

Editor's Mail

No respect

Dear Editor:
As if the Markham Stouffville Hospital Board doesn't have enough problems, now members have decided to move the site. While the present location may not be in the centre of population who's to say what will occur twenty five to fifty years down the road. Besides, why should a hospital be centrally located? With today's high-speed ambulance service, the former property was only minutes away from Stouffville, Unionville and the old town of Markham.
What bothers me most is the fact the late Arthur Latcham donated the land in good faith. Mr Latcham, being the kind of person he was, would be greatly disturbed to learn any change in locations had been approved.

Angus Austin,
R.R. 1, Unionville

Assistance

Dear Editor:
I wish to congratulate your newspaper on the story related to Bernie Dams, formerly of Stouffville and now residing in Toronto.
In the interval between his attempted suicide and The Tribune's article, I had often wondered about Bernie and what had happened to him.
It's nice to know that, despite his handicap, he's doing well and feeling fine. I would suggest that some time he be invited to address students at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. Who knows how many young people there are on the brink of self-destruction. Bernie Dams could, through his personal experience, save them from themselves.

Eileen Harrington,
Main Street,
Stouffville

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ROAMING AROUND

Day camp concerns

BY JIM THOMAS



Day camps! Children love them, at least most children do.
Some go because they've been there before. Others go because their friends go. Then there are those who are just plain bored, doing something away from home is better than doing nothing at home.
Our Mary-Lynn leans towards No. 1. She wants to go because her friends go, it's a kind of status symbol.
One can imagine the questions the first day back at school.
First girl: What did you do over the summer?
Second girl: I flew to Hawaii with my cousin.
Third girl: I spent four weeks at our cottage on Golden Pond.
Fourth girl: I flew with my father to the Calgary Stampede.
Mary-Lynn: I stayed at home, my dad had to work!
To escape this kind of embarrassing situation, our eleven-year-old is going to camp, in fact she's there right now. I hope it's because she wants to be and not because she has to be. I'm not quite sure.
The location won't capture the hidden spirit of adventure kindled each summer in most kids, for it's only a stones-throw to the north, in Whitchurch-Stouffville. The site's on the north side of the Vivian Sideroad near Pine Orchard. The week-long program (July 28 to Aug. 2), comes under the sponsorship of The Free Methodist Church.
Everything included on the two-page brochure met our expectations of what a kid's camp should be: plenty of activities including horseback riding, craft-making, swimming, basketball and softball. Among items to bring was a Bible and a notebook.
Leave behind the brochure read, are comic books, pets, radios, bicycles, short shorts—and bad habits.
The camp staff includes a director, a nurse, teachers, counsellors and assistants.
What more could anyone expect? And all for \$65 including treats!
Still, for all the care and attentions, we'll worry. For Mary-Lynn's never been away that much on her own. Sure,

she'll be in the company of two friends, Amanda and Tara, but that doesn't mean they'll share the same cabin or even share the same activities.
She's concerned too, for she knows that, even at sleep-overs, a block down the street, she's become home-sick.
To ease her fears, we accompanied her to the camp Saturday evening. Following a quick inspection of the site, she seemed confident she'd be able to cope. We hope so.
Status symbol or not, I feel every boy and girl deserves a summer break otherwise, the end result can be two months of boredom. Also, it gets workaholic fathers like myself off the hook. My conscience won't bother me quite so much when school resumes Sept. 3.
Apart from this, the process is called "growing-up." Participating in new programs and making new friends will make her a better person.
Still and all, I'm enclosing a little note in her duffel bag that I hope one of the counsellors will (accidentally) pick up and read. It says:
To whom it may concern
Mary-Lynn is not our only child, she's our sixth. Nor is she our only girl. She's our third. Regardless, she's special because she's our last. The rest are kind of grown up now, more able to fend for themselves. Mary-Lynn isn't. While she won't appreciate this, to us she's still a baby. And we want to keep her this way just as long as possible.
I wouldn't want your job. The responsibility is far too great. Still, I'm entrusting you with the responsibility of looking after our little girl. I hope I'm not asking or expecting too much. For one whole week, you will perform the role of father, mother, doctor, nurse, Sunday school teacher, story-teller, Bible-reader, craft-instructor, referee, umpire, cook, comforter, lifeguard and bodyguard. While grossly unfair, I trust you're prepared to take on all these things, otherwise, I wouldn't be entrusting her to you. Just remember, she's special, the same as the other boys and girls in your care are special to their parents. I will never understand why you or anyone like you would assume this obligation. But I'm glad you have and I'll tell you so when I see you face-to-face on Friday. In the meantime, take good care of our baby. She's our sixth, our last and she's special.

Sincerely,
A doting father

Editor's Mail

Pollution is worse

Dear Editor:
We live in a very scientific society. Our accomplishments boggle the mind. Yet, we have problems solving what would seem to be minor problems. Locally, the pollution of Musselman's Lake is one.
This is not a concern that came about suddenly. I can recall Ron Robb, (present Ward 2 Councillor), raising the issue at a public meeting in the High School several years ago.
It would appear to have worsened since then and authorities seem no closer to a solution. Even worse, they don't

seem to know the source.
Personally, I just can't believe that with all the scientific resources available at the provincial level, answers to our questions aren't available.
I have my own opinions. Other people have theirs. I feel the Town must assert its authority and put pressure on the Region. Otherwise, this matter will drag on and on and Musselman's Lake will become nothing more than a giant cess-pool.
Sincerely,
Vivienne Hancock,
R.R. 2, Stouffville

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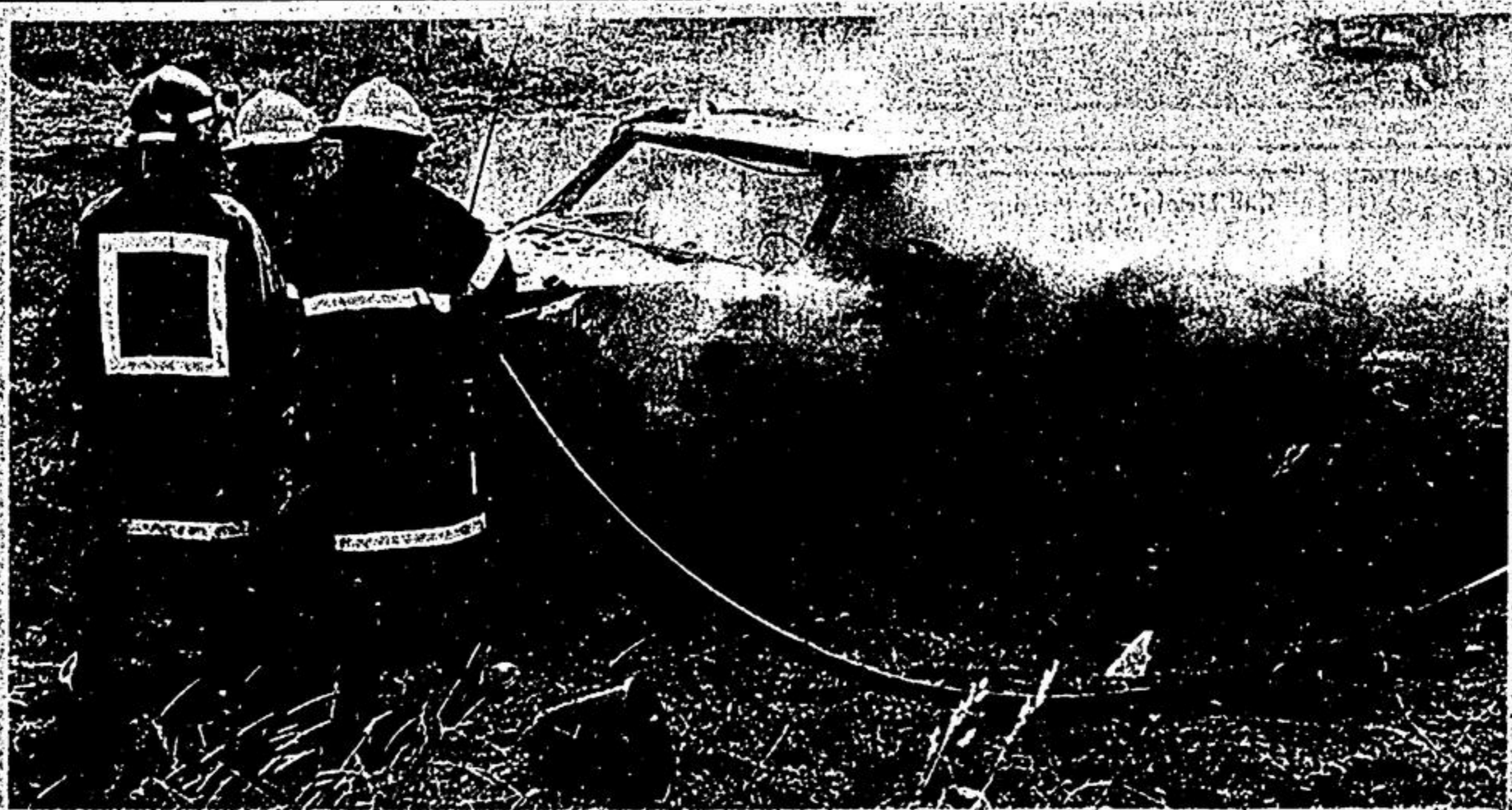
Election in spotlight

It's official. Councillor Fran Sainsbury is going for the mayor's job.
The decision, announced Thursday, by the mayor, was reluctantly confirmed by Councillor Sainsbury a phone call later. She had wanted the public announcement held over until August 1, a request we rejected. We considered it of Page 1 importance and published the story in The Tribune's Weekender, July 27.
The decision took no one by surprise, not even Mayor Wood. Rumors had been making the rounds for days, even weeks. All that was required was confirmation.
Out on the street, there's mixed reaction, about fifty-fifty. Half the people we talked to feel Mayor Wood is doing a commendable job, (for the short time he's been in office), and should be given an opportunity to serve one full term. The other half say Fran's a fighter whose organizational abilities are such no one stands a chance.
Bill Kamps and Bill Hodgson will vouch for that.
At this point in time, however, we're not certain of the planks in Councillor Sainsbury's platform. When these are revealed, we'll be better able to assess the credibility of her credentials. One thing sure, she's well known, across the entire Town. Her eleven-year battle with the Environment Ministry has made certain of that. She's a household name from Stouffville through to Cedar Valley and from Lincolnville to Gormley.
We opposed the appointment of Mayor Wood. The truth is, we opposed the

appointment of anyone. We wanted the vacant mayoralty position filled by election, the same as in Ward 2. Council decided otherwise.
While our opinion on this issue hasn't changed, we feel Mayor Wood, in filling big shoes left by Eldred King, has done amazingly well, and is steadily improving. He's now less afraid to take personal stands and provide direction. He makes an excellent meeting chairman.
While much attention, in the weeks ahead, will be focussed on the race for mayor, (should the incumbent decide to run), a successor in Ward 4 will share some of the spotlight. In this instance, we have no hesitancy in putting forward a nominee. Ged Stonehouse is our choice. Not only has he earned this right but he'll add a breath of fresh air to a sometimes dull municipal scene.
While, in the past, the electorate has shown a reluctance to support someone vaulting from political obscurity into the mayor's chair, or even running in a ward where he/she is not a resident, Stonehouse fills all Ward 4 requirements. We urge him to go for it, now, before someone of lesser distinction tosses a hat in the ring.
All in all, we see an interesting 3 1/2 months ahead. Election date is Nov. 12

Homeless need help

As many as ten families could be looking for temporary housing accommodation in Stouffville during the next two to six weeks.
The problem has occurred in the estate development of Westfield Heights Homes, promised for August and September, have been delayed by strikes in the building trades. People who've already sold their properties are caught in between. It's no one's fault but extremely unfortunate.
Here's how you can help. If you have a spare room or two, call the Chamber of Commerce 'hot line' at 640-5993. It's only temporary, but for families, with no place to live, it must seem like an eternity.
Let's show our guests, Whitchurch-Stouffville has a heart and live up to our reputation as 'the friendliest town in Ontario.'



On the afternoon of July 21, Stouffville firefighters and York Regional Police were called to the scene of an unauthorized demolition derby on private property, at the corner of Warden Avenue and the Stouffville Road. One of the vehicles involved, burst into flames. A writer to The Tribune feels the organizer of this event should be assessed the expense rather than the taxpayers. The cost has been estimated at close to \$500.

Who pays?

Dear Editor:
I, along with a dozen other spectators, attended a car fire, July 21, at a property near the corner of Warden Avenue and the Stouffville Road.
Later, in The Tribune, I read that a demolition derby, (of sorts) had been held at this site and a blaze had resulted.
What people do privately is their business. However, when it involves other people, it becomes our business. Paying for police and fire calls is everybody's business.
I don't resent paying my share when payment is warranted. In this instance, it's not. I feel the cost should be assessed against the property owner, for permitting an obviously hazardous activity, without municipal authorization and necessary safeguards.
To many suburbanites, Whitchurch-Stouffville may be 'the sticks'. Regardless, there are rules and regulations to be followed. When these are ignored, problems result.
Sincerely,
Cecilia Hartman,
R.R. 1, Gormley

—Jim Thomas