



Last week, time was turned back for 57 Grade 6 students from Orchard Park Public School in Stouffville. They spent five days at Black Creek Pioneer Village and attended the century-old schoolhouse there.

They also toured the many buildings on the site. Here, Cathy Carr, Charles Street (left) and Paige Cowan, Ninth Line South, sit atop a cedar rail fence with a log-constructed broom shop in the rear.

— Jim Thomas.

### Editor's Mail

## A learning experience

Dear Jim,  
The 1979 grade six class at Orchard Park School has just had the very unique experience of being students for one week at Dicksons Hill School in Black Creek Pioneer Village in the year 1871. This highlight in their school life will be remembered by each one of them for many years.

Orchard Park has excellent rapport with Black Creek, so were offered a cancelled booking. To Mr. MacDonald, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Wideman who agreed to say yes. Thanks from a parent.

The Grade six students raised money for this project through a penny carnival held at noon, after school and in the evening of one day and constantly supervised by their teachers.

Last Tuesday morning, a busload of Grade six students became pioneer pupils

and what a week! The week included having perfect weather in a unique setting; using slates and chalk; learning lots of memory work; singing God Save the Queen every morning; sitting at double desks; using Roman numerals, participating in a spelling bee; making cookies; dipping candles; sketching around the village and riding in a horse-drawn carriage, to mention a few. The important factor in this whole week was the dedication and continuing high level of quality maintained by the teachers Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Wideman and Mr. MacDonald.

How fortunate the Grade six students are to have had this learning experience.

Sincerely,  
Loyanna Sanders,  
29 O'Brien Ave.,  
Stouffville.

Yours truly,  
M. Rodgers,  
Claremont,  
RR2.

My taxes are now wasted on interest payments totalling \$4,000 million dollars a year. Twenty-five per cent of 1979 spending is to be financed by borrowing. This weakens the value of my money, causes inflation and forces me into a higher tax bracket.

Please, Mr. Cafik, convince me that you know how to manage the economy. I already understand your ability to waste my money.

Yours truly,  
M. Rodgers,  
Claremont,  
RR2.

## Record money-spenders

Dear Sir:  
Since the election was called, I have been swamped with Norman Cafik campaign literature all printed and mailed at taxpayers' expense. The latest "The Cafik Record," leaves me entirely mystified. What is the purpose behind this record?

Is Mr. Cafik suggesting that because he was our MP the riding got more than its fair share of goodies? Are we to believe that government money is spent not according to need but by politicians anxious to buy our vote? Does not the Government of Canada treat all Canadians in a just and equitable way? The conclusions are very disturbing. Did every Liberal MP boast such generosity? If so, Quebec must be overwhelmed with skating rinks, youth centres and sewage plants. It is all very nice, but the best opportunity for youth, in my humble opinion, is to be able to find a job.

Mr. Cafik claims he got another 70 million for expropriated owners in the airport site. How? Does not the expropriation act passed by the Liberal government provide for just settlement of claims and an appeal to the courts? Is Mr. Cafik above the laws of the country? Would the expropriated people have been cheated by the courts without Mr. Cafik's intervention? Did the government pay 140 percent more for the land than was reasonable? Mr. Cafik's claim is preposterous. If it is true, then his whole government stands condemned. If untrue, he is misleading us.

I agree that Liberals have been big spenders! My family's share of the 118,000 million dollar debt

owed by the people of Canada is approximately \$17,000. I would feel happier if these nice works were paid for in cash.

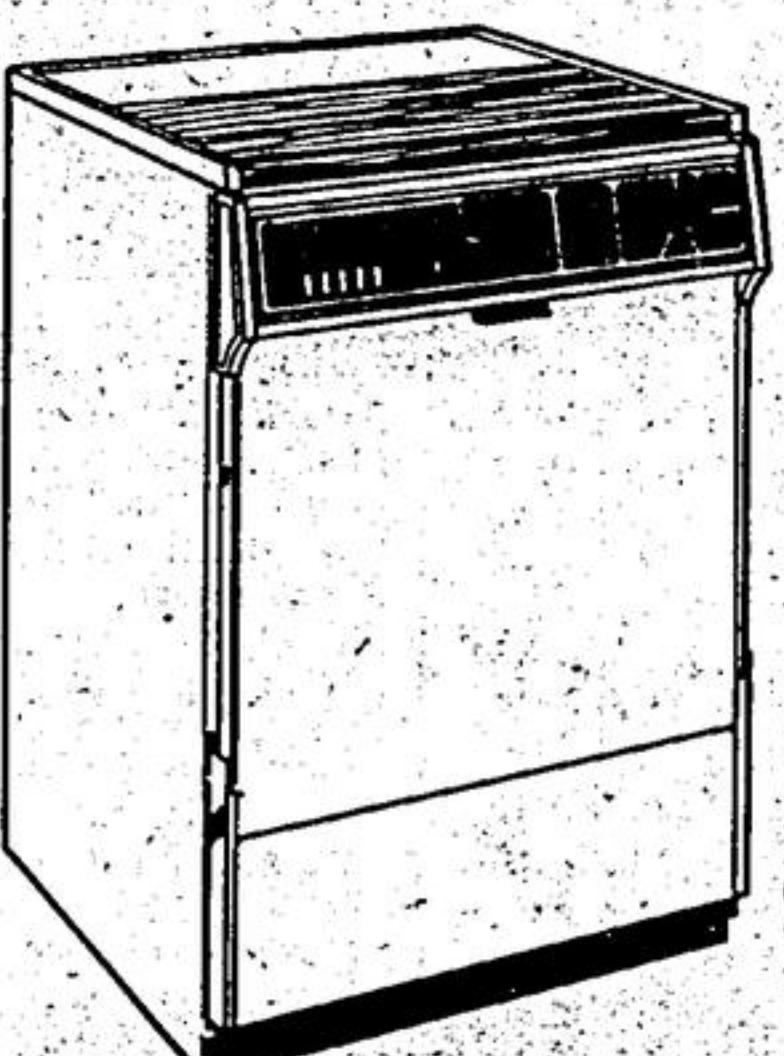
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Deserve equal status

Dear Editor:  
I'm writing in response to the anonymous girl who contacted your paper two weeks ago on the subject of married women in the teaching profession.

I'm sure this young lady feels just as frustrated as thousands of other young people who have worked hard to obtain a particular job only to be disappointed. However, I feel it rather immature of her to suggest anyone relinquish his or her position because of marital status.

If this young lady is as dedicated to becoming a teacher as she claims, instead of crying to herself, she'll get out and do something about it.

A young cousin of mine who graduated two years ago from the faculty, had worked extremely hard to gain a reputation as a good and reliable supply teacher. She willingly goes anywhere and to any grade to fill in and consequently, she is now working an average of four days out of five. If this doesn't appeal to the young lady, she could consider teaching in other countries for a period of time.

It's interesting to note that a local teacher, recently retired, did not have difficulty finding a position in another part of the world. C.U.S.O. welcomes young people and it could be one of the most valuable experiences of her life. It should be pointed out that it is the married teacher who is often at a disadvantage in the above two suggestions as she is restricted in her mobility because of a husband and perhaps children.

I rather wonder if this young lady's attitude has a place in the classroom. Women have worked for years for equal status. Young students are only beginning to understand and accept the fact that the female belongs and can compete in any area she wishes and that by being married and having a family, it does not disqualify her from any roles she feels will meet her needs.

This is the attitude I want represented in the classroom by the teacher, not the idea that a married woman must step aside for others.

L.B. Mumford.

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