

EDITOR'S MAIL

Build-up needed claims reader

Dear Mr. Thomas:
It would appear from the Dec. 23 issue of your newspaper that the much-discussed Dulverton Development is on the verge of going ahead. I hope so for, without it, Stouffville will be denied many of the services we so badly need including an east-west road between the Ninth Line and Hwy. 47.
To members of Council and Plan-

ning Board, my congratulations for your long-suffering patience in dealing with this project. To have this build-up finally come "on stream" is a feather in your caps.

Sincerely,
DEL KIRBY,
Elm Road,
Stouffville.

Library Show

Toys enjoyed

Dear Editor:

I found Mr. Irving's column on the toy show presently at the Whitchurch - Stouffville library very disturbing to say the least. It was not only his negative description of the many wonderful toys, but his assumption that our children were too sophisticated to enjoy them which greatly annoyed me as a parent.

Over three hundred and fifty children attended this show, my own included. For three days, I watched them learn from Paul Simp-

son, as well as enjoy his marvelous toys: To assume the children of today are unable to appreciate the simple things of life is very wrong indeed.

I called The Tribune many times in the hope of inviting Mr. Irving to come and observe the sheer joy of the many local children. Their happy noise and laughter filled, not only the library, but our hearts for hours. In that time, the toys were well used and some were even broken. Paul was in no way disturbed by this as he clearly

believes the purpose of his toys is to be played with and played with they were, believe me.

Perhaps, had Mr. Irving been able to join in the merry bedlam, his opinion may well have changed. I can only hope so, for the sake of the children he misinterpreted, and the kind, gentle toymaker who's work he misjudged.

Yes, Jim Irving, there is a Santa Claus!
Sincerely,
CAROLYN MIDDLETON,
R.R. 2,
Stouffville.

Thanks

Dear Sir:
Just a note to say how much we appreciated the very fine article which you gave us in your issue of Nov. 19, front page, second section.

It was indeed very accurate, and well written, and we are indebted to you for this very timely coverage.

Please accept our thanks for highlighting this news item in such a fine way.

Many thanks and best wishes for the holiday season.

L.C. CULLEN
President
Cullen Gardens
and Miniature
Village,
R.R. 2,
Whitby.

Praise for mayor

Impressed

Dear Editor:

Although the way one votes is his own business, I don't mind admitting that I DIDN'T support Eldred King in the election of 1980. To me, he appeared to be too negative in his thinking - anti-progress, anti-business, anti-growth, anti-recreation, just about anti-everything. He didn't impress me at all.

However, my opinion of the same Mr. King has changed dramatically in the past few months. He seems to be working in the best interests of the ENTIRE

town, in fact, he's shouldered a greater responsibility than should be expected of any politician.

On the basis of what I've observed (and read), if an election was called tomorrow, I'd support Mayor King one hundred per cent. He's become a real leader for Whitchurch - Stouffville, addressing himself to the problems at hand and seeking solutions wherever possible. I'm now very impressed.

Sincerely,
JIM DORAN,
R.R. 3,
Stouffville.

Always friendly

Lady lights up her life

Dear Jim:
Visiting the municipal office isn't always a pleasant experience (paying my taxes, dog licence, etc.), but any grievance I may have in this connection is quickly dispelled by the lady just inside the door.

Because I feel people should know about such persons, I'm asking your paper to pass on my feelings.

This staff employee is Margaret Heard. (I don't know her personally but her nameplate's on the counter). It's a pleasure

to meet her. She's always the same, extremely friendly with a pleasant smile.

It's almost worth the amount of my tax instalment just to be waited on by someone like her. She lights up my life till the next time.

The council knew what it was doing when they hired this lovely lady. If there were a few million more, it would be a much nicer world.

Sincerely,
MRS. IRENE TAYLOR,
Main Street,
Stouffville.

Must co-operate

Questions 'hard line'

Dear Mr. Thomas:
The story related to the delegation's trip to Queen's Park and subsequent discussions with Environment Minister Keith Norton appeared very complete.

I'm wondering, however, if the apparent 'hard line' taken by Mayor Eldred King was the correct approach under the circumstances. Mr. Norton, being human, may well act against the municipality's interests and wishes if nothing more than "to get even".

While environment generally may be "a bungled mess", the situation cannot be laid entirely at Mr. Norton's doorstep. The "mess" has been building up for years.

While I readily appreciate the delegation's concern (they speak for all of us), co-operation rather than confrontation would, in my opinion, be the best route to follow.

Sincerely,
ANGUS KERR,
R.R. 2,
Stouffville.

Plant subsidy

The timing was right

Dear Mr. Thomas:
Councillor Jim Sanders' response to M.P.P. Bill Hodgson's announcement of a \$486,000 grant to the Stouffville sewage plant bewildered me.

Talk about looking a gift horse in the mouth. In my opinion, it would have served Mr. Sanders right if Mr. Hodgson had withdrawn the subsidy right after he announced it.

Sure, the York North Member may have "taken advantage of a situation" but why not? At least, he had several of the Council

present plus the press to make the announcement to. Much better than a letter, I'd say.

Jim Sanders has been around politics long enough to know one acts when the situation presents itself. Undoubtedly, if he'd been in Bill Hodgson's shoes, he'd have done the same. It's a practice called "political expediency".

Sincerely,
DR. CALVIN GREGORY,
R.R. 3,
Newmarket.

Advantage?

Dear Mr. Thomas:
I appreciate Jim Sanders' column. It tends to make politics more personal.

The only problem, as I see it, is the fact it gives Councillor Sanders an advantage when another election rolls

around. The exposure is sure to prove a benefit even though, on occasions, his points of view may be criticized.

Sincerely,
GLENN FERGUSON,
R.R. 2,
Stouffville.

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