

**"Retirement"**

**THE FOURTH QUARTER**

By Leslie Holbrook  
 Feed-back letters already received from readers - even though this column is barely three weeks old at time of writing - emphasize the many reasons seniors have for complaining about the way both bureaucrats in various levels of government and society in general treat us.

Examples: E.D., St. Catharines - "I've been trying to get a part-time job" (without any luck because hiring retirees is too complicated for industry and personnel

people barely glance at an older's credentials). A.B., Kitchener - "I often wonder why it is so hard here in Canada for people to look forward to the 'golden years'. In European countries elderly people are respected, cherished and taken care of by their loved ones." (attitudes in North American society, housing, etc., discourage three generations living under one roof).

T.B., Owen Sound - "I'm fed up with paying my taxes for all this fancy education. Property tax on our modest bungalow is now over \$1,000, more

than half of which goes to school taxes."

L.W., Calgary - "Surely we've earned respect and should be able to live with dignity - not in poverty and pity." (older people up to a reasonable level of income should pay little or no taxes - property, income, sales, etc.)

M.C., Stouffville - "There are all kinds of lonesome, bored retirees, from former ditch diggers to former bank presidents!" (they want society to do better than "toss them on the scrap heap").

But enough of examples. What can we do about it all? We can make waves that's what.

The point made by the Owen Sound reader suggests a worthwhile and reasonable campaign - to reduce or eliminate the educational tax portion of municipal taxes at age 65.

There should be more opportunities (and less discouragement from government) for older people to work if they want to - at realistic rates of pay. In fact, involuntary retirement might well be abolished except where age is a legitimate reason. Union contracts, pension plans, etc., are problems but problems which can be solved if industry, organized labor and governments want to do something about it. (Tell them older people have a 20 per cent better attendance record, have fewer accidents, and are less likely to be "on break" when they are needed.)

The pensions which

you are getting - already inadequate in many cases - should at least be indexed to the cost of living so you don't slip even further behind.

O.K. There's a start. Now tell me about other areas you think should be included in a concerted senior citizens' campaign for a better deal.

But also write, phone or see - regularly and reasonably - your M.P., M.P.P., mayor or reeve. Squawk about things in the media and through senior citizens' organizations (if you don't belong to one, join and get active).

With life expectancy still going up and the birth rate dropping, the ratio of old to young will continue to narrow. So you see we older folks can deliver quite a clout if we work together to achieve our fair share of things. Let's make waves!

Readers' questions and comment should be sent to Stouffville Tribune, c/o P.O. Box 1506; Guelph, Ont. N1H 6N9.

**Stouffer family**

**Foundations deep, strong**

By Jean Barkey  
 Laura Stouffer married George Collard, one of our former druggists. To this couple were born one son and three daughters. Alan received his early education here as did his sisters. He has been living in Montreal for many years. His only daughter Joan is married with a family.

Jean Collard was wed to the son of one of our local ministers. Alex (dec) and Jean MacLeod made Markham their home. Two sons were born to this couple, Douglas and Robert. Jean is now a grandmother. Eric Collard married Earl Robertson, living in Toronto. They have two daughters, Jane and Judith. Both girls are married with families. Isabel Collard lives in Toronto.

Luella Stouffer married Ernest Dougherty and lived in Colorado, both deceased. There was no family. Another sister Jean

married Alton Perkins who also resided in Colorado U.S.A. No descendants. Fred Stouffer moved to Tacoma Washington and raised three sons and one daughter, Maude, who married Otto Wellan. I presume that all of Fred's family are still in the U.S.A. This concludes the sketch of the Stouffer family history. A very limited sketch.

We can only surmise, why our ancestors, not only the Stouffers, but all the pioneer families left their comfortable homes in Pennsylvania to suffer hardships in a new land.

Perhaps it was the lure of cheap land. Our forebears of "Dutch Stock" were comfortably well off on their farms south of the border.

Nevertheless, to all the pioneer families who worked so hard, dreamed dreams of a great future, we pay tribute in this our centennial year. In the words of our great uncle Dave Stouffer, who said, "These foundations were laid deep, broad and

strong. Deep in the principles and peace-righteousness and industry. Broad in the coat of arms in 1973, two years after regional government. A small portion of Markham Township and a larger portion of Whitchurch was amalgamated with the village. Markham Township is represented by the banner of the British Union established 1707 and symbolizing the major part the United Empire Loyalists played in settling the area. The White Church or Whitchurch comes from a town in England, where John Graves Simcoe's wife resided.

The church is flanked by a gold star (mullet) and Chalice described in the Stouffer family coat of arms. It signifies Stouffville's genesis as Stouffer's Village. A gold helmet above the shield is the former seal of Whitchurch township. A white dove with laurel sprig symbolizes the desire for peace and co-existence.

**Family pet is destroyed for attacking boy**

STOUFFVILLE - A two-year-old purebred sheepdog has been destroyed following a Feb. 9 attack on 10-year-old Richard Vallee of Church St.

The animal, the family pet of Robert Hughes of Rose Ave., had never bitten anyone before.

In accordance with Health Department regulations the dog was held for 14 days and was then destroyed.

The boy who was attacked suffered bites to the face which required 10 stitches to close. Mr. Hughes rushed the child to the medical centre for attention.

According to Mr. Hughes the decision to put the dog to sleep was made within half an hour of the incident.

In the March 3 issue of The Tribune it was incorrectly stated that Mr. Hughes had been summoned for keeping a vicious dog.

Police had issued a summons but as Mr. Hughes decided, of his own accord, to destroy the dog, the summons was rescinded before it could be served.

A conviction under the vicious dog laws only empowers the court to order the animal destroyed.

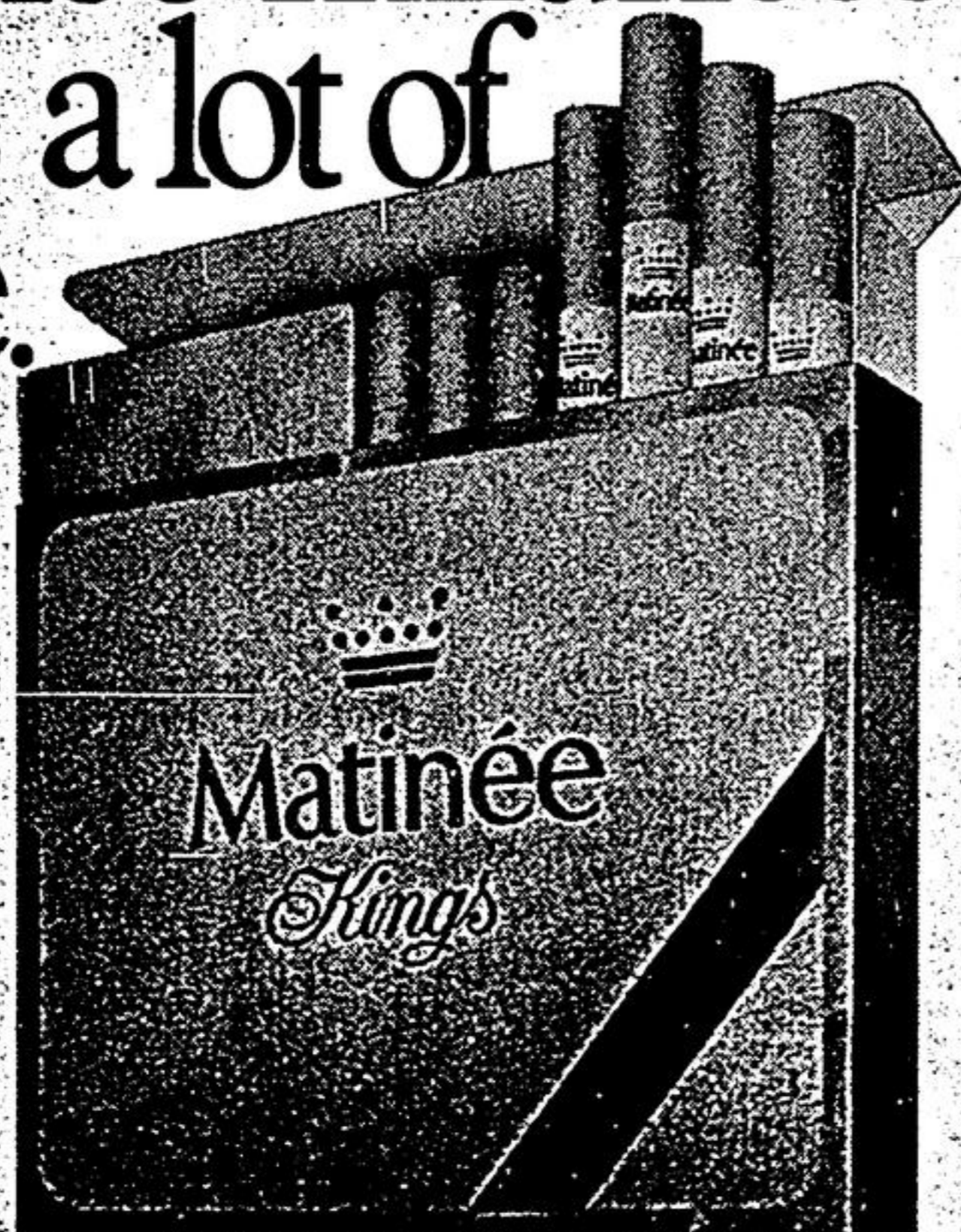
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