

Letters to the editor

Budget squeeze affects service

Dear Sir:
The following statistics are comparisons of per capita expenditures for selected libraries in the province of Ontario:

	1970	1971	1972	1973
Metro Toronto Region	7.95	8.68	10.39	11.05
Ontario	5.37	5.81	6.23	7.49
Central Ontario Region	4.67	5.17	6.11	6.83
Ajax	7.30	7.84	8.90	7.89
King	3.80	4.14	4.26	4.75
Markham	3.53	3.76	4.05	4.76
Aurora	3.47	3.45	4.44	5.52
Georgina	3.08	no figures	3.96	4.40
Newmarket	2.19	2.87	4.00	4.64
Whitchurch-Stouffville	1.04	1.69	2.07	3.28

In 1973 only 19 of 102 libraries in Ontario serving populations over 5,000 had lower per capita expenditures than Stouffville.

The library has provided these statistics for you in an effort to explain our ability to provide quality library service to the Whitchurch-Stouffville community.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library Board and staff have worked extremely hard during the past year to improve library service. The library moved to an expanded facility in September 1974. At that time open hours were increased by 17 hours per week. Preschool programs were also expanded to 3 eight week sessions involving 75 children in each session. Art exhibits, craft and school displays are a monthly feature at the library. The book collection is being expanded and the library card catalog is being revised to provide greater access to information in the library.

Both the board and staff are interested in further improving and expanding the library's collection, service and programs. However, we must work within the budgetary restrictions set by municipal council. An examination of the per capita expenditures for the Province shows that Whitchurch-Stouffville ranks well below other municipalities.

Without adequate funds the library cannot

provide the books needed to fulfill the growing demands of the community. Nor can we expand other services — books by mail (to increase service to rural areas), reserves, large print books — or programs — films, book discussions, summer reading clubs — which are being requested by patrons.

If you find that the library is not providing the services and programs which you expect, you must let your elected representative know of your desire for increased facilities. Only when the municipal council is made aware of the desire of community members for improved library service, will the per capita expenditures be increased. And, library service can only be improved if the library receives increased per capita support.

If you support the library's efforts to improve facilities, we encourage you to contact your municipal councillor.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library Board

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Editor's Note: The above letter has been distributed to patrons of the library by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Library Board.

Young thieves being educated

Dear Sir:

With our pockets being constantly drained by the high cost of living, taxes, etc. it sure is mighty discouraging to find one is not getting true value for one's money.

With a large part of our tax dollar going toward the cost of educating our children, it sometimes makes me wonder if we are getting short changed.

In enquiring about an episode that happened to a member of our family at Stouffville District Secondary School, we have been told it is quite a common occurrence, to have wallets, money and other personal property taken from the lockers of fellow students. It seems that a padlock on a locker

doesn't mean anything as the doors of most can be opened with the lock never having been undone.

It surely must be possible to install lockers with doors that can't be opened without undoing the lock.

This seems like a very small matter to some, but to these kids who are the victims of our sick society, it is also the nuisance of replacing a driver's licence, social insurance, birth certificate, etc., as well as losing their money.

These kids of today are to be the adults of tomorrow. Is this something to look forward to?

Mrs. Lorne Morgason.

Support coverage appreciated

Dear Sir:
Music Mania is over for another year.

We wish to extend our thanks to the 2100 people who attended the show. We hope that they enjoyed the show as much as the cast enjoyed presenting it.

Music Mania has become a real community effort and tradition. This year, there were 131 people directly involved in the show. We feel this illustrates the kind of spirit, co-operation and talent which we are fortunate to have in Stouffville.

On behalf of the cast, there are many organizations and individuals which we would like to thank for assisting us — The Tribune for its coverage; Card's Hardware for selling tickets; St. Mark's Separate School for free use of its auditorium; Hi-C groups; Rangers and Scouts for help with the auditorium and parking.

Proceeds from the show will be given to the Whitchurch - Stouffville Public Library and SDSS Awards for Performing Arts.

DON AND JOYCE CAUDLE,
Presidents, United Church Couples Club.

Them old tax collector blues

Dear Sir:

Many of your readers who have just completed their income tax returns, must be wondering if the tax collector is some kind of sadist.

We cannot take it with us, and we don't even expect to die in luxury, but leave us with a few bucks while we're still here.

WILLIAM E. RAE
Scarboro

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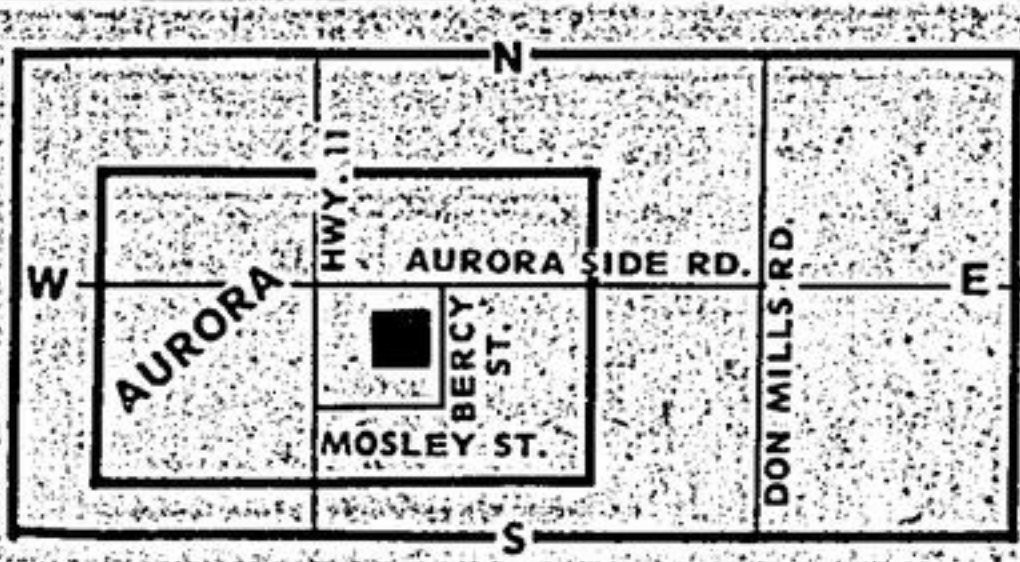
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