

Editor's Mail

Cause for concern?

Dear Editor:  
 This letter is written prior to the Thursday Health Study meeting at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. The outcome of that discussion may change my mind. Regardless, and without trying to sound too cynical, I'm suspicious something is seriously wrong with some people's water supplies in certain areas of our municipality.  
 Why else would a half-million dollar Study be authorized?  
 I feel the initial check of health records here discovered something that gives us all cause for concern.  
 Certainly, the Province wouldn't embark on a year-long project without some basis for doing so.  
 I hope we're all more enlightened after Thursday's discussion than before.

Sincerely,  
 (Mrs) Louise Park;  
 R.R. 4, Stouffville

Neighborly Notes

Speed of light

Jim never criticizes the efficiency of the Stouffville Hydro Commission, not after we put through a call for them Wednesday morning when our staff arrived at the office around 9:30 a.m. half the lights were out and so was the furnace. The place was cold as a barn. Office manager Doreen Deacon put in an emergency call to the Towne Restaurant hoping to catch one of the local electricians eating breakfast, which she did. Jim Teeter of Thicketwood Boulevard was on his second cup of coffee. Jim dropped everything (including his coffee cup) and came to our aid. But he was stymied. The problem was a broken line outside the building. An overnight ice storm was to blame. Jim suggested we call the local Hydro. Hardy had been hanging up the phone when Supt. Brian Carter and lineman Marty McGriskin were at the door. In less than fifteen minutes, everything was back to normal. What service! We all say thanks.

Super salesgirl

Would you buy a house from this girl? You bet I would. Jackie Hanley, a young lady we come to know and respect, has joined the staff of Family Trust and is working out of the office at 6 Main Street West, Stouffville. Jackie, some will remember, donated a kidney to her younger sister several years ago. Unfortunately, the transplant didn't take, but Jackie has the satisfaction of knowing she tried. Jackie tells me her idol is Fran Sainsbury. I'm not sure if this relates to real estate or politics, maybe both. Regardless, I wish her good luck in her new career.

The neighbors!

Ken Laushway, Park Drive North, Stouffville, is appreciative of the story by Brenda Little in the Feb. 5 edition of The Tribune related to his wife's steady improvement following her accident back in 1984. One of his comments was omitted, however. That is his appreciation of assistance provided by neighbors. "Hardly a day goes by that someone isn't standing at our front door, the visits, the calls, the enquiries, they've been wonderful," he says. "I'm pleased to pass on Mr. Laushway's thanks. Neighborliness is synonymous with Park Drive."

Old newspaper

My thanks to Robin Haines of RR 2, Stouffville, for dropping off a copy of The Tribune dated Feb. 19, 1942. That's 44 years ago. There are several news stories in this paper of local interest. One relates to the death of Sgt. Pilot George Davis, son of Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Davis. Sgt. Davis was killed in action with the Royal Canadian Air Force. The Tribune says: "On Sunday morning, when the wound was but a few hours old, Rev. Davis took his place behind the sacred desk in Stouffville United Church and delivered a sermon to his congregation in an atmosphere of mutual sorrow. Every eye in the sanctuary shed tears and every heart throbbed in sympathy for the pastor and members of his family who so bravely presented themselves at the service. Behind a great Union Jack that covered the pulpit and cradled a large photo of the lad who had made the supreme sacrifice, the pastor and father delivered his morning message."

Artistic talent

The next time you're at the High School, take a look at the display for art in the lobby by Year 5 students. The oil paintings, each one a beauty, are the work of Wendy Beaton, Neil Jones, Lea von Zuben, Warren Barbour, Pam Byer and Beth Ann Cook.

I wonder

Mayor Fran Sainsbury says she's completely happy with her role as Witchesburg, Stouffville's chief magistrate. But her name keeps cropping up in provincial Liberal circles. Mayor Sainsbury was one of several speakers at a Liberal Association Media Conference in Aurora Saturday. "I still say her present position is merely a stepping stone."

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