

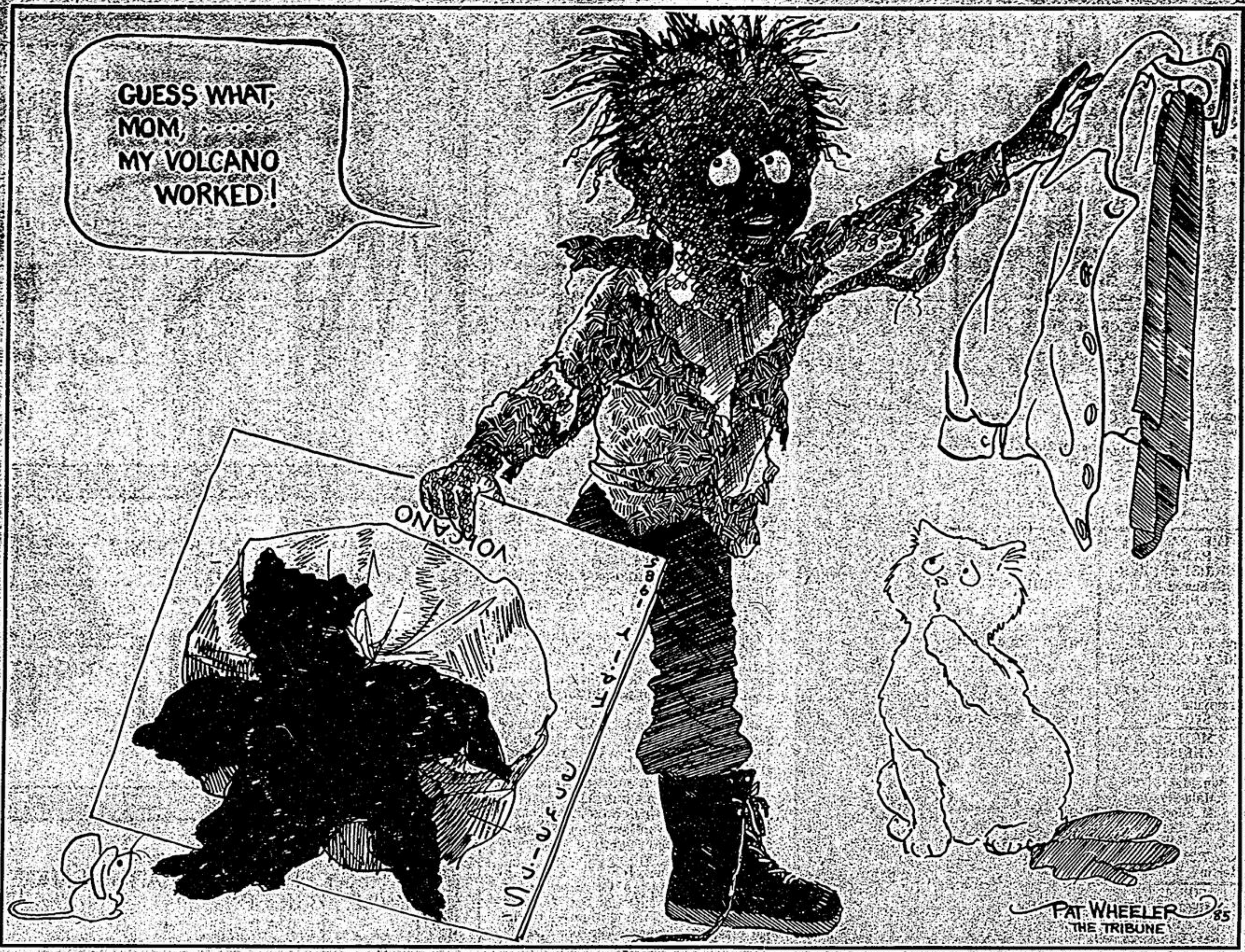
Editor's Mail

Protest

Dear Editor:
I join with other complainants in protesting your paper's coverage of a court case involving two Uxbridge men and a Toronto prostitute.
The girl admitted she was a street-walker; seemed almost proud of the fact. Does your media have to lower itself to that level?
We moved from 'sin city' to Whitchurch-Stouffville, to get away from this sort of thing. It seems to be following us.
It may be news here, if a prostitute is beaten up. In Toronto, it's not. It probably happens every night. No one cares and no one cares to read about it—not in Toronto and not in Whitchurch-Stouffville.
I like to think people here are a little more 'high society' than that. If we want to wallow in the gutter we'll go back to the inner-city where gutter-wallowing is commonplace.
Sincerely,
Dorothy Langelle,
Ballantrae

Approve

Dear Editor:
Despite opposition, I was pleased to see York Region Board of Education recommend Edward Street NOT be made a through road past the High School.
I see the school as part of the recreation complex. This was one of the reasons this particular site was selected in the first place—its proximity to S.D.S.S.
To allow traffic in this location would ruin the entire concept. Far better to make the decision now than try and correct the mistake later on.
Sincerely,
Blake Johnson,
Harold Street,
Stouffville



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WINDOW ON WILDLIFE

A munching monster

BY ART BRIGGS-JUDE

They resembled small pieces of buff-colored foam or shreds of chamois pressed in the bark crevices of a medium-sized oak. A closer look revealed an equal number of reddish-brown pupae casings on the same tree trunk.
The infestation was as heavy as an outbreak of tent caterpillars, without a canopy. My curiosity was at once aroused, as I had never before noticed such an occurrence. Carefully cutting away a few samples, I planned on taking them to the Ministry of Natural Resources office to have them identified. But that was in December and other priorities dictated they stay in their small plastic bag until last week.
At that time, I presented the bag of bugs to officials at an open meeting held at Sharbot-Lake. It was a public consultation gathering set up by the Ministry to explain a proposed spraying program in three nearby provincial parks. The reason for instigating this spraying was an attempt to reduce the spread of the alien Gypsy moth within these high value recreation areas. It was little consolation to find out our samples were indeed those of that same destructive forest pest, a moth so named because of its habit of hitching a ride to move across the country.
Like many introduced species, the Gypsy moth came to North America for a reason. Unrealistic by today's standards, the reasoning seemed sound at the time. Who, for example, could have foreseen the ongoing destruction this medium-sized moth would perpetrate on our forest canopy. Tracts as large as 90,000 acres, defoliated right down to the ferns on the forest floor, normally August green landscapes, ravaged to look like the bare limbs of December. Thus, the Boston importer who, in 1869, hoped to create a new silk worm industry, spawned instead a munching monster, capable of devouring a square foot of leaves every twenty-four hours.
However, the exploding Gypsy moth population did far more than mar the seasonal appearance of the woodlands. Successive infestations, with their resultant defoliation, caused significant tree mortality, if not by the moth itself, then from other insects and disease that attacked the weakened timber. And while some southern woodlands have the capabilities of recovering from this pest, eastern Ontario's forests are battling for survival.
Actually, hardier and more vigorous strains of the Gypsy moth have been gradually moving into our province since their discovery in southern Quebec in 1925. This pest now infests eastern Ontario as far west as Port Hope and includes the Ottawa Valley north and beyond Renfrew. A significant increase in both area affected and damage intensity was noted in the Ministry's eastern region in 1982. In one season, the infested area rose from 9,884 acres to approximately 98,840 acres. By 1984, that affected area had mushroomed to total 197,680 acres, a 20-fold increase. With the potential to destroy some of Ontario's finest forests, including slow growing oak, it's little wonder Natural Resources, Agriculture Canada and the Canadian Forestry Service are keeping a wary eye on the situation. Better than that, they are combining expertise to try and slow down this voracious forest pest. A new non-toxic biological spray called Bt will be used.
From the mood of the meeting I attended, the Bt spray program is receiving almost unanimous support. The only dissenters are several private landowners outside the test area who want their properties covered along with Frontenac, Sharbot Lake and Silver Lake Provincial Parks. The ultimate ironic twist in the whole Gypsy moth saga is the fact the house sparrow was introduced a few years later to control these hordes of insect pests. Only the bluebirds can tell you the disaster of that avian effort.

Editorials
Can fight city hall

You can't fight city hall.
How often have you heard that said? And how often has the saying been wrong?
People are fighting city hall continuously—and winning, too. There's strength in numbers, often too much strength. Politicians tend to weaken when opposition appears strong; sometimes with detrimental results.
Not so, however, with respect to area relocation for Dickson's Hill School. Unless the Board of Education ruled otherwise, (Monday) Dickson's Hill will remain in Area 2, (Whitchurch-Stouffville) rather than go to Area 4 (Markham-Unionville), as was initially intended.
The shift was almost a foregone conclusion. We're certain Dr. Peter Ross, Supt. of Schools, Area 4, anticipated no

strong opposition. And this was understandable. To him, sitting on the pressure side of the fence, the move made sense. Even Whitchurch-Stouffville trustee Harry Bowes saw no reason to argue against it.
But many parents viewed the situation differently, not so much as to what might happen but how it might happen. They wanted to be asked rather than told. When they weren't, they objected.
If the Board approves the committee recommendation and allows Dickson's Hill to become a two-track school (French Immersion and English speaking), yet remain in Area 2, both sides will have been served. No one could want for a more compatible solution. And to think, it all came about because a handful of parents decided to ask questions.
Can't fight city hall?
Don't you believe it.

Support H.S. variety show

Variety Show '85 goes on stage at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, Thursday (to-morrow) night, and continues Friday and Saturday.
It's a total school production, involving close to 100 students and several teachers. The community has come to regard it as a mini Music Mania. Audience support has been excellent.
And rightly so. For the student talent is also excellent. The challenge is in putting it all together. This Charmaine Lintner and Leslie Stronach have obviously done. They feel confident that, come curtain time, everything will be ready.
For S.D.S.S., this an excellent form of community outreach. For it reaches out to those having no direct connection with the school, as well as parents of participants. With this kind of combination, success is assured.
Make Variety Show '85 a must this week on your entertainment calendar.

Editor's Mail
Rural school days --many memories

Dear Editor:
I enjoy reading about bygone days at Garibaldi Public School, (S.S. No. 9), Uxbridge Township, and the memories the stories recall.

I remember the old one-room wooden school there. It was painted grey as was the woodshed.
The school was heated by a round furnace that burned wood. On real cold days, the teacher and pupils seated close to it, would be nearly roasted while those in the far corners of the room were not very warm at all.
It was the caretaker's job, (Mr. Tindall), to go early on cold mornings and start the fire, also see that the box was full of wood. Sometimes this wasn't enough and the older boys would have to bring in more.
In late winter, loads of wood were brought to the school and left in a large pile behind the shed. When the weather was more favorable, it would be put inside. During Arbor Day, the chips, bark and sawdust were raked as part of the clean-up job.
There was no well at the school then, so the older boys and girls (in pairs) would take turns going to the closest neighbors for large pails of drinking water at noon or recess.
Several children lived on the townline between Uxbridge and Whitchurch. They had long, cold walks in the winter across the fields. When the weather was really bad, one of the fathers would take a team and sleigh, filled with straw and lots of heavy blankets, and pick up the children; also take them home. I was one of those children. I lived at Gravel Hill.
During the summer, we still walked through the fields, with our neighbors' permission. We followed a path so as not to destroy their crops.
It is in recalling the past, we realize how fortunate we are today. At the same time, we appreciate the education we received from teachers in charge of eight grades in a single classroom.
Sincerely,
Mrs Irene (Storry) Pattenden,
Newmarket.



Garibaldi Public School, (S.S. No. 9), Uxbridge Twp.—1922

On Sat., May 11, former teachers and students of Garibaldi Public School, (S.S. No. 9), Uxbridge Township, will gather for a reunion in the Goodwood Community Hall. This photo flash-back is to the year, 1922. The names follow: Front Row, (left to right) Douglas Bacon, Donald Bacon, Howard Haynes, Walter Hope, Stanley Irwin, Howard Storry, Delbert Booth, Ivan Mairs, Second Row, (left to right) Lorne Tindall, Evelyn Paisley, Gertrude Morgason, Kate Van Horne, Hazel Bacon, Ruth Hope, Gladys Wagg, Jean Mairs, Irene Storry, Emily Macdonald, Third Row, (left to right) Wilbert Irwin, Bert Paisley, Morley Haynes, Velma Helmkey, Margaret Paisley, Etelle Helmkey, Miss Kerr (teacher), Vera Tindall, Bertha Bacon, Jean Downswell, Alice Bacon, George Hammond, Rear Row, (left to right) J. Tindall, Harry Hope, Earl Tindall, R. Hope and Ed Haynes, trustees.
—Photo courtesy Irene (Storry) Pattenden

Letters
The Tribune continues to receive letters, some of them critical, some of them complimentary—and some of them unsigned.
We will publish unsigned correspondence only if the writer's identity is known to the editor. We ask that you respect this policy, otherwise you're only wasting your time and ours.