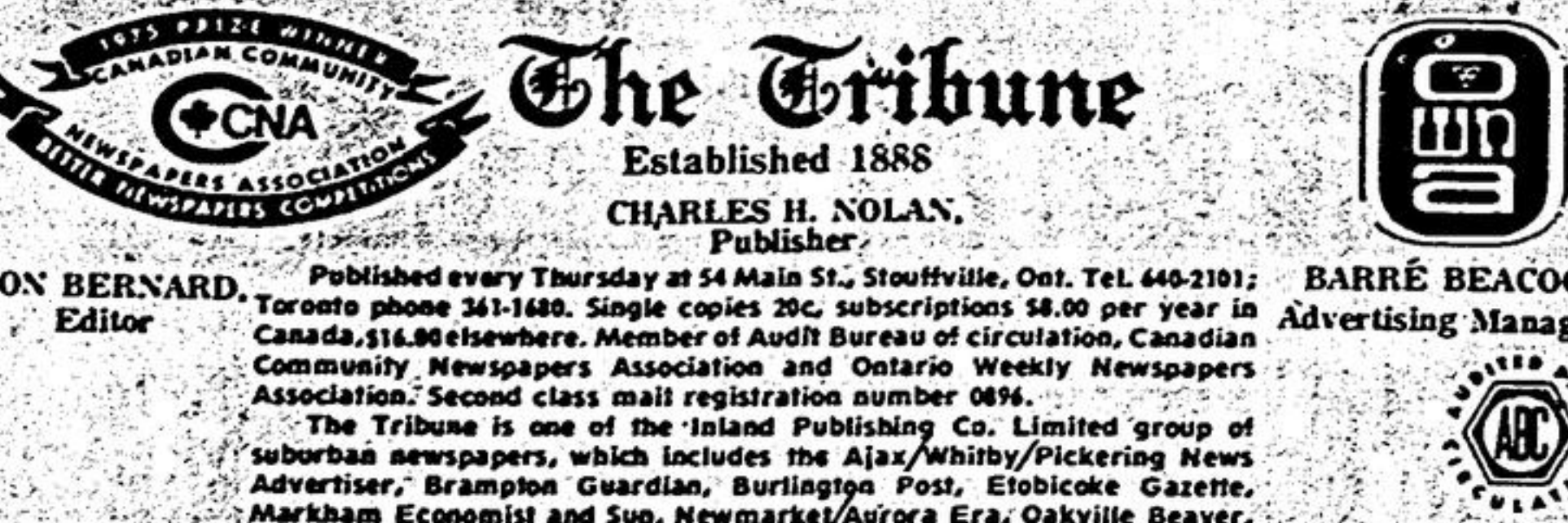


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Childish, foolish threat

Childish and foolish is the only way we can describe the threat of People or Planes to organize women to a mass sit-in in front of the machinery which is expected to shortly begin working up the ground for the new airport. Some time ago the Economist & Sun, Markham, described the idea as "a stupid kind of caper," one which made many sympathizers wonder why they got mixed up with the group in the first place.

To interfere with a federal public works project, would undoubtedly bring in the law, and rightly so. To resort to such a stunt with the chance of violence is going much, much too far.

Any group which would resort to such tactics over an issue which has been fully decided through proper processes of democratic government, certainly has no respect for law and order. If every group that disagreed with a government decision took such action, the country would be in chaos.

It would appear that the POP group has lost the argument, and resorting to action akin to anarchy cannot be condoned in any way.

Both sides have been given adequate hearing and consideration, and now to refuse to accept the resulting decision of the elected

government, is again, childish and foolish. Both provincial and federal governments fully agreed to the need for the project over the next ten years and cannot be intimidated by such monstrous civil disobedience.

Airport in doubt after the election

Last week's provincial election makes the fate of the already doubtful Pickering Airport even more insecure.

The Progressive Conservative government have said they, or we, cannot afford the road infrastructure needed for the airport and the federal response to this has been to tell the province to wait and negotiate this later.

This left it open for the PC's, if offered significant subsidies, to still give their blessings to the project.

The election last week changed all that though. The conservatives must now depend on the good will of the New Democratic Party or the Liberals to keep their minority government afloat. The first party is vehemently opposed to the airport and the latter is contrary but in a wishy-washy manner.

If the acrimony of the Liberals and Conservatives throughout the just-concluded election campaign is any indication of things to come, it seems the Tories will be especially dependent on the party vehemently opposed to the airport.

It is our guess - the situation at this point is too unclear to hazard a prediction - that even if the federal government comes up with some pretty attractive subsidies the chances of such a deal clearing the legislature are almost negligible.

Stephen Lewis would quickly lose his newfound credibility with the Ontario voter if he sanctioned such a compromise.

New building for recycling depot

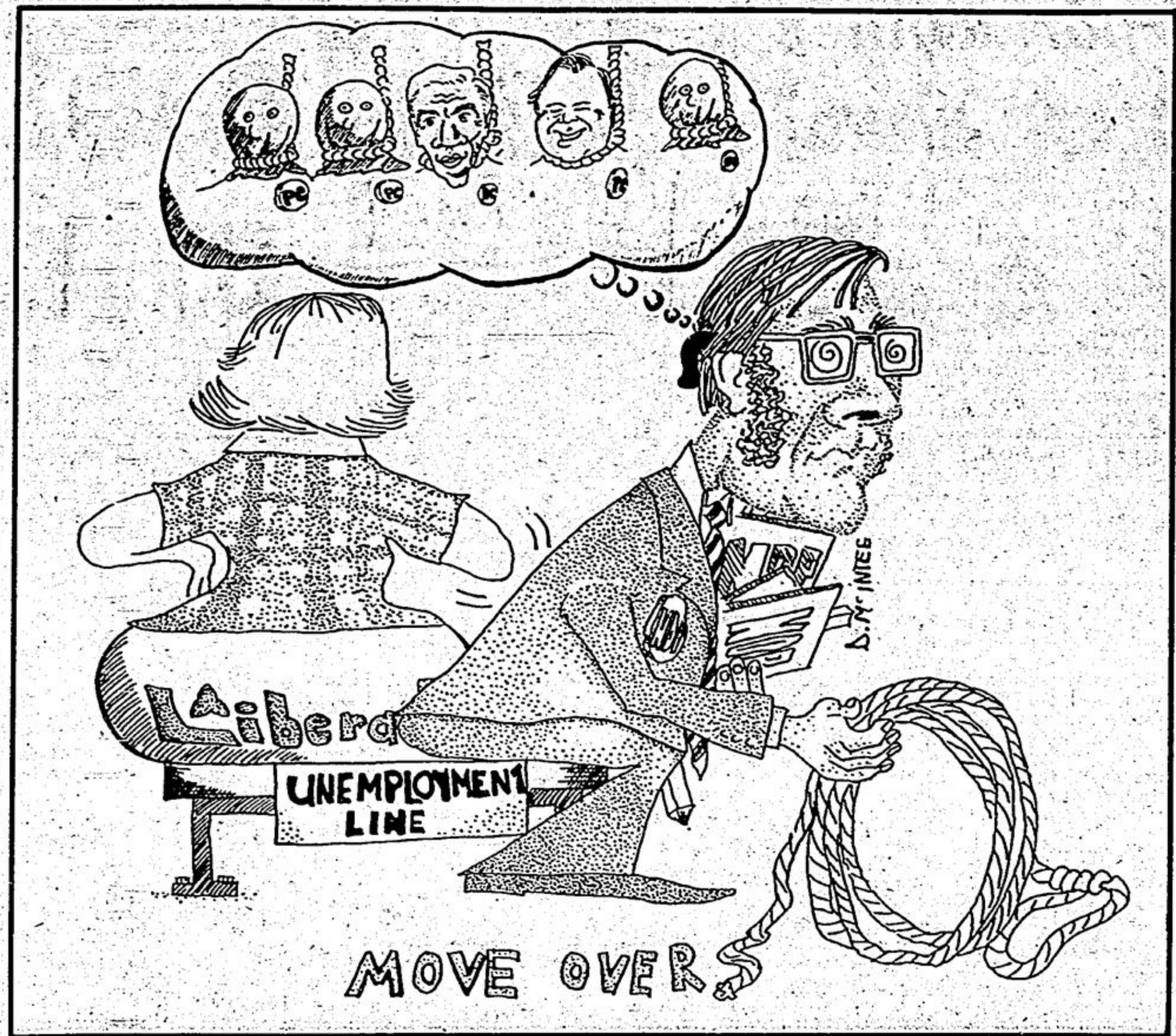
A new building could be just about the greatest thing since sliced bread for users of Stouffville's recycling depot.

Council's public works committee has reportedly approved a site on the works property, south of the town park, for a new site for the depot building.

Approval of the plan by council, in our view, will be a wise move. Hopefully it would provide a location large enough to house large bins as well as being dry and equipped with hydro.

The situation at the current Market Street site was beginning to get close to intolerable even as impressive totals of material for recycling were collected and sold. Children were getting into the bins and the leaking water was starting to make parts of the depot an icky mess.

About 460 families participate in the project as well as 40 volunteers. Hopefully with a new building, the use will become even more widespread.



SUGAR AND SPICE

Notes on Bill's Saskatchewan trip

By BILL SMILEY

Just a few more notes on my trip to Saskatchewan. If you are bored, turn to the classified ads.

That not just a wise-crack. A western publisher who runs my column, said: "You're right up there with the classifieds, when it comes to readers."

"Thanks a lot," I muttered rather dourly. Turns out it was a compliment. The classified ads are the best-read part of many weeklies.

Anyway, perhaps the nicest thing I can say about Saskatchewan is that I'd love to go back, 30 years younger, and with two or three months to spend.

After I got home, I discovered I have a horde of cousins in Saskatoon, and they're going to be sore as hell when they learn I was there for a few days and didn't call them.

But that's my problem, and maybe I'll see some of them at the great Thomson family reunion at the "old homestead" on Calumet Island in the middle of the Ottawa River next month.

It's easier to get from here to England than it is to get from here to Calumet Island, but I'm going to bust a gut trying to make it. My grandfather was slidemaster there in the great days of lumbering on the Ottawa, and most of my western kinfolk sprang, originally, from his stalwart loins.

Speaking of loins, I didn't see any in Saskatchewan. But I did see a bald-headed eagle, as well as few bald-headed editors.

Either it was a bald eagle, or a dirty great crow who had just had his hair dyed blonde. As far as I'm concerned, it was an eagle, just as that pike I caught not weighs just under 16 pounds.

And those western crows! I spotted a vast black bird skimming through the spruce. "What in the name of dear Heaven is that?" I enquired. "Crow," muttered our laconic guide, Ovide, rather contemptuously.

Later I learned that these "crows," which look about the size of a Canada goose, are really ravens, about three times the size of a common, or eastern crow.

I also heard some wolves, but they turned out to be young Indians, and the wolf calls were directed at pretty young Indians of the opposite sex.

Ovide, the guide, didn't, I am sure, realize that he was named after a famous Roman poet of erotic verse, but he had some of the characteristics. "Caught a real big fish last night," he averred, straight-faced, outlining with his hands the shape of the fish, which was more of a bird than a fish, to my thinking.

Let's see, what other great adventures did I have? Oh, yes. I met a prairie farmer, in his seventies, who was up for the fishing. German background, solid type, figured to be a gentle man, and he had the most appalling string of profanity I've heard since I left the air force.

Did you ever see a law student try to change a flat tire on a big bus? Nice lad. Had been in the Mounties, couldn't stand the crap of the upper echelons, who are still in the Victorian age, had quit, was going through law school, and then was going back into the Mounties, to try to do something about it. Stout chap and I hope he makes it. But he sure had a battle with that tire, while we stood on the road and watched the perfect Vs. of geese starting their long trek south.

Away up there in the northern wilds,

where the call of loons and the snort of a moose are to be expected, I was startled. Went to a lodge with the rest of the gang and wound up playing shuffleboard and shooting pool with a great fire in the fireplace. I felt sort of disconnected.

It ain't cheap up there. Brought a rate card home with me. A modern cabin runs \$120 a week. Boat, about \$50 a week, motel about \$60 a week. Plus gas, bait, fish filleting, fish freezing, and food. A fishing guide is about \$20 a day, but worth it. I had all this for zilch money, thanks to the government of Sask. and my good hosts, the Martins.

But on the other hand, it's not really expensive, if shared by a group. That cabin held eight people, or could have, and was completely furnished and heated. A crummy cottage in Ontario, on an over-crowded beach, with no fishing, could cost as much or more.

Back to Saskatoon after a 10-hour bus-ride, and everybody exhausted. Some of those crazy, intrepid westerners took off for home "Oh, it's only 280 miles."

Got wangled into a lobster dinner, when all I wanted was bed and a warm glass of milk. Ordering lobster in Saskatoon is like going to Halifax and saying: "Bring me a big western steak." Stupid.

Missed my flight home. Called the old Trouble 'n Strife, who was expecting me that night, 1,200 miles away. Cost me \$13. Woke up in the morning with a heavy chest cold and a feverish feeling that I'd been off to another planet for a week.

But I wouldn't have missed it for the world. It's not every day you see a bald-headed eagle.



VIEWPOINT

Owners responsible for stray dogs

By DON BERNARD

I must admit from the outset that my wife has been largely responsible for me writing this column. Mostly because she has a very real concern for animals and how they are looked after and treated.

Some weeks ago, The Tribune ran an editorial suggesting that higher dog tag fees and larger fines for loose dogs could solve the problem of dogs running loose in town. While that is true to some extent, it is also true that you cannot legislate responsibility.

The fact is that many people who own dogs, (and cats too for that matter) don't take proper care of their animals. Recent experiences with dogs provides some insight into this particular problem.

In the first place we have a 13-month old child. She is a curious youngster who finds various unsavory objects lying on the ground very appealing. Usually when she picks something up it goes straight to her mouth.

My wife has been alarmed to find dog excrement on our lawn, right where our little daughter has the right to expect to be able to play freely.

Numerous times, my wife has chased stray dogs off the property, only to find them come back again a few hours later. Her question to me is constantly, "Who owns the dogs?"

That is a very good question. Some people must be very negligent in handling their dogs for such a large number to be running loose in Stouffville. We live in the east end. People in the west end have been before council with similar complaints.

Some people might think that I am against dogs. Quite the contrary. Dogs are wonderful pets and I might even like to own one sometime. However, irresponsible people get my gander up.

Kennel Inn, canine control officers for Whitchurch - Stouffville, report that during the past few months, the number of patrols in this area is significantly higher than either Aurora or King Township. Why is Whitchurch - Stouffville any different from King Township. Both are relatively rural with a number of small urban areas.

One reason is that the Stouffville bylaw on this matter is relatively weak. A dog tag is only \$8 per year. The fine for not buying one is only \$5. Not only that but there is no system of stiff fines for dogs that are picked up by Kennel Inn patrols.

Without naming names or location, I would like to provide one example that both horrified us and made us angry. We were sitting at home in our living room one evening recently. All of a sudden, we heard a thud and then a squealing sound.

My wife was startled and said she thought a dog had been hit by a car. We looked outside and just up the street a dog was on the road yelping in pain. Three teenagers down the street rushed up to the dog.

We went out to investigate and learned that the teenagers knew the owners of the dog. My wife, who probably has a little more spunk than I do, said we should follow the boys. We walked up the nearby street.

When we got to the house where the dog belonged, the man was getting the dog into his car to take to the veterinarian. He seemed quite concerned. The little boy in the family was crying, upset by what had happened to the little poodle.

The man was questioned on how the dog got away and answered vaguely that he thought a dog further over was in heat. Well, we thought that would end the matter. But that little dog popped up only a few days later.

We were at home on a Sunday afternoon when we heard some children running around our house shouting. I went out and asked them what they were doing. At that moment, the same little dog that was hit a few days earlier, scurried across the road right in the traffic again.

The boys chasing the animal included the little youngster that had cried about the dog being hit. All in all my wife and I were turned off by the negligence of these people. After all, it looked like a pure bred french poodle and yet it was allowed to run loose in town.

Not even an accident could make them realize what they were doing. Thus not only are stray dogs causing damage to property and causing nuisance, but they are also in a certain amount of danger from cars.

Besides that, the case can be made against the animals for torn garbage bags.

To me it only shows that people have pets without realizing what is involved. It is nice to have a pet dog, but people should realize that the dog must be cared for. That includes keeping it properly leashed.

Dogs can easily be exercised at the local park or in nearby fields. Rather just letting the animal run free, the owner could take some time in the evening to walk the dog to a place where it can run without danger and let it loose for half an hour or so.

That is one reason that I feel that the people who own dogs, should be forced to pay for canine control. Right now dog tag fees pay for about 66 per cent of the cost. Heavy fines for runaway dogs would generate enough money to pay the rest.

One might find that, with this kind of penalty, the number of stray dogs could decline and the canine control costs would be reduced accordingly.

Letters to the Editor

New resident hits service delay

Dear Sir:
 This letter is in response to the write-up in last week's newspaper entitled, "Bell can't afford to install phone."

I would like to ask Councillor June Button if she would be satisfied if she didn't have a phone.

I would also like to point out to Councillor Cathy Joyce that this is Canada that we are living in. England is the very least of our concern.

I would also like to say that Bell Canada is employing the lowest form of blackmail that is possible.

My only hope in all of this mess is that there are no tragedies in this subdivision before March of 1976, for lack of telephone service in our new and rapidly growing subdivision.

LANA ROLLER
 Stouffville

Former students support candidate

Dear Sir:
 We are very pleased that Jennie Bangay has decided to be a candidate for the position of School Board Trustee for Whitchurch-Stouffville.

We feel that Jennie is an excellently qualified candidate for this office, having had recent direct experience with the education system in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

While a student at S.D.S.S. she was one of the few people who was always there when something needed to be done, and her intelligence, concern and just plain common sense have earned the respect of students and teachers alike.

Jennie's excellent academic record, her concern, her sense of responsibility and conscientiousness in everything she undertakes, makes her an ideal candidate for the position of School Board Trustee.

We hope that the voters of Whitchurch-Stouffville will join us in supporting her for this position.

JOHN CAMPEY,
 RITA PROSPERO,
 BRIAN MOFFATT,
 MARYANN HULSHOF

Ballantrae area by-passed again

Dear Sir:
 I was very pleased to read in your newspaper that the Go-Transit bus service will be commencing shortly for the Stouffville-Uxbridge area. I was disappointed though to realize that again the Ballantrae-Musselman's Lake region is to be neglected.

We who live in this part of Whitchurch-Stouffville have no transportation by train or Gray Coach and have been hoping that when the Go-Transit commenced perhaps we would finally have bus service. There are, apparently, to be three different runs by Go-Transit and I don't think it is asking too much for one of these to be routed from Uxbridge via Highway 48 instead of Highway 47.

There are over 1,500 voters living in the area of Ballantrae alone and when you consider all the people living in Mount Albert, Pefferlaw, Uxbridge etc. you can see that there are thousands of potential commuters travelling this highway every day.

It would be very much appreciated if your newspaper can do anything at all to help us achieve this re-routing.

LILLIAN B. GOFF,
 Ballantrae.