

Obnoxious, repulsive tourists Florida visitors dubbed 'Snowbirds'

How do native Floridians feel towards Canadians who 'flock' to their State every winter?

Are we welcome there, or is our presence resented?

One person's opinion can hardly be taken as 'gospel', but a writer to an Action Line column in

the Bradenton (Florida) Herald, has this to say:

"This is the time of the locusts, swarms of them, the discourteous, aggressive, nasty, pushy, surly, obnoxious and repulsive tourists, (ask any waitress or salesperson, they will

agree). The stupid Chamber of Commerce, which should have been eliminated and deleted (as they already have been in some other areas), is beckoning and enticing them to flock down to our State, to clog the roads, jam the stores, and cram the

restaurants, while we have inadequate highways, water systems, sewer systems; the phones lag and the power and light company is bogged down. And yet they swarm in. How the greedy merchants love it. They should eliminate that welcome station at the Florida line and install a toll gate. Charge them \$100 for a winter vacation permit which would be good for say, Feb. 28 to March 1. We should step up a schedule of prices which would be certain amount for the local people and twice for the 'snowbirds'. We poor local yokels who have to jump to an alarm clock and crawl to a job, while these folks play shuffleboard with our hard-earned social security dollars. If they would just stay of the crowded roads during rush periods, it would certainly help."

A.N. The column's editor replies: Why not try a couple of Aspirins, and if you don't feel better in a day or so, see a doctor. We realized things were tough all over, but we never suspected they were that bad.

The question and answer comment, of interest to the many 'snowbirds' who 'winter' annually in Florida, was handed into The Tribune for publication by Fred Shadlock, R.R. 1, Unionville.

Achievement Day

Girls receive diplomas

WHITBY — One girl received her Provincial Honors Certificate and twelve were presented with County Diplomas, at the Ontario South 4-H Achievement Day, in St. Mark's United Church, Whitby, May 26.

Debbie Marquis received her Provincial award. County cer-

tificates went to the following: Mary Lou Morden and Donna Wilson, Greenwood 1; Bonnie McGregor, Brougham; Betty Scheepers, Mary Ellen Jackson and Martha Hollingsworth, Ashburn; Brenda Paudash, Lynn Jeffreys, Debbie Paudash, Sue Marquis

and Rosanne Ferren, Myrtle; and Karen Solomon, Raglan.

Exhibits and skits were prepared and presented by Claremont, Whitby, Raglan, Greenwood 1 and 2; Mt. Zion, Myrtle, Ashburn, Brougham, Ajax 1 and 2; and Altona.

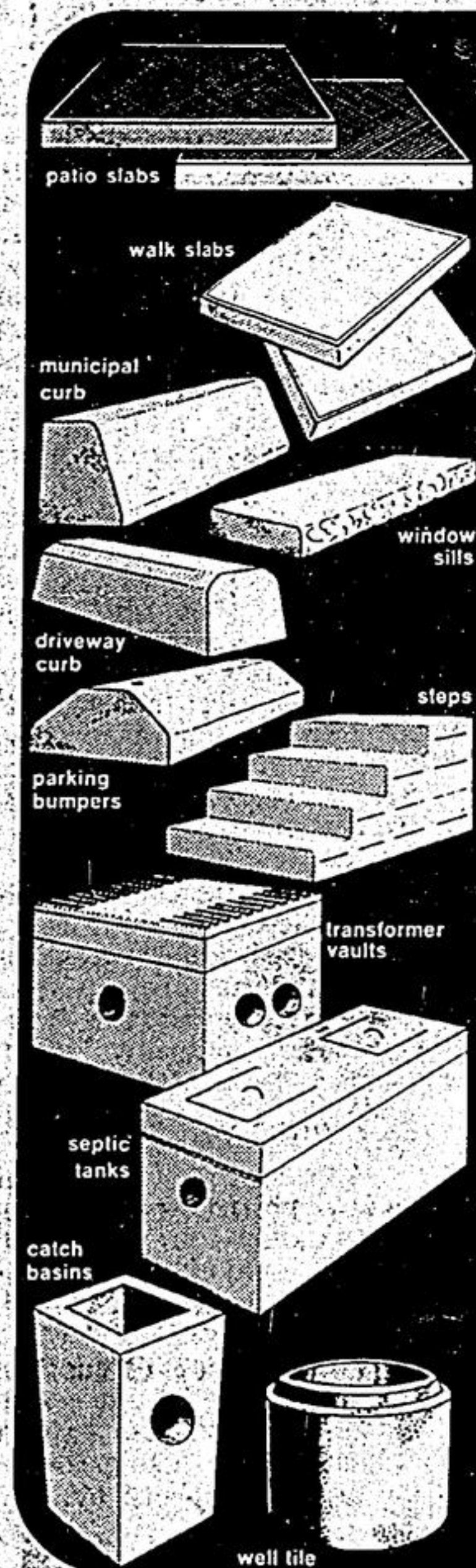


Picturesque Sixth Line residence on 'Tour of Homes' visitation list

The Women's Committee of the Markham and District Family Life Centre, is sponsoring its annual Tour of Homes, that will include several residences in Whitchurch-Stouffville. The date is Thursday, June 14. One of the homes on the visitation list is the property of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ogden, Sixth Line, north of the Bloomington Road. The house is traditional in every aspect and appears to have been there for generations. However, it is a comparatively new residence.

with the 'landmark' effect created by architect B. Napier Simpson who designed the addition. A terrace surrounds the home, to take advantage of the beautiful scenery. During the tour, refreshments will be served here. Tickets at \$3 per person, are available from Aiken's Pharmacy, Stouffville; Crothers' Pharmacy, Markham or by calling 294-2118 or 294-2564.

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STOUFFVILLE — Whitchurch-Stouffville has renewed its fire protection arrangement with East Gwillimbury (Mt. Albert Station).

Although rates have increased from a \$900 retainer fee to \$1,000; \$130 for the first hour at a fire, to \$150; \$15 each additional hour, to \$25; \$3 an hour per man (for not more than 6 men); to \$6 an hour — Mayor Gordon Ratcliff stressed, that for the benefit of the northern section of the municipality it was "very essential to continue the agreement."

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