

Editorials

Tribune

Emergency storage required

Within recent weeks, the Health and Welfare Committee of the Stouffville Lions Club has received several requests for clothing and household items for families in this area.

In all cases, the supply has more than equalled the demand, thus creating another problem. There's no place currently available to store what is left over.

Accommodation of this kind could serve a two-fold purpose. Number one, it would provide storage space

for donated goods that otherwise might become damaged or even destroyed. Number two, it would provide emergency relief for anyone faced with an immediate need. Parents and children could be taken to the storage quarters and fitted with the items they require. Everything would be categorized according to size. A group of ladies have already volunteered for this.

The Tribune is asking that anyone with facilities available to fill this need, contact either of these numbers: 640-3702 or 640-3885.

Council appointments soon

Very shortly now the council in Stouffville and other municipalities in the area will be faced with the problem of making their annual appointments to various special boards. There always arises the question of whether or not to continue with the same people or seek "new blood." If so, where is it going to come from? Few municipal heads have an answer. Members of the Planning Board, Committee of Adjustment, Park Board, Library Board, all fall into this category.

There are usually sufficient citizens who will be willing to take these jobs; but how do you select them. Do you re-appoint someone who has served in a most capable and efficient manner for years or appoint a newcomer so that new ideas and new life may be introduced?

Some benefit is derived from a system of maximum number of years or terms, such as is employed on the Planning Board. In this way when a member's time has been reached, a new appointment can be made without causing hard feelings. On the

other hand this can cause the retirement of a well-qualified person whom you might want to retain in that position.

A factor that enters the picture locally is that members of the Planning Board and Committee of Adjustment are paid for their services. This can tend to give more assurance that those willing to take the non-paying positions are sincerely interested in the work of the board to which they are appointed.

Despite all the pros and cons of the problem it would seem in all fairness to the community and the individuals concerned that a selection of qualified newcomers should be considered along with the incumbents and the appointments made on the basis of their interests, qualifications and experience. It is a problem not to be taken lightly and despite councils fairest intentions there will still remain the danger that some member of many years service will feel that he or she has been "dumped" with little thought of appreciation of the years of service to the community.

Secrecy creates suspicion

The council of the Township of Whitchurch enters the new year with two new members.

In the nomination and subsequent election of Gordon Ratcliff and Marilyn Baker, the ratepayers put their faith in two men whom they felt could serve the municipality in a spirit of co-operation and, at the same time stand alone, if such a stand was necessary.

Aside from personal ill-will within its ranks, the council of '68-69 created its own problems by holding too many policy-making meetings in committee.

On at least one occasion, a resolution approved in public, was nullified in private on the very same night.

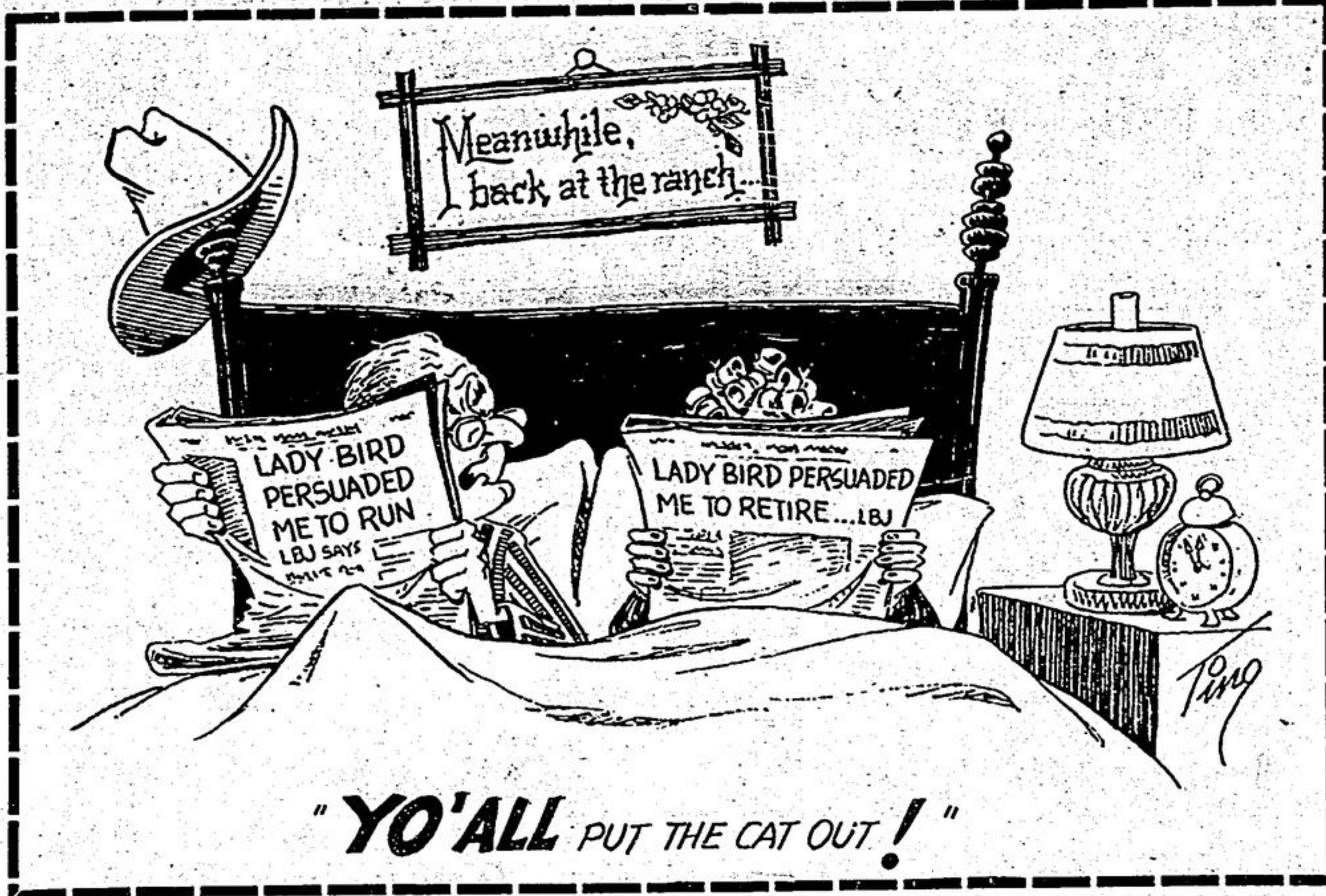
The press, attempting to keep pace, became as confused as the electorate.

There is a place for council discussion behind closed doors. The news media respects this. But the respect for privacy is soon shattered when the practice is done to extreme.

Why then the secrecy? Did the council indeed have something to hide — like, say an alleged \$1,000 discrepancy in 1968 tax receipts?

And what about the dumping of liquid industrial waste in an open disposal area? Did the council not know about it? And if they were aware of it, why couldn't they stop it?

A simple explanation from someone could have provided the answers. We're still waiting.



SUGAR AND SPICE
Smiley's Forecast
By BILL SMILEY

You probably have some predictions for the 1970's, as I do. Let's see how they match. Remember, this is for the whole decade, not just 1970. Let's get rid of the dirty ones first. There is going to be more and more racial trouble. And this means more and more violence, hatred, killing and cruelty, both physical and psychological. The whites are going to be beleaguered, and are going to fight back ruthlessly, most of them.

There is going to be more and more pollution: noise, air, water, despite the strenuous efforts of a vocal minority to do something about it. The almighty buck will continue to dictate policy in this field.

Taxes will go on rising and inflation will go on inflating. The only solution would be rigid controls of wages, rent, food, etc., and no politician will have the guts to impose them. And if he did, the public would raise a holocaust of hue and cry that would send him smartly back to his law practice.

The standard of living will increase and so will the standard of dying. We'll have more things, and we'll kill ourselves faster getting them.

There will be just as many poor people in 1976 as there were in 1966 and probably more people talking about it, and doing less.

People will drink more and think less. The drug scene will make the Sixties look like a Sunday School picnic where somebody had too much lemonade.

The Vietnam war will peter out ignominiously. The Communists of North Vietnam will take over. There will be vicious purges. And then the Vietnamese will go about their business of rebuilding and living.

Millions of today's hippies will be sick with arthritis and kidney trouble, will be on welfare and wondering why they did it.

The Arabs will continue their efforts to wipe out the Jews and get some bloody noses in the process.

Husbands will continue to beat up their wives on Saturday night. Or vice versa.

Education will go through its lowest swing of the pendulum in 100 years, as the discipline of learning is replaced by having a ball, doing "projects" and talking when you haven't anything to talk with or about.

Canada will become a very junior partner of Uncle Sam, Inc. That is, if it first doesn't become a gaggle of minor republics with about as much international prestige as Monaco.

Sounds like a pretty sordid Seventies, doesn't it. But it won't be that bad. That's the big picture, and big pictures are often third-rate, as witness most of the big-screen movies you've seen lately.

In the little, subjective world where the individual lives, it isn't all black. Babies will continue to be born and chuckle and have their little soft bellies blown on and be precious and funny and utterly delightful for a few years.

And the foul brown mud of March will gradually give way to the lush green grass of May, and the dead black twigs of winter will become the green mist of April and the rich joy of June.

And the brutal winds and biting cold of February will inevitably turn into the broiling brown beach of July. And the wheat and the peaches will

turn to gold. And the potatoes will come up plump and firm and scabless. And the fish will be fat and the beef will be beefy.

And perhaps you will do something good and kind. And perhaps someone will say something that makes you think you are worthwhile. And perhaps you will have model teenagers (hah!). And perhaps you will grow in understanding and love. And perhaps your cat won't have kittens.

Personally, I think the Seventies will be like most of the other ages of man: black and white; grey and orange, blue and gold.

Well, all we can do is wait and see, chaps. But don't hold your breath waiting for my predictions to be wrong. Just carry on, and live each day as a precious gift which will never come to you again.

Happy Seventies.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir: In the Jan. 1 issue of The Tribune, a news item appeared concerning a conviction of fraud registered against the Rev. Edward Smith, now of Toronto.

The story referred to Rev. Smith's former pastoral charge as the Stouffville Pentecostal Church.

This is not correct.

While Rev. Smith's former congregation meets in Stouffville, it is known as the Full Gospel Church.

The Stouffville Pentecostal Church congregation meets in the Altona Community Centre and is in no way connected with the Full Gospel group or Rev. Smith.

While I can easily understand how this confusion might occur, I hope you will be kind enough to print this letter to clear up the wrong impression that may have been created.

A member
(Name withheld upon request)

I think it is fitting that we should begin this new decade on the theme of International Education Year.

There can be no doubt that because of the space achievements of our neighbors to the south and their counterparts in Russia, the last year of this decade saw the most startling events in the history of mankind.

As we enter the Seventies I would like to see the United Nations' theme of International Education Year extended for the decade, in practice if not by resolution. For it seems to hold promise of a greater sharing of knowledge, methods, and ideas among the peoples of the world. This, of course, can only lead to a better understanding of each other's way of life and each other's problems.

For we here in Ontario the Seventies mean change. Change in the methods of educating our children, in the buildings in which they will learn and in the subjects we teach them. This change is already underway in our secondary school system through

individualized timetabling and other innovations which will become more common as we move into this new decade.

We must continue to strive to treat each child as an individual; to provide the subjects and the methods that will allow all children to develop to the best of their potential.

I believe that during International Education Year one of my Department's programs, Project School-to-School, will have a more significant meaning, both for the thousands of Ontario school children involved in it and for their counterparts in the Islands of Commonwealth Caribbean.

It provides a simple means for the young and active minds of our children to become involved in the world community. It gives them the chance to gain first hand knowledge of day-to-day life in far off lands.

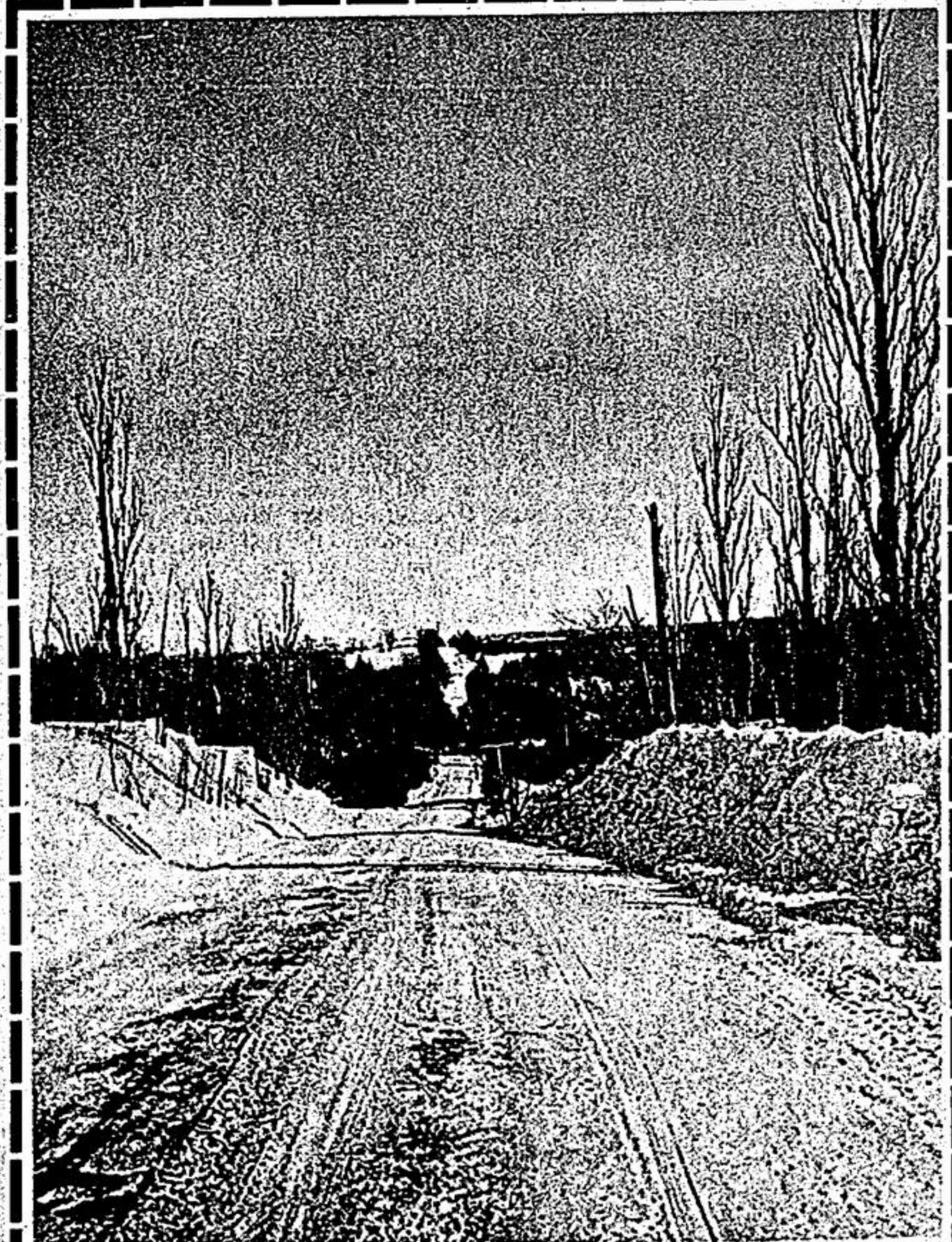
More important, they learn to respect the racial and cultural differences that exist. But most of all, they learn these things in a true spirit of international co-operation and goodwill amongst men which to me is the key to the success of International Education Year.

Happy New Year
William G. Davis,
Minister of Education.

Dear Sir:
On behalf of the Executives of the Whitby Curling Club, The 4th Annual Ontario Duplop Invitational Bospiel Committee and Dunlop Canada Limited, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to you, your staff and your media for the excellent reception and support of our recent Bospiel.

Without your continuing interest and support, we could not have achieved the success we now enjoy in this event.

R. P. Creber,
Manager, Advertising and Sales Promotion.



A snow-covered trail in Uxbridge Twp. Old man winter has the Township of Uxbridge in its grip with little relief in sight. This snowy trail is Sideline 25, looking east from concession 4. —Peter Harris

ROAMING AROUND

The Suggestion Box For 1970

By Jim Thomas

The new year of 1970 is now eight days old. For most folks, myself included, the resolutions made Jan. 1 have already come to an ill-fated end.

While my own personal pledges are invariably broken within a week or so, this does not mean that I cannot offer a few helpful hints for others to follow in the twelve months that lie ahead.

So here goes:
To Uxbridge Twp. Council
Install a 'hot seat' in the toilet of the Community Hall at Goodwood and turn it up on 'high' for the next 'sitting' of the Ontario Municipal Board. To the Stouffville Community Centre Board

Toss a few flowers to the living and designate the sleigh slope in the west end village park as 'Hunt's Hill' in honour of its originator, Sunocoman, Mickey Hunt.

To the Stouffville Home and School Association
Encourage more fathers to attend meetings regularly by appointing staff teacher, Mrs. Pat Byer, the honorary president.

To Stouffville Reeve Ken Laushway
Install a P.A. system in the village council chambers as a convenience to the twice-monthly delegation of two that occupies the gallery's front row.

To Whitchurch Reeve Stewart Burnett
Carve a peep hole in the committee room door at Vandorf as a convenience to members of the press who would dearly love to know what's going on.

To Fire Chief Walter Smith
Plug up the skunk's hole in the men's eucure room at the rear of the Stouffville firehall.

To Uxbridge Twp. Reeve-elect, Bob Nesbitt
Resist the urge to place a stick of dynamite under the new Century City sign, come Hallowe'en-night.

To York Centre M.P., Donald Deacon
Clear up, once and for all time, the age-old question of what a 'thoroughbred' Scot wears under his kilt.

To Pickering Twp. Reeve John Williams
Remove all his municipal election signs posted throughout the municipality. They could create some confusion when the next Provincial election rolls around.

To Dr. G. Ross Lord, Metro and Region Conservation Chairman
Preserve the area at the base of the Stouffville dam as a mid-winter playground for children as well as frogs.

To Stouffville Councillor Tom Lonergan
Nail down the plank in your election platform and follow through on the promise to improve the lighting on Main Street.

To the Ontario County Road Department
Remove the 'death trap' hazard at the intersection of Sideline 24-25 and conc. 9, Pickering, west of Claremont. To Stouffville Village Council

Trade in the town's 1966 Pontiac 'runabout' and buy the Police Department a snowmobile.

To the Canadian Pacific Railway
Install automatic warning lights at all roads crossed by the Toronto to Peterborough dayliner.

To all Uxbridge Twp. gravel-truck drivers
Yield the right-of-way to Councillor Clark Muirhead.

To John Foulds, Second Street, Stouffville
Nomination for 'Father-of-the-Year' award.

To Reverend Gordon Gooderham
The ability to write with a pen instead of a knife.

To Arthur Starr, York Board of Education
A policy of reporting regularly to village council and taxpayers.

To Howard Burton of Brougham
Realization of a desire to be left alone.

To Harry Hooper, Cape Coral, Florida
Acceptance of an invitation that says 'wish you were here'

To all Roaming Around readers
A Happy New Year.

To Myself
A snowmobile in my stocking next Christmas.

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