

Editor's Mail

Plan what?

Dear Editor:
Councillor Jim Sanders' "state of the union address" concerning the complexities of the recreation centre issue, creates for me some confusion and considerable distress.

I would have thought, after all this time, the planning process would have been completed. It now appears there hasn't been a decision to build let alone what to build.

While I appreciate Jim Sanders' desire to "plan for the future", the Council must decide in the present, if they want to plan anything. Mr Sanders leaves the impression there's no agreement on this score.

I concur with your paper's editorial that Council should "level" with the electorate and let the people know exactly where they stand. I feel a project of this magnitude should have 100 per cent support of our elected representatives.

Sincerely,
Edwin Perkins,
R.R. 3, Stouffville.

Confused

Dear Editor:
Mayor King's comments re a proposed(?) recreation complex for Whitechurch-Stouffville, (Tribune issue-May 25), confused me.

He stated, (according to your story), that Council is reluctant to approve a fund-raising campaign until the Town's Wintario grant application is approved.

Does this mean there'll be no campaign and no complex if the Wintario grant is turned down? It would seem so.

I would suggest a fund-raising campaign be started regardless of Wintario. We'll obviously need the money sometime. The present arena won't last forever.

Roger Pearson,
R.R. 4, Stouffville.

NEWS ITEM: His Eminence Cardinal G. Emmett Carter presided at the ceremony opening the new St. Mark's Church, Stouffville.

... AND WE HAVE A REAL CARDINAL HERE TODAY!

SO WHAT! ... WE'VE GOT A WHOLE FLOCK OF PIGEONS LIVING IN OUR STEEPLE!



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SMILE AWHILE

A city girl goes country

BY AUDREY GREEN

Where to start? That's the first thing that came to mind when Editor Jim Thomas asked me to introduce myself through the media of a personal column.

Well, hello. I'm Audrey, (the one with the big grin in the introductory photo) and I'm the most recent addition to The Tribune's editorial staff. Although I'm new in town, I'm really looking forward to having both the York and Durham Regions as my second home.

As far as my past history goes, I guess you could place it under the classification of ?x%! Seriously folks, I'm not quite that bad.

I spent four years obtaining my education at Humber College and by the time I left it was with an honors diploma in journalism. Let me tell you, I think my parents are still in shock because I was never one for voluntary education.

Much of my journalistic experience has come from working at jobs and internships. These places included—Topic Newsmagazine in Bradford; Coven, Humber College's student journalism newspaper where I tackled the job as managing editor and editor; The Globe and Mail for a one week stint; and last but not least, I've dabbled in some freelance writing for Greenhouse Canada Magazine and The Toronto Star.

As a cub-reporter who's new to the community, I'm sure it will take me a little time to plant my feet firmly in Whitechurch-Stouffville soil and gain my bearings, but I love to learn and meet new people so I'm sure it won't take too long.

I've been assigned to cover the Pickering-Uxbridge areas of Durham Region. Although this will be my main "beat", I'll also be actively involved in happenings in Whitechurch-Stouffville.

Since I was born and raised in Etobicoke and have a city-oriented upbringing, don't be surprised to catch me enjoying the beautiful scenery and taking in the small-town atmosphere. I must admit, the people I've met in my travels since I started working at The Tribune, have been very kind and helpful and I must confess it sure beats the oft-times coldness of the city.

One thing I've noticed, in the short time I've been here, is the town's quaint and elegant appearance at an early hour. This sure helps perk me up since I've never been a "morning person". I've inherited the nightowl syndrome.

Also, please excuse me if I seem a touch limited when it comes to talking or understanding the full terminology and language common to a farming community. It will take me sometime to fully understand the agricultural way of life. Unfortunately, I was brought in concrete surroundings, with subways and patches of green grass sprouting from between the sidewalk cracks.

As a stranger in your midst, I'll definitely try my best to get to know most of you and I really hope most of you will try and get to know me. Actually, I may not be a stranger too much longer because in trying to commute every day to work, it does tend to become a little hectic. Therefore, I may start to look for closer accommodation in the area quite soon.

I would also like to stress the fact that working for a community newspaper is important to me because it deals directly with people and what's happening in their lives.

The people are the ones that make up a community and that's important. I really enjoy the news aspect of a community paper, but what's just as important is what you the people think and what your interests are. I hope you'll give me a call. I'm looking forward to talking and meeting with you personally.

Well, as I said before, I'm not very good at talking about myself, but I'll say this—I'm a fun person, I enjoy life, and I don't bite.

Smile!

Editorials

A new beginning

In recent months, Town Council has come in for considerable criticism, most of it related to the proposed recreation complex. Residents, (at least the residents we've talked to), are looking for visible signs the project is to proceed. They're impatient.

And so are we. However, we don't believe in continually regurgitating the same sodden fodder. For it reaches a point where we're simply repeating that which has been said a dozen times before. Besides, there are occasions when Council accomplishes something worthy of positive comment. That "something" occurred Friday—the long-awaited start on the 575-home Dulverton Development.

While the inauguration of this project was extremely low-key (the mayor, the builder and a back-hoe), the favorable impact this subdivision is bound to have on the community boggles the mind. For, if the five model homes sell (and we believe they'll sell quickly), one hundred more will follow and 470 following that. It's the best thing to happen here in twenty years.

While the negative aspects of this residential build-up will undoubtedly be

The market is right

The infusion of residential corpuscles into the lifestream of anaemic Whitechurch-Stouffville, couldn't have occurred at a more opportune time—for the donor as well as the patient.

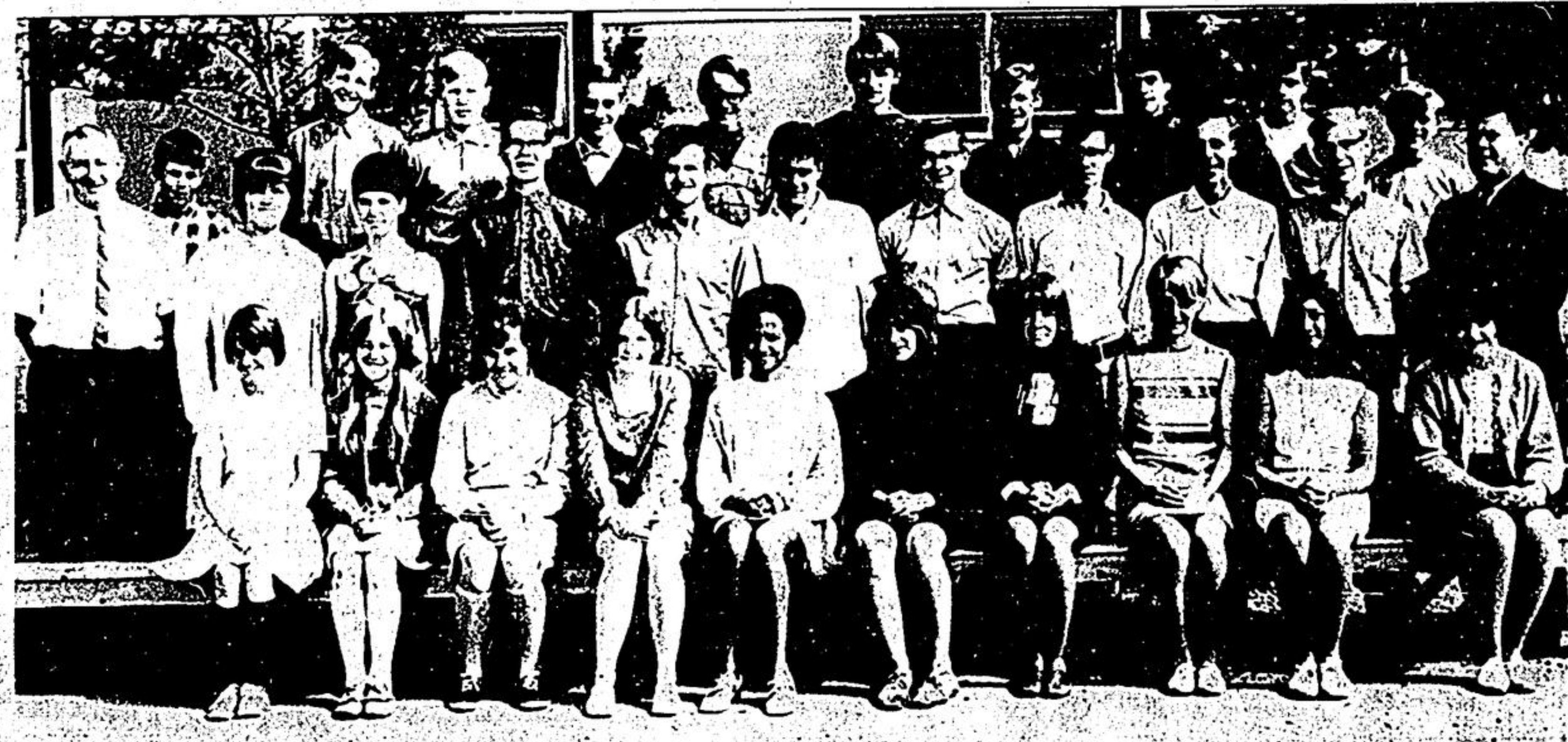
Only the first basement of (hopefully) 575 homes has been excavated, and already we're witnessing a new attitude within the business community here. Where there's life, there's hope.

Also, the sales potential in the real estate market is extremely encouraging. Houses are moving here, at prices much above the range posted on new homes by the builder.

We predict, once the company sales office is opened, would-be owners will be standing in line. Why? Because interest rates are now within reason; the homes are quality constructed and there's no finer place to reside in York Region.

pushed to the limit, the benefits are so absolute, so unlimited, the obstructionists must be ignored. For the good of the Town, that's exactly the tack we intend to take.

To Mayor Eldred King, members of Council past and present and all others involved in this rewarding but complex undertaking, our congratulations. We see the municipality (Stouffville in particular) on the verge of a new era, an era we look forward to with confidence and enthusiasm.



Graduating class at Orchard Park Public School—1967-68

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the opening of Orchard Park Public School in Stouffville. To celebrate the occasion, a reunion of former teachers and students is planned for this fall. Pictured here is the graduating class of

1967-68. Members are: Front Row (left to right)—Linda Miller, Dawn Marie Schell, Sharon Hie, Sheila Macdonald-Ross, Anne Will, Veronica Sprague, Mary-Lou Hall, Debbie Stewart. Sheila Roper, Sharon

Wright. Middle Row (left to right)—Wm. Kingsley (teacher); Deborah Haynes, Janet Wauchope, Allen Harper, Grant Mackenzie, Milton Slaughter, John Smith, James Mumford, Russell Fockler, Dave Taylor,

W.K. Sutherland (principal). Rear Row (left to right)—Geoff Mitchell, Wayne Flynn, Michael Moody, Donald Mills, Paul Rodin, Don Jeffrey, Ted Tindall, Don Roberts, Larry Williams and Bob Topping.