

Support

Please allow me the space in your newspaper to publicly commend Mr. Peter Arnott, Recreation Programmer for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville for his positive response and support towards our local teenagers.

I am specifically referring to a group of skaters who approached Mr. Arnott at the beginning of the summer when it was learned that a skateboarding program was going to be offered in the Recreation Complex.

The request made to Mr. Arnott was to obtain permission to bring in ramps and other devices that would provide more variety and challenge to the skaters.

His reply was positive. The equipment was made available and a good thing was made even better. I know these boys have derived much pleasure from the facility over the past few weeks. Mr. Arnott's agreeable attitude and co-operation has undoubtedly contributed to the success of the program.

On behalf of these enthusiastic skaters and their parents, thank you!

Deen Glover,
Church Street North,
Stouffville

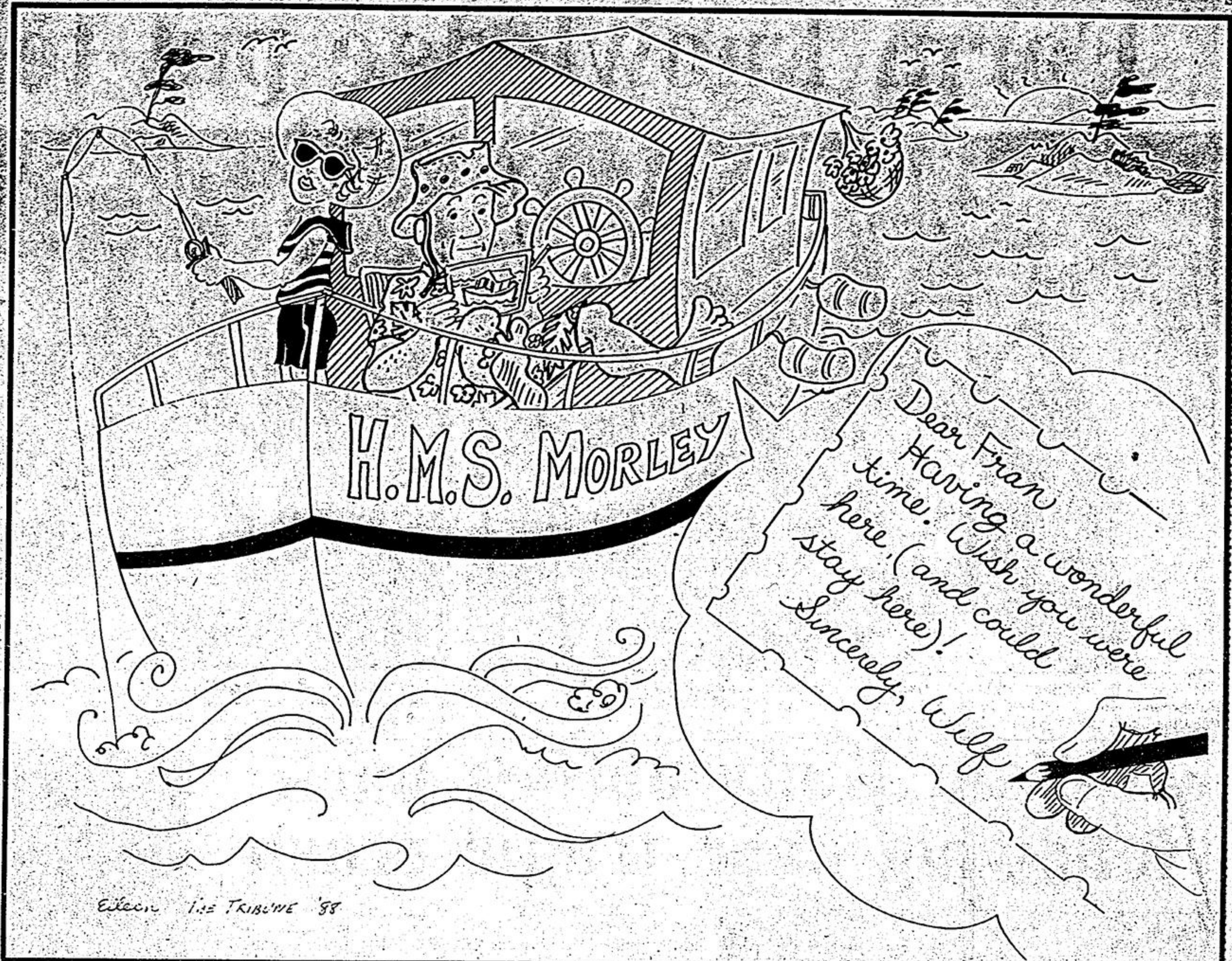
Service

I'm with Councillor Jim Sanders. Our town needs an indoor pool.

I can't understand why Council is so suddenly concerned about accommodation at the Municipal Offices.

With increased growth comes increased services. An indoor pool is a needed service. If Uxbridge deserves it so do we.

(Mrs.) Kathryn Heaslip,
Stouffville



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ROAMING AROUND

Final resting place

BY JIM THOMAS



Think positive. That's what folks keep telling me. They don't (so they say) want to read about negative things like murders, robberies, assaults, even accidents.

Rather, they like (so they say) happy stories — birthdays, reunions, anniversaries and such.

"You newspaper people are all so negative," I've been told, "you seem to think only bad news is good news."

I can only conclude that since I'm one of them, (those newspaper people), I too walk around with a black cloud hanging over my head.

This being the case, I've decided to discuss a very important subject this week, an issue each of us, (like it or not) must face sometime in our lives — death!

What can be more negative than that? I hear you gasp.

My interest, (more of a concern), deals not so much with the act of dying but 'where I'll be laid to rest'.

I'm sure it's an event that crosses the minds of most folks from time to time, especially if they're in the autumn years of their lives such as I.

Certainly, I don't expect those in their teens, twenties and thirties to read one word of this. Me either, thirty years ago. But now, yes, I do think about it occasionally, particularly when I'm trying to gain ground on the Stouffville fire truck at three o'clock in the morning and haven't a clue where it's going.

One wrong move and game over! So what about this burial bit? you ask.

The truth is, I don't have a place; a spot to permanently lay my head.

Yes, I've been negligent in this regard. The main spring on the old 'ticker' could uncoil to-morrow. Where would Jean and the family be? Left holding the 'bag', not knowing where to drop it!

Even worse, I'd have no choice. The site stipulation isn't included in my will. Why? Because I can't make up my mind.

To me, 'a final resting place' is the most important decision I'll make in my whole life. But if I don't hurry up, someone will decide for me. I'll feel cheated.

Yes, I've looked around; visited cemeteries by the score. But none, not even Stouffville, meets the criteria I require. For you see, I'll need a double plot, one for me and one for all the worldly treasures I intend taking along.

For example — my 1954 Crown Graphic camera. It's as much a part of me as my elongated nose and ears.

A May 7, 1951 copy of The Tribune. That's when I started here (officially). Hopefully, my name's in there somewhere.

My age-old Underwood typewriter, the one with the bent space bar. It's only gathering dust; will never be missed.

Susan's booties that have hung from the rear-view mirror of every car I've owned since 1960. They should go 'the last mile'.

The Town Crest, a treasured gift from Mayor Fran Sainsbury and Company. It shouldn't take up much room.

A painting of a cardinal by Olive Murphy, purchased at the Silver Jubilee Club Art Show. I prize it highly.

The remnants of my 1940 N.H.L. scrapbook.

My Mickey Mantle poster.
A hockey stick autographed by Keith Acton.

My Cam Fella photo and more. The auxiliary casket may not hold it all.

Of the many 'resting places' I've seen, the Old Stone Church at Beaverton suits me best. It's quiet, (most cemeteries are); shaded and well main-

tained. Trouble is, it's so far removed, I couldn't expect visitors more than once a year, probably Decoration Day. But that's okay. On the surface at least, nothing will have changed.

Yes, I've considered cremation. But then, all the aforementioned keepsakes would have to stay behind, gathering dust.

I'd want my remains cast over the length and breadth of the Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, my favorite hideaway. However, these days, with the general public so environmentally conscious, officials would never go for it; might pollute the lake.

This leave one alternative — the solitude of my own backyard. It's permissible you know, providing all conditions are met.

In addition to meeting a last request, the site, with a suitably inscribed monument, would serve several practical purposes. It would provide an excellent perch for the multitude of starlings and sparrows that flock to our place all year round, even the occasional cardinal and canary.

The squirrels would have a ball.

This would also serve as a daily reminder. Jean could look out on it while doing the dishes.

Last but not least it would provide an excellent anchor for the clothesline. Our pole blew down last week.

Praise

Dear Editor:
Through your newspaper, I wish to compliment Bruce and Bunny Burton on the excellence of the Strawberry Festival Pageant at the High School June 29.

I also wish to compliment the Pageant entries; not only on their beauty but on their skills. I personally felt the judges did an excellent job. I have no argument with their choices including the Queen; also the entrants' pick of Most Congenial and Best Talent.

All in all it was a very enjoyable evening. I counted it an honor to attend.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Glenda Eastman,
Lori Avenue,
Stouffville

An honor

Dear Editor:
I wish to commend the Festival Pageant committee for the established dress code for the contestants — street clothes; sports outfits and evening gowns; no bathing suits.

In my opinion, this sets the Miss Whitchurch-Stouffville event apart from some beauty competitions I've seen in Toronto and on TV.

No one could possibly be opposed to a promenade of such high calibre.

Congratulations to all concerned.
Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Lynda Leonard,
Ironwood Crescent,
Stouffville

Editorials

Acceptable alternative

There's undoubtedly disenchantment within the ranks of the once strong (federal) Liberal camp in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

David Wishart, the candidate most here were hoping would win the Markham riding nomination lost out to Jag Bhaduria of Milliken Mills.

Jag who?
No one in this neck of the woods knows; or probably cares.

David who?
Few in this neck of the woods know him either.

At least 'Jag who' lives in the Riding. Wishart doesn't. He was parachuted in. So what's the beef?

Rightly or wrongly, legally or illegally, Bhaduria was better organized; had more support.

Neither produced much of a platform. It's another case of who you know rather than what you know that

counted.

If Whitchurch-Stouffville Liberals are so incensed at what happened July 17 we trust they'll be flexible enough to switch camps. Certainly, Bill Attewell, the PC standardbearer, is an acceptable alternative. He's experienced, approachable — and lives here. He recently purchased a home in Blue Spruce Estates, Vandorf.

Dyed-in-the-wool Party people find changing colors difficult. They'd rather fight than switch.

However, at the grass roots level of politics, be it federal or provincial, it's the Member that counts, not the Party. When problems arise, it's the MP or the MPP we approach, not Peterson or Rae; not Mulroney, Turner or Broadbent.

For this reason, unless the NDP can come up with a better alternative, it's Bill Attewell all the way — to Ottawa.

Case delays must end

At long last, a provincial court judge has had the intestinal fortitude to toss out a case that, in his opinion, had been too long in coming to trial.

Judge John Evans refused to hear charges of impaired driving and refusing to take a breathalyzer test against a 27-year-old Oshawa man.

Here's why:
The charge was laid Oct. 15, 1986. The man appeared in court Oct. 23, 1986.

Trial was scheduled for June 19, 1987. It was later rescheduled for April 19, 1988. Solicitors for the accused claimed their client "had not been tried within a reasonable length of time as guaranteed under the Charter of Rights."

On July 12, 1988, Judge Evans agreed. In our experience, excuses given for case adjournments are ridiculous — lawyers can't attend; witnesses can't be present; case preparations are incomplete and so on. Many judges go along with this charade, backing up case loads many months, even years.

In calling a halt to this insensitivity, Judge Evans has displayed a personal contempt for unfairness within the system. We trust other court officials will be similarly courageous.



Area fall wheat harvest in full swing

Wheat harvest's in full swing. Despite the drought that's plagued farmers in many areas, the sample is better than expected. On the farm of Bill Hassard, R.R. 3, Stouffville, Steve Lewis of Glasgow is providing the machinery, and

trucks. The giant Massey-Ferguson combine cuts a 16-foot swath. The wheat is being store at St. Lawrence Feeds, Lincolnville.

—Jim Thomas