

## Editor's Mail Sacrifice

Dear Editor:

With reference to The Tribune editorial of Feb. 18 under the heading "Town Growing Pains", I assume we need worry no more. The solution to our school problems is simple: We can settle down to enjoying life in Stouffville and, as you say, "sacrifice" our children's education. And as there are municipalities worse off than Whitchurch-Stouffville, we can sit back and stop worrying about busing, and portables, and overcrowding; just reflect on the fact there are children elsewhere obtaining a good standard of education.

At least SOMEONE'S children are obtaining it. What a relief!

I think I'll attend the next Ratepayers' Association meeting and suggest they take a leaf from our book and stop carping about spot-development, and industrial parks, and groundwater, and the like.

If they don't like the way things are going, they can always move elsewhere and leave us to enjoy the more important things of life.

I agree with your comments in last week's editorial of course. We can give them just the Gormley problem as something to work on.

Yours in fury,  
(Mrs.) Jean Edwards,  
Victoria Street,  
Stouffville.

## Patience

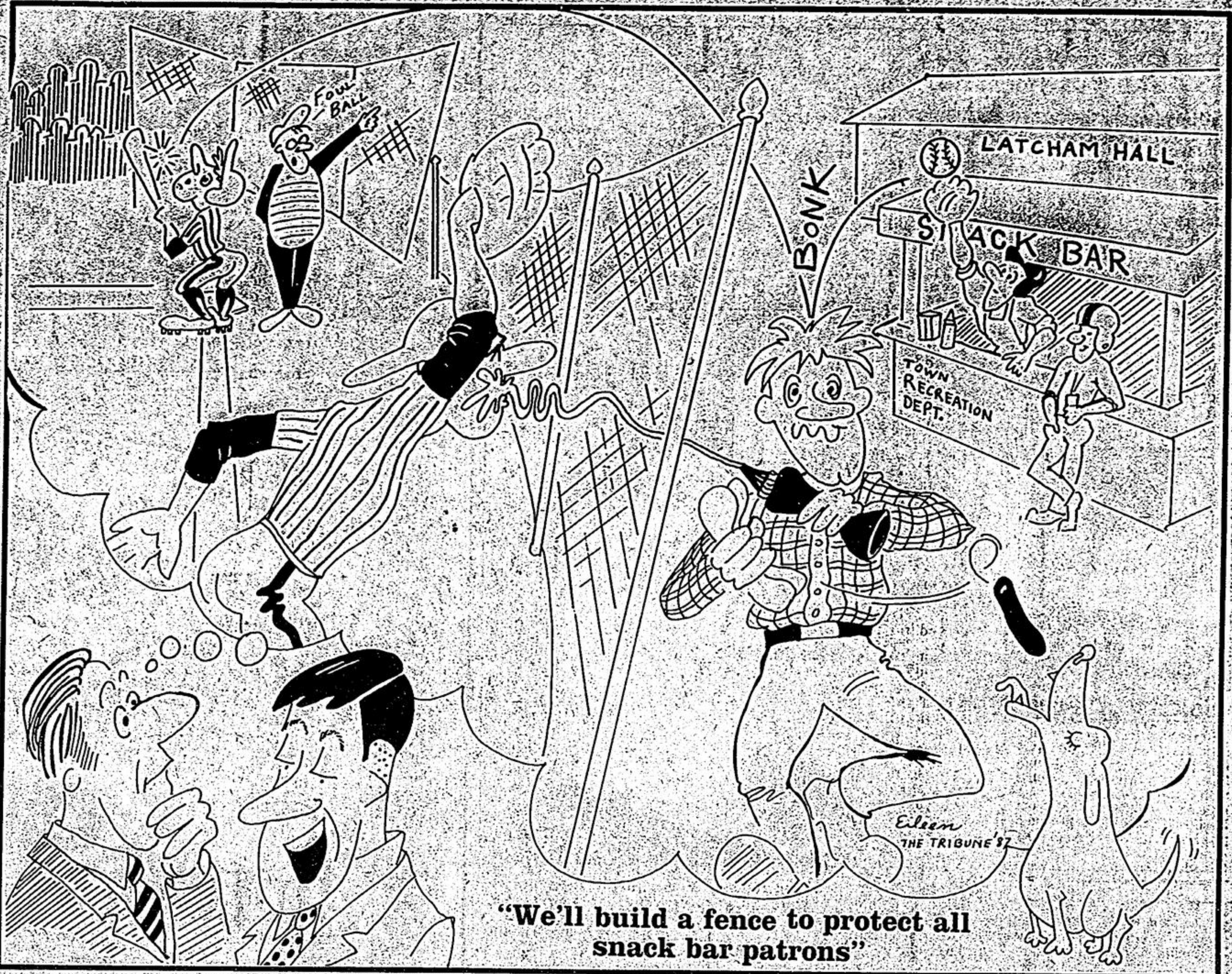
Dear Editor:

When are people going to stop complaining about the problems they themselves create?

New residents are welcome in Stouffville. But with their coming, come difficulties — overcrowded schools, overcrowded parks and overcrowded roads.

If I'm willing to put up with these problems, so should they. Growing pains hurt all of us. Let's show a little patience.

Sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Shirley Bell,  
Elm Road, Stouffville.



"We'll build a fence to protect all snack bar patrons"

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## ROAMING AROUND

### A meal in a minute

BY JIM THOMAS



Seldom a week goes by that someone doesn't ask: "Are you still on a porridge diet?"

When I answer in the affirmative, they smile. When I tell them four times a day, they laugh.

What's so funny about eating porridge I say to myself after the enquirer departs? To me, it seems like the most natural food in the world. Perhaps it's the four-times-daily routine that kind of throws people. And, in all honesty, the statement's a little bit deceiving. For seldom do I consume that much, for I'm seldom home that often. However, two and three times daily is not uncommon. The fourth I reserve for a midnight snack.

While completely ill-at-ease in the kitchen, I'm getting pretty good at my porridge-making project. No longer do I have to call Jean away from the telephone for instructions. I can now do it all on my own, even to adding a "pinch" of salt now and then.

And you know, it's kind of fun. Not only is it good doing something on my own but it's nice doing something for my own good. I never felt (physically) better in my life.

While folks continue to laugh and smile concerning my determined porridge intake, a check into many breakfast-eating habits reveals a similar type of enthusiasm, especially with seniors.

"Why sure, we have it every morning, two big bowls," a couple at Parkview Village told me.

"Couldn't get along without it," re-

sponded another.

Diet aside, consumption of oatmeal must be a boon to agriculture. For the brand Jean picks up claims to be the "real thing", straight from the field with no additives. I want to believe this information's correct. I dislike all these "filler" ingredients common to so many commodities today.

However, in all honesty, I must admit, on occasions, to straying from the straight and narrow. Besides, my latest discovery is so doggone good, I can no longer hide it from you, the reader.

It's called Carnation Instant Breakfast.

C'mon now, please don't choke. It's not a replacement for oatmeal porridge but an addition to it.

It's something you drink rather than eat, and I love it. So do the kids.

Jean says Carnation Instant Breakfast has been on the market for years. If this is so, then I've really been missing out. I intend to make up for lost time.

A carton of six envelopes, (one en-

velope per large glass), costs \$3.09 or about fifty cents per drink. Not cheap, admittedly, but not overly expensive either.

It's simple, (even for me), to prepare. All you do is empty the ingredients into a glass, add milk and stir. It comes in both vanilla and chocolate flavors and can be served hot or cold.

The content is nutritious according to the analysis printed on the carton — protein, carbohydrate, fat, vitamins 'A' and 'C', iron and more. One envelope contains no less than 140 calories. That could put hair on your chest, even mine!

In Stouffville, Carnation Instant Breakfast is available at both the A&P and the IGA, probably supermarkets elsewhere as well.

At our house, we're drinking it by the gallon.

No, it's not a replacement for oatmeal porridge; it's an in-between supplement.

And while the price may put us in the "poor house", we're sure to be the healthiest welfare recipients in town.

## Editor's Mail

### Not always wrong

Dear Editor:

Inept and corrupt!

That expression, in my opinion, would seem to cover the present performances of North American politics in general.

There is a definite similarity between the Canadian Government and the Reagan Administration. The left hand never seems to know what the right hand is doing. Many of their statements on policy are contradictory.

I honestly feel one of the greatest mistakes the Governments have made is allowing TV into the House of Commons. Some of the performances by members from all sides, during the question periods have been disgraceful.

Is there no dignity left in this institution that's supposed to serve as an example of how the country's business should be conducted?

The questioners and members know they're "on camera" and make the most of it by "grandstanding" for the benefit, (or otherwise), of their constituents.

Anyone watching this daily circus must say to themselves: "Is this what we pay our members to do? Your salary is paid by we Canadians to run this country in an orderly manner, pass laws for the benefit of the people, rather than engage in mud-slinging matches.

These antics would surely delay good men from entering federal politics.

In the Feb. 25 edition of The Tribune under the heading "PC Woes Blamed on Liberal Media", Transport Minister John Crosbie certainly made a point when he said: "There are three opposition parties now, the Liberals, the NDP and the Media." I have yet to hear anything constructive said by any of the three. The day seems long past when we hear anything constructive in Parliament by the Opposition.

The positive side of Government policy is seldom, if ever, mentioned, such as lower unemployment, the lowest interest rates in a decade and inflation below the four per cent mark.

If all this is a sample of Canadian democracy, then "pox on it."

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

## Editorials

### Lame-duck decision

Absenteeism is no excuse for not doing business.

Town Council and Planning Advisory Committee are aware of this: However slowly, the wheels of government must keep turning.

There are times, however, when the wheels of government should be slowed; even made to mark time. This should occur when the issue at stake is important and the decision-makers are short-staffed.

So it was on two occasions when the 21-lot subdivision at Kennedy Road and the Aurora Road in Whitchurch-Stouffville came up for final discussion. It was first rejected, then approved. In both instances, a full complement of members was not in attendance.

Both Planning Committee and Council members, (one in the same), went into this issue with their eyes wide open. They knew it was menacing. They'd received plenty of advance notice. The anti-development forces were watching the result like hawks. Yet, for all this, the Town elected to proceed with one member absent.

Planning Committee turned the subdivision down.

Council gave it the green light.

While the yea-vote forces on Council are certain their decision is right, we feel the Town was treading on extremely thin ice by not postponing the debate until all could be present.

There was too much riding on the outcome to handle it in lame-duck fashion. Who's to know the result if all chairs had been occupied.

Delaying major decisions is not unusual. If nothing else, it's a form of self-defence, even self-preservation. Unless the "hawks" have extremely short memories, the latter will apply come Election '89.

### Reporting is biased

Transport Minister John Crosbie's walings over the fact the federal Tories are continually berated by the Ottawa Press Gallery, regardless of what they do, will be greeted by laughs across much of this Riding.

But, unfortunately, it's no laughing matter. It's the truth and the truth is hurting the Government.

We, the electorate, can expect criticism from the Opposition. That's their job. But the Liberals and the NDP shouldn't be aided and abetted by the newspapers. That's not their job. But this is what's happening. In the eyes of the daily journalists, the Mulroney forces can do nothing right.

This isn't so.

While wrong-doing and rumors of wrong-doing have been grist for the news media mill, accomplishments have been virtually ignored.

Certainly, the wrongs perpetrated by Government should be revealed and condemned. At the same time, the accomplishments of Government should be accorded equal coverage and praised.



If this Whitchurch native could see us now!

If Septimus Footie is looking down from the heavens on his native Whitchurch-Stouffville, he's undoubtedly shaking his head. Mr. Footie's farm, on the 7th Concession, (McCowan Road), is now part of Spring Lakes Golf and Country Club. Yes, the community has changed considerably since this photo was taken back in March 1968.

—Jim Thomas