

# EDITOR'S MAIL

## Nightmare for bereaved

### Tragedies re-lived in accident photos

Dear Sir:  
I have lived in Stouffville less than a year and during this time I have purchased your paper faithfully every week. For the news about town and the columns and the classified ads, I have enjoyed it.

Until Dec. 28. When I purchased the paper on this date, I expected to see pictures and stories of Christmas in My Community — the reflections of the holiday spirit and the joy that Christmas brings to all.

Tribune could exploit the tragedies of these families months later by reminding them of their losses at what is normally a joyous time of year. These people have suffered enough and I feel that re-running these pictures was unfair, unfeeling and most of all very unkind. What possible good could you do by re-running these photos?

True, we cannot escape the truths that the news brings us every day of our lives and no one affected by these horrible accidents will ever forget them, but to have to face them again in a newspaper for all to see just three short days after Christmas, probably a very difficult Christmas at that, is hardly an easy thing to accept.

I was not one of those affected directly by your paper and I'm very thankful I wasn't. But for those who were, I must speak up and say you can hurt people so easily. Please next time be more thinking and feeling. What is a picture to some, is a nightmare to others.

Mrs. D. Smith,  
Stouffville.

Editor's Note: Would that the year 1978 had been one of only good news and pretty pictures. Unfortunately, it was not, nor will it be in the year ahead. Considering all the sad events of the past twelve months, three such pictures out of twelve on the page seemed a pretty low percentage.

Much to my dismay, on Page 8, I saw large copies of the "Pictures that made the News in 1978". In the middle of a page filled with community event photos such as the commencement at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School and the 1978 President of Markham Fair were tragic pictures of accidents that affected three families of our community. There in bold sight were the reprints of pictures depicting the tragedies that had happened in the last few months. There for all their friends and family to see, remember and reflect upon once more, were the pictures of the scene they will never be able to erase from their memories.

I understand that at the time of these unfortunate accidents, these pictures and stories were "News" to the readers and the losses were hard-felt by all. But it is incredible to me that a community paper such as the Stouffville

## Bell service is terrible

Dear Mr. Thomas:  
You and other residents in the former Village of Stouffville are obviously annoyed because of recent changes in Bell Canada service in your area. This is understandable for those people who do not wish to call Toronto. However, you are still much better off than those of us in the 473 and 895 exchanges living in the north portion of Whitchurch - Stouffville, where even adjoining exchanges are long distance as far as Bell is concerned.

Residents within a mile of our home to the south and east are on 888 and 640 exchanges. This means we must pay long distance charges to call these neighbors, while these same people can call toll-free anyone in Metro Toronto which, in some cases, is a distance of 45 miles.

Our basic monthly rate for a single black telephone on a two-party line is \$14.28. For this, we can't even call Ballantyne.

When I wrote to the Ministry of Transport about the manner in which the subscribers in this area are being "ripped off" by Bell Canada, the only response was a visit from Bell's local manager. The government had sent him to investigate my complaints—the equivalent to appointing the Godfather to head a royal commission to investigate organized crime.

The attitude of the Bell manager was unbelievable. He said my arguments weren't valid. He felt there was no reason any parent should have to telephone the school attended by his children and so it did not matter that all schools in the district are located where calls are not free.

He said most people seldom have to call a physician so it didn't matter that 640 is long distance; and since the children see their friends at school, there's no need for them to call one another. Believe it or not, this man actually believes he's living in the twentieth century.

I inquired about having a Bethesda number installed. I was told it would cost \$64 monthly plus monthly line mileage from Bethesda although the exchange comes to within one mile of our home. If I wished to retain our 895 number, the lady at Bell estimated it would cost about \$100 monthly. If I did not retain the 895 number, my next door neighbor would then be long distance.

I think it's time for Bell's monopoly to be disbanded and the telephone service be made competitive.

Mrs. W.T. McAdam,  
RR 3, Newmarket, Ontario.

In my opinion, a professional cartoonist is a tremendous asset to a newspaper, particularly when the drawings are on topics of local interest.

I've seen many newspapers in my day, both weeklies and dailies. The cartoons in The Tribune are the best.

Through you, to Mrs. Wheeler, my congratulations. She's tremendous.

Ruth Naylor,  
Stouffer Street,  
Stouffville.

From Sackville, N.B.  
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith from Sackville, New Brunswick, are visiting with their daughter, Mrs. Edgar Glenn, her husband and family, Mill Street, Stouffville.

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JACK CHAMBERS  
**IGA** STOUFFVILLE

## Teacher done an injustice

Dear Mr. Thomas:  
Your excellent editorial, relative to the injustice done to one of your local teachers, Ruth Herbert, has come to my attention, way down in Arkansas, USA.

Party, who, taking injustice into their own hands, those courageous Colonials, pitched about \$100,000.00 worth of British tea into the briny deep. Since protests had done no good, the only thing left was action.

But good as your published sentiments are, they are not enough. Action is the next thing on the agenda. No doubt, you Canadians know a very great deal about our historical, Boston Tea

brought the State bureaucrats to their knees, figuratively speaking. To their knees and on their knees was exactly where the State's overlords belonged.

## Basic wage makes sense

Dear Mr. Thomas:  
A standard salary for teachers (based on experience, etc.) across the Province as suggested by trustee Harry Bowes, makes sense to me.

Also, you have probably heard of California's recent proposition 13, by which the overwhelming majority of American Westerners took things into their own hands and

In my opinion, it's high time this endless wage hassle between the local Boards of Education and the Federation was brought to an end. It's an exercise in futility that creates only hard feelings with the teachers if the offers are too low or discontent among taxpayers if the settlements are (in their opinion) too high.

Proposition 13, has spawned a groundswell of American opposition to bureaucratic injustice throughout the American nation. Just wait until the 96th Congress convenes in January and the fat will be in the fire.

I have long thought there has to be a better way. Maybe Mr. Bowes' recommendation is the answer.

So much for American liberty brought about by determined defiance of contemptuous politicians. Hooray! for any and all who will stand up against the senseless Goliaths, whether in politics or the school room.

Beef Supper  
The Stouffville United Church congregation is holding another Beef Supper, Feb. 11 with two sittings, one at 5 p.m. and another at 6:15 p.m. Tickets (\$4 and \$2) are available at Card's Hardware and Chas. Richards and Sons.

Go to it, Canadians, let us have a Stouffville Public School Party, having Boston tea as an encouraging example. From this vantage point in Arkansas, I would encourage a band, group or crowd of determined parents and students to pay a visit to the Principal's Office.

Excellent feature  
The December edition of Scotia Bank Hockey College News contains an excellent story and an accompanying color photo of Bryan Watson, defenceman with the Washington Capitals, telling of his work with retarded children. In recognition of his efforts, Bryan was awarded the Charlie Conacher Memorial Trophy in 1978. He is a brother of Jack Watson, Tenth Line South, Stouffville.

As the Silent American Majority is now speaking up, let the Silent Canadian Majority speak up and rectify this ignorant injustice.

Go to it, Canadians. Hooray for Canada.

Harlie W. Smith,  
Gravette Holliness Library,  
Gravette, Arkansas, U.S.A.

In closing, I wish to commend you for your regularly scheduled interviews with our trustee representative. Topics of discussion tend to bring answers to many problems close to home.

Richard Behler,  
RR2,  
Stouffville.

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