poverty

Two thirds of the world's population now live in under-developed regions where annual per-capita income is less than \$250.

Half of the 80 poor nation members of the World Bank can look forward to increases of no more than 1 per cent a year, according to present projections. This means that by 1999, these quasi-nations may reach a level of \$170 per year, while each American will have \$4,500.

In the long run, reducing this disparity between rich and poor is surely the greatest challenge facing a world bent on peace.

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