

Len and Helen Buckland were up at 4:30 a.m., to watch the Royal Wedding on T.V. "Marvellous" said Len. "Sooper-dooper" -Jim Thomas. agreed Helen.

Editors Mail Via-Rail costly

Dear Mr. Thomas: I wish to comment on the proposed can-

cellation of Via-Rail. Stouffville may scream and holler, the truth of the fact is for the warrant it being connumber of commuters tinued. to and from Toronto daily, it's not being used by very many people. On Thursday, there were 22 passengers. On

eleven. There are several reasons for this. First, unless one works in the heart of downtown Toronto, the train goes nowhere. What's a person supposed to do when he (or she) arrives

Friday, there were

at the Union Station? Second, the com-muter's not the most reliable transportation in the world. On several occasions . (including Friday), it's been late. This means (in many cases), office workers are also late. Once burned, twice wary. Some people (including myself) won't take the

chance. gasoline and parking level. costs, there's something. ... If the ticket price about the independence of a car; one can come and go as he likes.

Fourth, Stouffville just doesn't have the population to support this type of service.

I, for one, do not service on this line will be cancelled not entirely. But I believe it will be reduced.

the line" will be Markham rather than Stouffville. Then, if warranted, it will be extended.

We (most Canadians) continually cry the blues over government spending. Then, when the considered. government decides to cut back, we cry even more. We can't have it both ways.

Via-Rail as long as it runs. When it stops, I'll find other means. While a few in Maybe, in the months ahead, there'll be sufficient growth here to Sincerely,

I'll continue to use

Dennis McLeod, Albert Street, Stouffville.

Our loss

Dear Mr. Thomas: The proposed cancellation of VIA-Rail on the Toronto-Stouffville line concerns those people who use it consistently.

When the government talks about losses, the total, over a lengthy period of time appears staggering. However, what

transportation service, operated by government, isn't?

I doubt if there's a passenger line anywhere in Canada that pays its way. All or most must be subsidized Third, despite by government at some

Toronto-Stouffville line on a break-even basis the cost per passenger would be prohibitive. If no one could afford to use it, the end result would be the same believe commuter withdrawal of the

How much is VIA-Rail worth to communities like Stouffville, I think the "end of Markham and Unionville? That's what the government must decide, then weigh it against current losses.

At a time when commuter service is being encouraged, it seems strange to me that a cut-back is being

Sincerely, David McIntosh, Rupert Avenue, Stouffville.

Bureaucratic devastation

Once again we must witness the devastation devised by bureaucrats to seemingly justify the existence of their jobs. What possible reasoning could lead to the conclusion that making part of Island Lake into a potential breeding ground for mosquitoes and in the bargain destroying some beautiful trees could ever be worthwhile?

All that would seem to be gained would be to make the road a little more acceptable for speeders by making the curves a little less sharp. This will mean more policing, even more road signs, and the invitation to use more

fuel by encouraging faster driving.

. It seems every year the average citizen sees a little more of the democratic process slipping out of his hands and into the hands of nameless government employees, some of whom often seem to be singularly lacking in

common sense. It would be interesting to see if the people responsible for this decision to spend what is rumoured to be between one quarter and one half a million dollars on this project would make themselves known to the longsuffering tax-payer.

Sincerely, Clarion Baker, RR 2, Stouffville.

The royal wedding was 'sooper-dooper'

and Helen Buckland, Main Street East, aren't usually "on the go" at 4:30 in the morning.

However, July 29 was an exception—the marriage of Prince Charles and Lady Diana, an exceptional event indeed.

Millions watched media of television. However, for Len and Helen it was more than that, much more. For followed as "super-Len, while a Canadian dooper". "Marvellous,"

"and proud of it", is a native of Yorktown, Frimley, a 'borough' twenty-five miles from London. Helen's roots are in New Cross, only seven miles away. They were married in England and came to

Canada in 1943.

"I didn't miss a bit of it-I even watched the re-plays until one o'clock the next mor-ning," Helen said. She described the ceremony and the procession that

said Len, "a real live fairy-tale"

St. Paul's Cathedral is familiar to both. So is the area around. "I know the parade route like the back of my hand," said Len. "It's absolutely the same, nothing's changed, still as beautiful as ever,

Len described the architecture in St. Paul's as "out of this world". Television cameras, he said, brought out the sculpture even better than the

Helen admitted feelings of nostalgia as she re-lived memories of her childhood.

Len said be liked the atmosphere that prevailed. "Everyone seemed so happy—they were thoroughly enjoying themselves", he said. He pointed out that despite the fact millions of people lined, the street; "I never saw a

thing out of place". Len said the ceremony so lifted his spirits, "I walked up to the office and paid the hydro bill and never took my cane".

Editor's Mail

Talenthere

Dear Editor: I was pleased to read in last week's issue of The Tribune that two of our local junior ball players ontario at the Canada Games.
For Randy Underwood and Brad

Steel, this will be an event in their lives they'll never forget. The only thing bothering me is the fact both these boys are playing in Oshawa and not in Stouffville. And the same goes for Jim

Chilvers, now with Agincourt.

Surely, with a nucleos of such top performers, this town could have put together one of the best junior fastball clubs in the province, maybe even good enough to have gone to Thunder Bay.

Stouffville, it seems, has a habit of bringing along good athletes to a certain level, then turning them loose to catch positions elsewhere. Although three

players don't constitute a team, they represent a good start, three boys to build a team around.

In future, I would suggest that Stouffville work a little harder towards keeping its talent in town rather than waving them goodbye at the peak of their athletic

> Sincerely Fred Jensen, RR 3, Stouffville.

Hold-up man held by police

BALLANTRAE - A 23 year old Cedar Valley man has been charged with armed robbery following an alleged hold-up at Alexander's Gas Bar on Hwy. 48 near Ballantrae.

According to police, a' man, identified as Thomas A. Smith, Conc. 7, Whitchurch - Stouffville, approached the station, carrying a crowbar and demanded money from the cash register.

Officers arrived on the scene and took the suspect into custody. A bail hearing was arranged on Monday.



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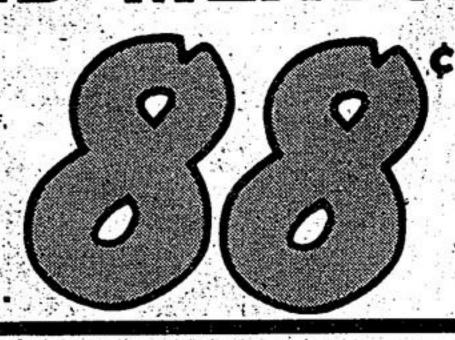


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