

EDITOR'S MAIL

For Marie Adams

A new beginning

Dear Jim:
There are no words, nor combination of words within me to even begin to express my gratitude and indebtedness for the caring response of the people of Stouffville toward me in the past weeks. To say "Thank you" would appear such a stereotype response, and yet with all that is within me I say "Thank you".

It indeed was a bleak Saturday afternoon, December 20, when finally I did realize that "everything is gone" meant everything is gone! And yet, even then, I knew I had much to be thankful for. While my home as well as my livelihood were mercilessly snatched away, I had my life, and it was whole.

While on the one hand, it was an end, I struggled to realize that this also had to be a beginning. Now I had to appropriate what I had so often said, "Today is the first day of the rest of my life," and a wall motto I had in my kitchen, "Lord help me to remember that nothing is going to happen today that you and I together can't handle."

Even with that, it is the caring of so many friends that is making it possible for me to gradually less and less count what I have lost, and to more and more count what I do have. To go on I must face the future and walk ahead, gathering the pieces along the way.

Thank you Stouffville for making it possible!

There are so many, many individual friends who I owe so much to, and I want each one to know that they are playing a

very important role in my life - beginning with the initial response to the fire alarm, through moving boxes and tables on those cold and bitter days, to providing clothing, bed and now in setting up my new home, as well as standing by me through those desperate moments when "I wanted to go home!"

As I continue to make my small attempt to convey my thanks personally and publicly, in addition to organizations The Tribune has already mentioned, I wish to thank the Chamber of Commerce who have assisted in so many ways.

Thank you, too, Jim.

MARIE ADAMS,
47 Main Street East,
Stouffville.
Phone 640-1314.

Attendance Keep tab on trustees

Dear Mr. Thomas:
I was surprised to read in the Jan. 15 edition of The Tribune that several members of York County's Board of Education were opposed to having attendances recorded at each meeting.

The reasons given made no sense. Why shouldn't there be an attendance record maintained? Until now, I didn't know this wasn't.

On the surface, it would appear some think they can "skip out" and no one will be the wiser. Now, they'll have to give an account of their stewardship. I hope your newspaper will do an attendance check at the end of 1981 to inform the electorate just how well we were served.

Sincerely,
Irene Hoover,
Markham, RR 1.
P.S. I was pleased to see that all Markham trustees who spoke on the subject, supported the motion.

A peak at Plan

UXBRIDGE — Whitchurch - Stouffville's Official Plan will be getting its first out-of-town review shortly.

Last week, Uxbridge planning board received a copy of the document from the Ministry of Housing, asking for its comments.

The board, in turn, decided to submit the copy to its planning consultant for a report.

The consultant's comments are slated for Feb. 26. They will then be forwarded to the ministry by March 9.

Hydro rates the same-OFA

The provincial government should act immediately to make urban and rural hydro rates the same, Ralph Barrie, President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) told a meeting of local farmers today.

Barrie said rural rates were continuing to increase faster than urban rates in spite of the government's promise to reduce the gap. He said the government's recently announced \$20 million subsidy program for rural hydro users would not reverse the trend.

"The subsidy only works out to \$3.00 a month off your hydro bill. Besides, it will only go to those who get their power from Ontario Hydro and not to those served by a local utility." The present differential between urban and rural rates averages 29 per cent. The gap will increase next year. In the past, it has ranged from 28 to 34 per cent. British Columbia, Quebec and Nova Scotia all have the same rates for rural and urban users.

In Saskatchewan, the gap is 8 per cent and in Manitoba, it ranges from 17 to 28 per cent.

Barrie said the province should recognize the fact hydro is a public utility providing an essential service. It is only fair that all non-industrial users, whether urban or rural, should pay the same rate, he said.

Mail gets through

STOUFFVILLE — Not knowing the address didn't make any difference to one letter writer to the town. Nor did the post office have any trouble following the ironic instructions.

The letter was addressed to "Stouffville Book Store, The One That Recently Burned." It was immediately sent to Marie Adams, whose house and store, Christian Supply Center, were destroyed by fire, Dec. 20.

Our pets come first

Dear Mr. Thomas:
I was pleased to see the Page 1 story in your Jan. 15 paper related to Stouffville veterinarian Gary Gall.

I too had an occasion to call the Clinic afterwards and was amazed at how promptly someone responded.

These doctors have to eat and sleep like everyone else, yet they "drop everything" to assist a pet-owner like myself and like Bob Davis, whose story you published last week.

An injured dog or a sick cat may seem like a trivial thing when it's another's animal. However, when it's your own, then (in most instances), its immediate attention is of utmost importance.

Dr. Gall and the others at the Clinic seem to appreciate this. I'm sure there are hundreds of Bob Davis' around who could tell similar stories. Our town is indeed fortunate to have such people in our midst.

Steven Fleming,
Stouffville, RR 4.

Truck site makes sense

Dear Editor:
I have no connection whatsoever with Rennie Transport or any of its employees, therefore, I feel I am not prejudiced in any way concerning the firm's proposed move.

For the Ministry of Agriculture to suggest that by re-locating the company, Rennie's is adding to 'urban sprawl', is pure nonsense.

In my opinion, it makes good sense to have such trucking operations in the same general locale. Apache Transport is already there and Anderson's is, at least, partially there.

The Rennie operation has undoubtedly outgrown its present site, and must move

somewhere. Why not on the east side of Hwy. 47 where it will create problems for no one?

This application, as I understand it, has been hanging fire for almost a year. Is it any wonder, businesses prefer to bypass such 'red tape' and do things on their own (albeit illegally), in order to get something accomplished.

In reading last week's press report, I'm wondering if a representative of the Ministry ever bothered to inspect the planned site. If he had (carefully), he would know that the Deer Park Inn is a restaurant and not a motel.

Sincerely,
Garnet Weir,
RR 3, Stouffville.

School trustees

Publish attendance

Dear Mr. Thomas:
It would appear from the Front Page story in Jan. 15 issue of The Tribune, that a minority of Board of Education members object to having their attendance marked at regular and special meetings.

Isn't that too bad? Would they also object to punching a time clock at a factory?

Let these elected members never forget they are paid servants of their respective municipalities. Except for valid reasons, they're expected to be present, serving their towns and

townships as they're paid to do.

The terrible truth of this situation is that the matter would never have been raised in the first place if all had been tending to their duties. Obviously, some were not, so like the children they're supposed to be educating, they too must be brought into line.

I hope it's not asking too much of your paper to publish the attendance figures at the conclusion of the current year.

Sincerely,
Michael McKenzie,
Markham, RR 2.



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