

**Editor's Mail**

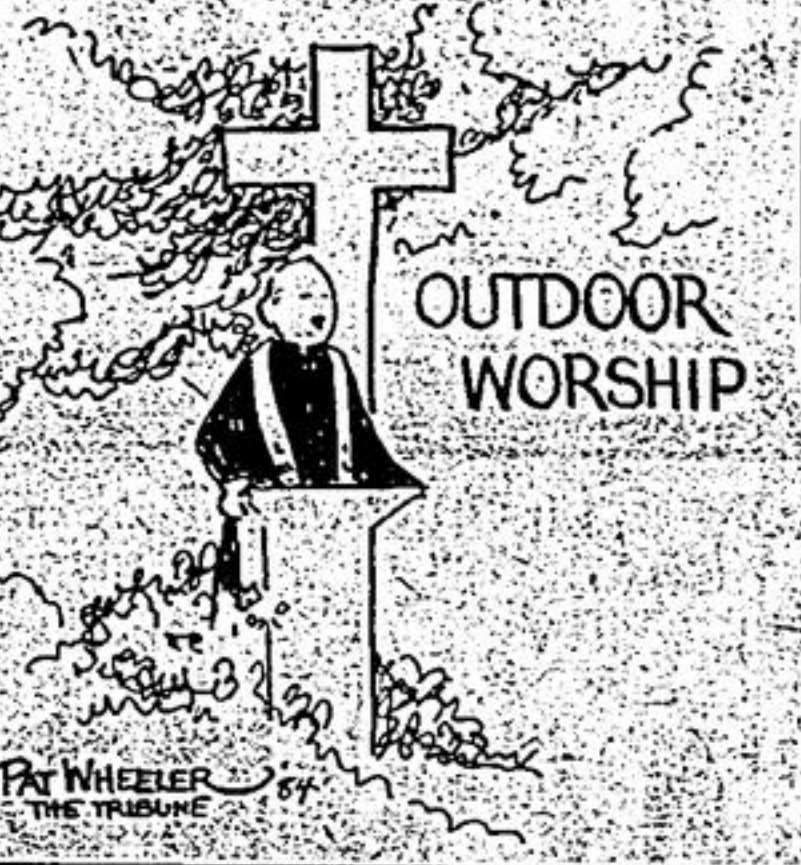
**Unsafe**

Dear Editor:  
I'm writing with regard to an article in The Tribune's June 20 edition under the heading "Lighting Poor".  
I'd like someone to explain what has to be done to improve the lighting in the area of the parkette at Rupert Avenue and Westlawn Crescent, in fact the area of Rupert Avenue and Westlawn Crescent in general.  
I am a sixteen-year-old girl and work in downtown Stouffville, often as late as 9:30 p.m.  
I must walk home and am terrified. I'm not the only girl who must travel this route after dark.  
Often, I see young men sitting in the park, drinking beer. One never knows what terrible things could happen. It could cost someone their life.  
Sincerely,  
A Concerned Teen,  
Name withheld upon request

**Lop-sided**

To The Editor:  
I'm in agreement with the Business Improvement Area board with regard to inadequate lighting on Stouffville's Main Street.  
I can recall when the lighting was upgraded on the south side of Main but the project was never completed.  
While globe lights are attractive, by installing them on the north side of Main, the downtown will again appear lop-sided. Better, I feel, for the B.I.A. to consider a complete illumination program rather than doing it piece-meal.  
Sincerely,  
Fred Perkins,  
North Street,  
Stouffville

**DUNK TANK**



**CANADA DAY - BICENTENNIAL WEEKEND**

JUNE 28 - JULY 1

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANADA**

FROM: WHITCHURCH - STOUFFVILLE

**BIKE-TRYKE DECORATING CONTEST**



**PIE EATING CONTEST**



**ROAMING AROUND**

**A party-pooper--almost**

BY JIM THOMAS



I'd planned to play hooky from church, Sunday. I had a good excuse. Rev. Bob Flemming of Springvale Baptist had called Friday, and while he didn't talk to me personally, he left a note.  
The occasion was a sod-turning ceremony for a building project, an important event in the life of the Springvale congregation. He considered it worthy of my attendance, and noted that the presence of my camera would also be appreciated. The stipulated time was 11:45 a.m.

For the life of me, I couldn't figure out what was going on, but the look of pleading on her face made even a pre-arranged sod-turning suddenly seem trivial. I agreed to seek out the services of an substitute and return to my proper place in the pew.

The presentation of corsages by two lovely young ladies was only the start. A reception followed, complete with anniversary cake, cards and gift—a silver serving dish.

Such activities, on a Sunday morning, are embarrassing. I never know quite what to do.  
Two choices are available—skip worship at my own church entirely or worse, walk out in the middle of the sermon. Either way, people are sure to wonder.  
If I don't show up, they'll think I'm sick—or slept in. If I escape from the sanctuary in the middle of the message, they'll think I'm angry with something the minister's said. Either way, it prompts questions.  
The lesser of two evils, I find, is not to attend at all. Then, folks can think what they like.  
That was my decision last Sabbath, not to attend at all.  
But it wasn't to be.  
At the moment of my departure, (after delivering my wife and family), daughter Susan came running to the curb. "Where are you going?" she asked, tears welling up in her eyes.  
"To Springvale Baptist Church," I answered.  
"What's so important there?" she responded.  
"A sod-turning," I replied.  
"But you can't," she sobbed, "you're needed here—this is important too."

And I'm glad I did for, if I hadn't, the bands of a pending divorce action would probably have been read from the pulpit.

I was dumbfounded. Jean was too.

Yes, the day was OUR day, an occasion the congregation had set aside to honor Jean and myself on our 25th wedding anniversary—the best kept secret in Stouffville.

The speakers said all kinds of nice things about Jean and even found it in their hearts to say a couple of nice things about me; generous folks these Presbyterians.

While it was an occasion we didn't expect, it was an occasion we'll never forget.

**Education equality**

By Bill Hodgson  
M.P.P. York North

Premier Davis' precedent-setting announcement of provincial government support for Roman Catholic high schools has changed the way Ontario deals with public education. Many will be wondering if similar support will be available to schools operated by other denominations.  
Recognizing the contribution independent schools in elementary and secondary education bring to the province, Queen's Park has set up a Commission to look at the role and status of these schools in light of the changed position of the separate school system.  
This Commission will document and comment on the contribution these schools bring to education in our province. It will also look at possible

alternative forms of governing these schools, and make appropriate recommendations.  
Finally, the Commission will assess whether public funding will be desirable for independent schools, considering their goals and the nature of their independence.  
This new Commission will be expected to complete its findings by May of next year, with responses to this report concluded by January 1986.  
The Premier's historic decision to bring full provincial funding to the Roman Catholic school system is an important milestone in the history of education in our province.  
A new sense of unity will be introduced to education in our province. I look forward to a harmonious partnership between Public and Roman Catholic systems.

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**Editorials**

**Comments too negative**

**Opponents of arena must offer alternatives**

Whitchurch-Stouffville's long anticipated Wintario Grant has been approved, and for the amount requested—\$474,800.00.  
This is the 'shot in the arm' the Rec. Centre project required, and while assurance of construction isn't guaranteed, we have every confidence a satisfactory price will soon be finalized.  
Opposition to the Complex, voiced by many rural area residents, is distressing. It's being felt by Council, particularly member representatives in Wards 1 and 2. While this attitude may change with receipt of Wintario, the resistance appears strong. But what are the alternatives? Does our Town not require something better than the thirty-five year old 'barn' that only poses as an arena and has long outlived its day? Does our Town not require an indoor pool, a fitness centre and squash courts? Or must we go on living off the avails of recreation facilities provided by Uxbridge, Markham, Aurora and Newmarket?

Rather than continually criticize the proposed Rec. Centre project, the Ratepayers' Association should offer something in its place, put up or shut up as the saying goes.  
Town Council, in our opinion, has worked long and hard on this proposal. So also has the Co-ordination Committee. No one's to blame for delays. A project of this magnitude requires patience.  
Once the inflated bids are reduced to a level Whitchurch-Stouffville can afford, a contract will be signed and construction will begin. Mayor Eldred King is hopeful of a mid-September start. We hope he's right.

**Weekend of activity**

This weekend, weather permitting, will be the Town's busiest.  
A program of events, beginning with the Miss Whitchurch-Stouffville Pageant, Thursday, and concluding with a display of fireworks, Sunday, should attract thousands of spectators to the High School, Latcham Hall, the Pool and the Park, the Museum and the Library wherever activities are going scheduled.  
The two-fold Canada Day Bicentennial Celebration, under the chairmanship of Councillor Tom Wood, is planned solely for people. If people fail to participate, then the work of the committee goes down the drain.  
We feel events of this kind are good for the community. It makes the Town come alive.  
We hope to see lots of 'life' in Whitchurch-Stouffville this weekend. A lengthy program has been organized. All that's needed now is support.



**Sunday School picnic, Baker Hill Baptist Church-1932**

Back in 1932, Baker Hill Baptist Church held its annual Sunday School picnic and someone brought a camera to record this picture for posterity. Many of the names, if not the faces, are familiar. From left to right are:  
FRONT ROW: Alan Baker, George Gibner, Philip Fockler, Bruce Stevens, Gladys Harman, Muriel Harman, Nora Harman, (unknown), Florence Gilbert, Mary Baker, Elaine Baker, (unknown), Marion Gilbert, Doris Gilbert, Delbert Gilbert, Roy Fockler, Clarion Baker, Ted Stevens, Ross Gilbert. SECOND ROW: Mrs Fred Mortson, Lorne Mortson, Blanche Mortson, Flossie Harman, Jean Harman, Betty Harman, Gerlie Simpson, Baby Herberta Simpson, Harry Allen, Abner Baker, Esther Baker, Seneca Baker, Annie Baker, Tillie Barnes, Herb Barnes, Melinda Fockler, Morgan Baker, Laura Cook, Violet Simpson. THIRD ROW: Margaret Simpson, Zillah Cook, Eugene Baker, Flora Baker, Alma Baker Jr., Dina Baker, Rev. Arthur Lee, Alma Baker Sr., Gertrude Baker, Doris Baker, Mrs Albert Baker, Fred Gibner, Norman Fockler, Edwin Fockler, Harold Gilbert, Bruce Baker. REAR ROW: Graham Reeve, Owen Jones, Jake Baker, Bill Gordon, Merlyn Baker, Roy Davis.