

Mail service, not mailboxes said main cause for concern

Dear Sir,
For the last two or three weeks, I have been reading in your newspaper the pros and cons of mailboxes being erected in various parts of Stouffville.
To me, one who enjoys better rural postal delivery where mail is placed directly in the box at the end of the driveway, I find this discussion rather naive.
Probably most Stouffville residents don't really care whether

they collect their mail from the new boxes or from the Post Office. Anyway, I fail to see how a town postal box is going to increase the efficiency of the Postal System or cut down the time taken for the mail to reach you personally.
It is this time factor concerning delivery from Point 'A' to Point 'B' that is the real concern of all of us. I have two examples of the time lag that occurred to me personally.

In November of last year, a card posted from R.R. 4, Stouffville, took one week to reach me at R.R. 1, Stouffville, and that was before the Christmas mail rush.
The second example—I have a relative in Perth, Ont., and the time it takes a letter to reach there varies from seven to nine days. It is approximately 185 miles by road. I could walk there myself in ten days and deliver it personally.

and many other so-called technical advances have tended to slow down delivery rather than speed it up. Management-labor relations would appear to be one of the main reasons for slow delivery.
What do we get for our 34 cent stamp?
We have a delivery system that is far slower than Wells Fargo used to be; no mail delivered to your home and a huge deficit that ultimately has to be made good by the taxpayer.

As most of your readers know, these two examples are not isolated cases but are general throughout Ontario, and not influenced by time of year or season.
If we wish a faster delivery of our mail, it is to the causes of these delays to which we must direct our efforts and complaints. Postal codes, sorting machines

My own personal opinion of the Postal System, (I hesitate to call it a Service), is that it is nothing less than a National Disgrace.

Sincerely,
Adam Johnstone,
R.R. 1, Stouffville

Jury recommends Emergency response line

DICKSON'S HILL — The implementation of emergency telephone number 911 was one of seven recommendations made by a corner's jury hearing evidence related to the death of Craig West, a professional landscape gardener.

The 21-year-old was electrocuted Aug. 7, 1985. He had been working with Gary Bouwmeister Landscaping of Ballantrae, pruning trees at 62 Dickson's Hill Road, R.R. 2, Markham.

Physicians testified the magnitude of the shock would have killed the worker immediately, although ambulance attendant Brett Laycoe said he felt a weak pulse.

However, the jury ruled Mr. West died instantly. Despite this finding members recommended the 911 dialing procedure be put in place.

The victim was cutting a maple branch when the leafy end fell against a hydro wire and the cut end touched his left hand.

The jury's other recommendations follow:

- The use of safety belt, ropes, hard hats and safety shoes should be mandatory for pruning procedures. The Ministry of Labor should prepare and publish regulations to improve safety of employees engaged in landscaping operations.
- Ontario Hydro commissions should consider marking high power transmission line poles with a safety warning.
- Hydro commissions should notify customers in spring or summer billing that pruning services are available for trees within 10 feet of hydro lines. The notice should warn customers of the danger to anyone pruning such trees.
- Hydro commissions, landscapers and homeowners should consult with one another before any work is done on trees within 10 feet of hydro lines.

Old Kinsmen never die Form K-40 Club in Stouffville

STOUFFVILLE — Bob Lewis of Bloomington has been named president of Stouffville's recently established K-40 Club.

The organization is an extension of the present Kinsmen Club—members over the age of 40.

A combined Founders Night and Installation will be held Wed., Feb. 5 at 7 p.m., in the Stouffville Legion Hall.

Others on the executive include Mickey Hunt, secretary and John McCracken, treasurer.

Membership in the K-40 Club has reached twenty-five. In addition to the executive, these are—

Don Anderson, Graham Beaton, Dick Coffey, Armand English, Ross Hetherington, Russ Holder, Norm Hollinger, Jack Hopper, Bob Jones, Jim Kidd, Bob LeMotte, Paul Mathews, Clare McGuckin, Bob Morley, Ken Patrick, Jack Pollard, Ken Smurthwaite, Ron Smurthwaite, Jack Watson, Gary Yoshita, Larry Ortlieb and Barry Zeller.

Anyone interested in joining either the Kinsmen Club or the K-40 Club should call Bruce Gribbon, (640-4000); Gerard Windle, (640-3713) or Steve Upton, (640-3175).

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Time of the concert is 8 p.m. Tickets, (\$3.00), are available at the church office, (640-1461), and Barthau Jewellers, (640-4646).

Proceeds from the program will go to the Christ Church Music Fund.

Pleads innocent

Guy Paul Morin has stated outright "I did not kill Christine Jessop."

The denial, before a packed courtroom, Monday, marked the first time the accused had been called to the stand.

The 26-year-old former Town Band member was questioned only briefly before a recess was called.

Earlier, Morin's mother described the eight months her son had spent in jail as "torture."

Mrs. Morin said Christine's death was indeed a tragedy but added "this has been a big burden on us too."

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