

Editor's Mail Extremes

Dear Editor:
Our Town Council is obviously in a severe financial bind. On one hand, residents now living here are demanding certain services—a new arena, soccer fields, improved sidewalks and roads. On the other, sewerage and water limitations place a restriction on urban (Stouffville) growth.

Appreciating this, taxpayers, (myself included), are undoubtedly wondering how Council can go out and hire a chief administrative officer at a salary of \$45,000. It indicates a policy of extremes, restraint on one side and waste on the other.

Surely, out of the several department heads on staff, one could have been selected, (for an extra \$5,000), to take on this responsibility. Or why not pay our mayor a 'living wage' and let him assume control?

Something is seriously wrong if a high-profile 'outsider' must be parachuted into Whitchurch-Stouffville to, in Mayor Wood's words, "clean house."

In short, a resent my tax dollars being spent in this fashion:
Arthur Brennan,
R.R. 1, Gormley

A benefit

Dear Editor:
Yours was the only newspaper in Ontario, (I believe), that didn't continually cry the blues concerning the recent beer strike. One would have that our very existence depended on it.

As far as was concerned, the Brewers' Retail Stores could have stayed closed forever. This was one strike where the people benefited.

Sincerely,
Dale Harrison,
Stouffville



Super Strawberry theme selected for festival week



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Editorials

'Citizen of the Year'

Again in 1985, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will honor its 'Citizen of the Year.'

Since 1980, The Tribune has been pleased to sponsor this event, in co-operation with the municipality, thirteen service clubs and organizations, the Region of York, and the Provincial and Federal Governments.

The ceremony is planned for Thursday, June 20 at the High School. It's one of many activities set for Strawberry Festival Week, June 20 to July 1.

In past years, the assistance by you, the people, has been tremendous. And we're calling on your help again—to submit the names of Whitchurch-Stouffville residents who, you feel, are deserving of recognition.

There are dozens whose contributions, past and present, are worthy of acclaim. You have indicated this. Unfortunately, only one can be selected. This is the duty

It is best to rebuild

The century-old building on Stouffville's Main Street, commonly referred to as the Sanders' Block, will be demolished. Main reason is said to be withdrawal of a provincial Heritage Grant that would have subsidized renovation costs.

With or without the grant, we see the cost of refurbishing this structure as prohibitive. The building is only a shell and not a sturdy shell at that. Time and tide have taken their toll.

Already, owner John Baird has expended hundreds of dollars on the interior, and what has he left? Exactly what he started with as far as visual appearance is concerned—a decrepid old building that would require thousands upon thousands of additional dollars to repair. It's not worth it.

While there are those who will decry the decision to tear the structure down, it is not their money that would be invested. John Baird does not profess to be the savior of Stouffville's downtown. He must first think of himself.

We predict the end result of this project will be something far superior to the original proposal, and perhaps even at less cost.

Through proper architectural design, the past can be relived in the present and the future. In this instance, however, first must come the bulldozer so rebuilding plans can start from scratch.

of the selection committee, and it's a very difficult task.

Each year, however, one name has come to the fore—Jim Rehill, (1980); Wayne Feasby, (1981); Fran Sainsbury, (1982); Dr. John Button, (1983) and Joyce Rowley, (1984). Who will it be in 1985? That decision rests with the committee and YOU.

Indicative of the interest in this event is the fact that although the occasion is still more than nine weeks away, recommendations are already coming in. This we appreciate and encourage.



YOUR TIME

'Mother on strike!'

BY MARGARET FOTH

"Mother on Strike!" One woman chose this way to convince her children each had a part in making their house a home! thus surviving the juggling act of combining career with family.

"Going on strike" was a dramatic statement of feeling. I guess every mother has shared at some point. I know there were many times I felt the wheels wouldn't turn at our place unless I personally took responsibility. Who else would make sure the towels were clean and the soap dishes stocked and the sheets changed and the refrigerator cleaned? Who would keep track of library books and doctor's appointments and three meals a day if I didn't?

One important step for me was to see our family as a co-operative venture—parents and children in this together. We all benefitted from the additional income I earned, and we needed to share responsibilities.

Working out this new vision was never simple. We talked things over, set up schedules and assigned tasks. We hauled over who had the toughest jobs and who had more than their share. Some of our work was finished and some of it was forgotten. When I felt pooped, I asked for help and things went better.

The Canadian family has undergone radical changes in recent decades. In families with children under six, one mother in three holds a job outside the home. In families with older children, almost two out of three hold jobs outside the home. The two basic reasons are financial need and personal satisfaction.

This change has occurred so quickly most parents must learn new ways of thinking of themselves and how to divide the responsibilities or parenting and making a home.

Maureen teaches school as well as being a wife and mother of four. She says they must all leave the house by eight each weekday morning. She loves her work, but she also fights exhaustion—as when she faces a sink full of breakfast dishes, with no idea with what to start for dinner, and watches her youngest come into the kitchen fresh from a session of making mud pies!

In spite of the tiredness and the frustration, she says she enjoys teaching and certainly wouldn't give up mothering either.

Maureen discovered three guidelines extremely helpful. First, do what matters. For her, what matters most is having a home atmosphere that's peaceful and loving. "Home must not be a tense and hurried place. I am by nature impatient and prompt. It's all too easy for me to rush meals, push my little people around and have us all in tears." Since she recognized her tendency, she made the conscious choice to have the evening meal as a good family time. She said she cooked simply, but wanted nourishing and tasty food they could enjoy eating together. And they also chose to try to keep the time relaxed—time to hear about each other's day.

But the basic concern of many parents trying to juggle career and family boils down to concerns about the children.

"Will daycare hurt our child? Will there be psychological damage?"

Melodie Davis is a friend and co-worker who has authored the book "Working, Mothering and Other Minor Dilemmas." She said one day she was a little unnerved when she put her 10-month-old daughter on the living room floor at the babysitter's house. Michelle crawled immediately to her favorite playmate—the babysitter's eleven-year-old son, and pulled at his leg's saying, "Ma Ma." But it was only momentary as she knew that her daughter really turned to her with joy every afternoon.

Perhaps the question should not be "Will daycare hurt my child," but "How do I feel about our situation?" If a mother feels good about who she is, her children, and what she's doing, then the environment is conducive to growing happy, well-adjusted children whether working outside the home or not.

The point is, each mother and her needs is different. And I'm glad we live in a time when women can make choices which meet their individual needs. A family must work out their values and tasks and goals together.

Editor's Mail Support

Dear Mr. Thomas:
I was pleased to read in the March 10 Tribune that our Fire Department in Stouffville has adopted the furnishing of a room in the new Markham-Stouffville Hospital as a volunteer project.

This is commendable. In addition to saving lives 'on the job', these men are interested in saving lives 'off the job' as well. Indirectly, through the raising of \$5,000, they will be doing just that.

Through your newspaper, I urge everyone in the community to support each of the events the firefighters has in mind including the Car Wash this Saturday, April 20.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Carlin,
Stuart Street,
Stouffville

Exciting

Dear Editor:
Whitchurch-Stouffville is coming 'alive'! I see the signs every time I pick up a copy of your newspaper. It's exciting.

What prompted me to write is the news that Stouffville is likely to have an indoor mall.

This is the best of all good things that are happening here.

While I hate to say it, 'outdoor' shopping plazas are as dead as the Do-Do bird. We Canadians can endure playing and even working in the cold, the wet and the snow, but not shopping in it. That's why one sees so many Stouffville people at Markville; it's convenient and comfortable.

I hope the indoor mall plan proceeds. It's another positive step for our town.

Sincerely,
Patricia (Pat) Hunter,
Hemlock Drive,
Stouffville



Garibaldi Public School, (S.S. 9, Uxbridge Twp.), 1944

On Sat., May 11, former teachers and students of Garibaldi Public School, (S.S. No. 9, Uxbridge Twp.), will hold a reunion in the Goodwood Community Centre. This photo dates back to 1944. The pupils and teacher are: Front Row, (left to right) Jean McGuckin, Helen Tindall, Eleanor McGuckin, Elva Yakeley, Jim

Hewlett, Garnet Bacon, George McDonald, Dick Taylor, Norman Yakeley, Rear Row, (left to right) Clare McGuckin, Billy McGuckin, Jim Bagg, Bill Hoffman, Bill Hewlett, Alice McGaw, (teacher), Evelyn Bacon, (unknown), Joyce Forsyth.