

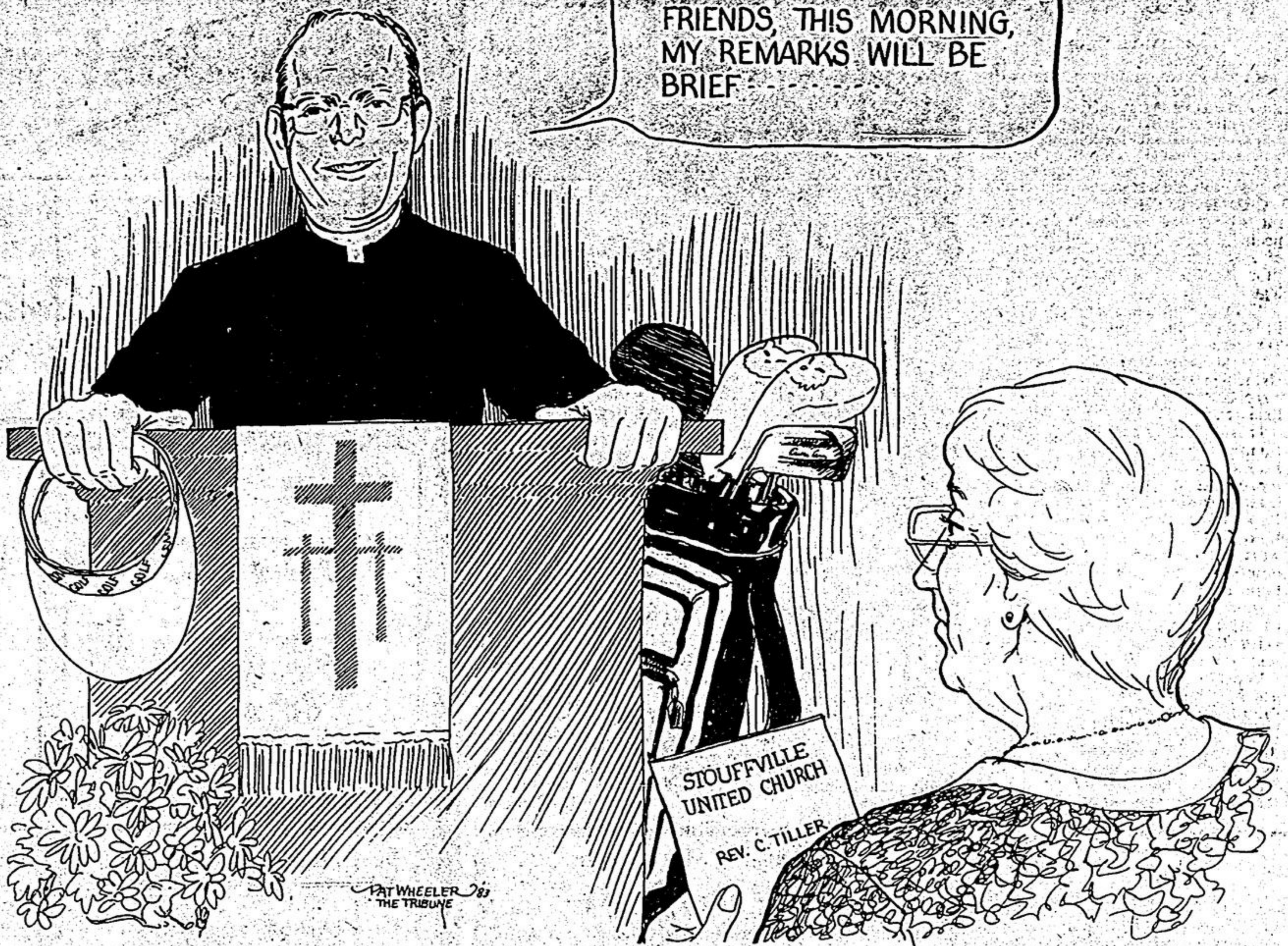
**Editor's Mail**

**Our guests**

Dear Editor:  
I was pleased with the coverage your paper provided the Scouts' visit to Whitchurch-Stouffville from England.  
I was disappointed, however, that nothing was done by our Town in the way of hosting some sort of reception for our guests.  
Aside from efforts put forward by Bob and Eileen Gayton and the presence of Councillor Sainsbury on the Saturday, the municipality virtually ignored this event.  
Although not personally associated with this activity, I feel our lack of "involvement" points to a major failing here. Public relations doesn't appear to hold a very high priority.  
Surely a few sandwiches and a Coke in Latham Hall wouldn't have been too much to expect. We've done it for ball and hockey teams so why not for Scouts?  
Sincerely,  
Helen Fox,  
R.R. 3, Stouffville.

**Thank you**

Dear Editor:  
I received my copy of The Tribune yesterday and was thrilled with the publicity provided the British Scouts' visit to South Lake Simcoe District and Whitchurch-Stouffville.  
I trust someone will take the time to send a few issues of your paper "back home" so the boys (and girls') parents will discover how much we appreciated their presence here.  
Thanks for providing the event the coverage it deserved.  
Sincerely,  
Joyce Burden,  
R.R. 1, Cedar Valley.



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**SMILE AWHILE**  
**Drivers of small cars have rights too**  
BY AUDREY GREEN

**ATTENTION!** all small car drivers. It's time we stand up for our rights once and for all.  
As a small car owner myself I find it downright rude of larger vehicles, such as those gas-guzzling eight cylinder monsters and gargantuan trucks, to try and bully me off the road just because they might travel at a faster pace or are five times the size.  
Tough bananas! Small car drivers have just as much right to travel the highways and the byways as anyone else. Since I'm trying to be a smart consumer by owning a four-cylinder car to help with the so-call gas shortage and pollution problems I think I should be praised for my act of bravery.  
Driving becomes like a battle field when you're thrown into some of those rush-hour traffic jams with a bunch of clogs at the wheels. It's definitely insane, but what other choice do you have?  
Don't get me wrong, there are crazy small car drivers also, but I haven't had as many cross my path and create as much havoc as the larger bullies.  
It amazes me, especially when travelling on the highway, to see the habits of those drivers in the big push expensive cars who sit nuzzled deep in a plush seat with their head tilted back and arm hanging out the window. It's almost like "see world, look at me." As they drive along looking as if they own the world, they sometimes have a sudden urge to make a lane change.  
When I took a safe driving education course I was also taught to check my blind spots before changing lanes, but many large car drivers have the most demented way of doing so. Instead of moving their head, which is perched so cozy on the head rest, they just glance into the mirror and zoom across each lane.  
Believe me, it's not a pleasant feeling when you're just about forced into the guard-rail or off on the shoulder of the road because they don't see you. My car may be small, but it does exist.  
There's also nothing more irritating than to be driving along on a major highway at 100 km just minding your own business when suddenly out of the blue roars a large Oldsmobile or Cadillac bussing along at a minimum of 150 km.  
At these supersonic speeds they have no hesitation to pass from behind within a hair length which can certainly cause the poor driver in the small car to go into cardiac arrest.  
It's times like these when I wish I could calmly press a little button on the dash board and have a sub-machine gun pop out from the hood and flatten all four tires of the passing vehicle. Unfortunately, that's not possible, but the next best thing is — the Trudeau salute.  
I swear some drivers must take courses like Learning To Drive The Indie 500 Way, Bozo Driving School, Lunatic Haven, or Wacky Driving In 10 Easy Lessons.  
Aside from the cars there are those huge transport trucks which tend to send shivers up my spine just thinking about them. They are often the worst because of their massive size and the ability they have to practically scare you to death.  
Many truck drivers have the habit of waiting to plan their attack from behind when the small car driver is most unsuspecting. The worst time is at night when all is dark and they suddenly attack like big monsters from outer-space. Darkness is all you see out of the rear-view mirror, but within seconds there are two headlights so close behind you could swear they're in your backseat.  
Some truck drivers just don't have the courtesy to leave you in peace because if you don't move when they want you to then they tend to ride on you back bumper in the hopes of bulldozing you off the road.



**Orchard Park graduating class—1970-71**  
This year marks the 25th anniversary of the opening of Orchard Park School, Stouffville. To celebrate the occasion, a reunion is planned this fall. Pictured here is a graduating class of 1970-71. Members are: Front Row (left to right)—Joyce Huisman, Renee Cairns, Julie Murray, Gayle Lewis, Sherri Eby, Debbie Holder, Sandra Melhuish, Linda White. Second Row (left to right)—Glen Gibson, Marc Dixon, Greg Spence, Kenneth Carlin, Ray Driscoll, Danny Hutchinson, Duncan Manser, Wayne Holden, Brian Fockler, Ed Macdonald (teacher). Third Row (left to right)—Cheryl Tyson, Beth Ryckman, Juliet Frenchman, Lise Struwing, Beverley Jones, Dana Turner, Gayle Fellows, Dale Gibson, Cindy Minton. Rear Row (left to right)—Jim Elson, Lowell Wideman, Michael Pope, Gregory Lewis, Clark Work, Michael Reman, Grant Ewen, Ernie Darl, Gary Mathews.

**Editorials**  
**Health is top priority**

Is there a pollution problem at the man-made lake in the Bruce's Mill Conservation Area?  
One way there is. The next day there isn't. The public's confused.  
When this newspaper spoke with Land Management Division administrator Paul Flood, July 21, (about another matter), he offered us the information concerning bacteria build-up at Bruce's Mill. He was straight-forward and honest, wanting users of the park to understand that while the site would be open, the swim area would not. He explained that weeks of dry weather was responsible, that the flow-through of water was not sufficient to meet public health standards.  
This was understandable. Bruce's Mill wasn't the only Conservation Area affected. A heavy rain, Mr. Flood said,

**A summer community**

The Stouffville business community is often unmindful of what's taking place outside village boundaries due to the fact their livelihood is dependent solely on cash customers that walk through their doors.  
We would suggest they take a long hard look at from whence, (during the summer months), many of these cash customers originate.  
While they're not wearing name tags, we know from talking with them here and visiting with them there, the majority are residents of the more than 500 trailer sites at Musselman's Lake.  
Every summer, a veritable village is born at Cedar Beach. This migration of families, from all areas of Ontario and the United States, creates a compact community unequalled in the area.  
Many are permanent. They've been spending their summers at the Lake since the camp was first established back in 1963; and they love it.  
Some are first-timers. They also love it, and they'll be back. They're blunt about saying so. It's close to entertainment in Toronto and close to shopping in Stouffville. "We couldn't want for more," one father of three told The Tribune, Saturday. He and his family are from Long Island, New York.  
Thousands of visitors pass through town on the way to the Sales Barn (Flea Market) every Saturday. Thousands more "camp" on our doorstep (Cedar Beach) every summer. Unfortunately, we can't see the forest for the trees.

**Need Town planner**

Whitchurch-Stouffville will add a professional planner to its municipal staff—a good move.  
It's a sign that "we're growing up", indeed, that "we've come of age".  
While changes in the Provincial Planning Act have forced Council to make the switch, we feel the switch was needed regardless.  
Not that "outside" planners weren't doing a satisfactory job; they probably were. But planning is such an important aspect of a Town's operation, we feel the municipality requires someone "who's on top of things" one hundred per cent of the time and not just when the service is needed.  
On occasions, we've felt decisions could have been made locally that were almost automatically shifted to a consultant "for a report and recommendations". Whether members wished a professional opinion or were afraid to bite the bullet, is a matter of opinion. Regardless, such procedures will now cease. Decisions will be made "at home" with recommendations coming from an individual who'll be acquainted with both sides of the story.  
While costs will undoubtedly increase, (they always do), the extra expense should prove worthwhile.  
Whitchurch-Stouffville is the last municipality in the Region of York to place a planner on permanent staff. This too tells us something—that eight other municipalities can't be wrong.