

### Editor's Mail Thank you

Dear Jim:  
The Garibaldi School Reunion was a great success. We had more former pupils attend than we had ever anticipated when we started to plan the event.  
Much of the credit for the good response must go to The Tribune. The space you provided for school photos; articles by former teachers and pupils; the interviews you conducted and the articles you yourself wrote, all helped to build a wave of nostalgia and warm memories that peaked May 11.  
You've proven once again what an integral part of a community is a lively, in-touch newspaper.  
Thanks for your support.  
Sincerely,  
Barbara (Hewlett) Pratt,  
Reunion Committee secretary

### Gasping

Dear Mr Thomas:  
This is an unusual letter, I realize. The situation was upsetting and embarrassing.  
I was in a Stouffville store recently, and a man came in obviously right from the farm. He had manure on his boots and smelled to high heaven. The stench was so bad, I had to get out and the store owner headed for a back room.  
The clerk who waited on him was gasping. He wanted, (of all things), some deodorant.  
I hold farmers in high regard. I almost married one once. I think they should realize a store is not a cow stable. They wouldn't think of walking into their own house like that I'm sure. If they do, I'm glad I stayed single. My allergies could never cope with a smell like that.  
Sincerely,  
Madeline Jardine,  
Hemlock Drive,  
Stouffville



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### ROAMING AROUND



## 'Heaven on earth'

BY JIM THOMAS

Twenty-eight years ago, The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority was established. This organization didn't just happen. It occurred out of tragedy—the result of devastation by Hurricane Hazel. Many of us vividly recall that holocaust. It swept across Ontario, killing 81 persons and causing damage estimated at 25 million dollars. While there may never be another onslaught equalling Hazel's intensity, the MTRCA has taken no chances. The accomplishments of the Authority are amazing and we, our Town, and my family, are the beneficiaries of their foresight.

At every opportunity, we visit one of these locations, each within short driving distances of Whitchurch-Stouffville. And that's where we were Sunday. We drove over to Kleinburg and later called in at the Kortright Centre, east of Hwy. 27 and south of Major Mackenzie Drive.

While we seldom play hooky from church, last Sunday we did. Jean made arrangements for a replacement at the organ, so I had no excuse. We left around nine.

While to many, such a 'happening' isn't all that exciting, to us, it is. At least, it's something we can do together, a family outing that doesn't occur very often—not often enough.

While it's not my intent to provide a detailed description of our mini-vacation, (we were away only six hours), it was a break from my Sunday work routine that we thoroughly enjoyed.

Kleinburg, to me, is an exciting little hamlet, with more action per square block than most places three times its size. Unfortunately, we neglected to announce our coming, so most business folk were still in a deep sleep when we arrived. One wide-awake spot, however, was called "The Side Door Gifts", a house-turned-novelty-shop, with the re-

sidence dating back to the mid-1870's. We found the rooms filled with items and while we didn't buy that much, Jean had a ball just browsing around; we all did.

In talking to the 'natives', I discovered the merchants there find a reason to celebrate: just about everything. The community, of course, is famous for its Binder Twine Festival. Would you believe 30,000 visitors? That was the headcount last year, one woman said. While the figure sounded somewhat exaggerated, having never been there, I was in no position to argue.

However, activity in Kleinburg doesn't begin and end with rolling binder twine down the street. No siree, there's something happening there almost every weekend. Sunday, was Victoria Day, with Queen Victoria herself, (or a replica thereof), leading a colorful parade. Some fun.

With only six hours' free time available and the Kortright Centre on our schedule, we couldn't stay. It was sup-

posedly our main reason for being there. Kleinburg was merely a side trip.

This 'heaven on earth' called Kortright, covers 482 acres. The central building accommodates a theatre, a gift shop, educational exhibits and eating facilities, both inside and out.

Guided nature hikes are provided at regular intervals. Visitors may also go it alone if that's their wish. The trails are scenic and easy to follow.

Here again, our time was cut short by a runaway clock. I could have stayed all day.

But whether the location is Kortright, Bruce's Mill, Albion Hills, Black Creek or any of the other well-planned project sites, I'll always be indebted to the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, who made all this possible. Each project stands as a memorial to the men and women who, in the space of only a few years, transformed a temporary hell into an eternal paradise.

## Editorials Town future at stake

On June 22, members of Town council will take to an undisclosed hideaway for what is commonly referred to in provincial and federal circles as a 'think tank' discussion.

Ordinarily, we would be critical of such closed-door deliberations. On this occasion, we're not. For the future of our municipality is at stake.

Local leaders will discuss, and hopefully come to some conclusions, as to the direction our Town should take and how far it should go. High on the agenda will

be services—water and sewerage; also population. Should Stouffville, now about 8,000 people, grow to 12,000, 15,000 or 20,000? The availability of water and the cost of making water available, will tend to govern expansion. Additional sewerage capacity we can do without; water we can't.

Members of Council will be thinking in terms of decades—how big should Stouffville be by the year 2000? For discussion purposes, Mayor Tom Wood is suggesting 15,000, about double our present size. The figure sounds reasonable. To cope with a population of 15,000, what services are required?

As stated, we have no objection to privacy. Freedom of opinion related to the Town's future holds priority over a curious press. However, at the discussion's conclusion, we feel the mayor or someone appointed by the mayor, should discuss the meeting's accomplishments. Otherwise, we'll conclude it was just a day of 'fun in the sun' at taxpayers' expense.

**Speak now**

An election's a certainty in Whitchurch-Stouffville. And this is good. Every three years, Council incumbents should be required to give an account of their stewardship. These concerns are minimized when acclamations occur. Members simply transcend the electoral gantlet and pass automatically from one term into another.

Such will not be the case in Ward 1 where Margot Marshall will be opposed by Pine Orchard businessman Steve Plakes.

Mr. Plakes has made his intentions known early because Mrs. Marshall made her intentions known early. She announced, (in The Tribune), several weeks ago, she would seek re-election. This started the political mill wheels turning.

Like Councillor Marshall, other members should make their intentions known. At present, we and the electorate can only assume because no one is saying.

We assume Tom Wood will give the mayoralty another whirl. We assume Councillors Ron Robb, Wilf Morley and Jim Sanders will be back. As to future plans of Councillors Jim Rae and Fran Sainsbury, we're not sure. Reports persist they plan to retire. Until we hear first-hand, we'll take such rumors with a grain of salt.

However, to dispel these suggestions, definite statements are overdue.

There could possibly be quality candidates in the wings. But election campaigns are costly. Some are hesitant to spend the money. Election campaigns can also be embarrassing. No one likes to lose. So outsiders wait for word from the incumbents.

Tuesday, Nov. 12 may seem like a long way away. It's not; not for the comparative unknown facing an uphill fight.

So incumbents give potential officeholders, (and the electorate) a break. It's simply a case of 'too' or 'no'.

### Editor's Mail

## Should have knocked

Dear Editor:  
Something happened to me recently, I thought was hilarious. You may think otherwise but I thought I'd tell my story.

While travelling along 18th Avenue in Markham, I noticed a car parked in a laneway entrance to a farm field.

I paid it little heed at the time. However, when I returned, it was still there and I thought I could see a head above the windshield.

Partly out of curiosity and partly out of a desire to help, I stopped and went over. On opening the front door, (I should have

knocked first), I found a man, (who I know), and a woman, (who I know), in a very compromising position.

You should have seen the looks on their faces.

There was a day when parkers (and sparkers) were commonplace. But not so any more. I guess that's why this car attracted my attention.

Every time I meet these people, (separately), they invariably cross to the other side of the street. They'll never forget their experience and neither will I.

Sincerely,  
Ted Larsen,  
R.R. 1, Stouffville

## Disarray

Dear Editor:  
I enjoy your Letters to the Editor. It's a fine thing when a newspaper encourages people to speak their minds through the print media.

I hope I'm not crossing the bounds of propriety when I explain something that happened to me recently. A woman, who best remain anonymous, admitted her husband travels a lot. He's a transport truck driver.

She says she has every reason to believe he's not faithful because she's found evidence of same, in and on his clothing. She said she has never made an issue of this because he's a good provider and good with the kids, (when he's home).

However, to quietly get even, she admits she's not opposed to 'fooling around' herself. She says two can play his kind of game.

I asked her what would happen if he came home and caught her in the act. She replied, 'the same thing if I caught him in the act—the fur would fly.'

Is it any wonder the family unit is in such disarray?

Sincerely,  
Freda Knight,  
Thicketwood Boulevard,  
Stouffville



**Vandorf Public School, S.S. No. 2, Whitchurch-1924**

The Tribune is indebted to Mrs E.M. (John) Sheridan of Uxbridge for this photo of Vandorf Public School, S.S. No. 2, Whitchurch Township. The year is 1924. The teacher and pupils are: Rear Row (left to right) George Dewsbury, Ducky Clayton, Morgan Preston, Velma Hennessey, Ona Bostwick, Mrs. Miller, (teacher), Gladys Preston, Mary Willis, Alma Preston, Grace Oliver, Centre Row (left to right) Hazel Nell, Doris Avis, Gertrude Clark, Hazel Collard, Annie Willis, Grace Gould, Lillian Wright, Ruth Oliver, Wilhelmine Graham, Doris Oliver. Front Row (left to right) Garnet Pattenden, Ross Avis, Emmerson Nell, Wilfred Oliver, Howard Hennessey, Keith Preston, Jack Hennessey and Howard Preston.