

S/U

A friend in need

Dear Editor:
I'd like, through The Tribune, to extend a public thank you to Marguerite Poerschke, bus driver for Simcoe Transit and Jens Moller, a driver with Rennie Transport.

Both stopped to offer assistance at an automobile accident in which I was involved.

These people took time out of what I'm sure was a very busy day, to help two complete strangers.

In a day when it's 'every man for himself', it's nice to know there are still folks around who care about others.

Sincerely,

Ann Bell

A view of Canada

The Stouffville Horticultural Society will hold its general meeting, Mon., March 20 at 8 p.m., in the lower auditorium of Stouffville United Church.

Theme of the program is "Canada As I've Seen It" by Edgar James.

All interested persons are invited.

School show praised

Dear Editor:
Hats off to the students and staff of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School involved in Variety Show '89.

It was an excellent, fast-paced program. All are to be congratulated.

Sincerely,

Susan Myers,
Park Drive South,
Stouffville

Skate to Band

The Markham Concert Band will provide the music when the Whitchurch-Stouffville Adult Skating Club holds its next outing, Tues., March 28 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.



A model of fashion

Stouffville Place Mall featured a fashion show, Saturday, with a preview at Kellington's, Thursday. One of the model participants was Audrey Gibson, Rupert Avenue. Saturday's promenade attracted a large crowd.

Editor's Mail

Living beyond our means

Dear Editor:
"From the cradle to the grave". This was the popular name given to a Social Security Plan devised by Sir William Beveridge.

It came into operation in the United Kingdom in July, 1948.

It greatly expanded and integrated various social insurance plans that had been adopted during the preceding 40 years.

The cost was to be shared by

the insured person, employers and the State. It was very wide in scope and every citizen received the benefit of the plan.

However, as the demands increased, the cost got out of control and certain additional contributions had to be paid by the insured person.

Here in Canada, our social security system is very similar in scope and just as costly.

To be able to finance our Social

Security Plan, money had to be borrowed at a high rate of interest. It is the high cost of our social insurance that has got us into the financial mess we're in today. To a large extent, it's responsible for our huge deficit.

We all benefit, in one way or another, under this plan and we'd be loath to see any of the benefits decrease in value to any great extent.

Now, it looks as if we have to pay the bill for our extravagancies.

At the time of its inception, it appeared financing it would be no great problem. However, in the last 25 years, salaries, wages, prices and equipment costs have gone up rapidly. Now we find it very difficult to acquire the money to pay for these benefits.

The old adage of 'cut your cloth according to your means' doesn't apply any more. Everyone, including all levels of Government, live on credit that encourages more spending but eventually our debts have to be paid.

Our cumulative deficit is somewhere around \$361 billion. Every 25 to 30 cents of every dollar goes to service that debt.

The International Monetary Fund suggests we have to cut our deficit by at least \$9 billion during the next year. If we don't, the value of the dollar will fall, interest rates will go up and we'll go into a 'recession'.

One of the sections of our society that will be hit hard by a recession will be the person who's been forced to buy a house at grossly inflated prices. If one wage-earner is laid off, who will pay the mortgage when it's already hard with two members working?

So, what does our Finance Minister have to do in his next Budget?

The financial experts predict that existing programs will be cut and others, in the works, will be abandoned. There will also be an increase in taxation.

Whatever he does it will be very unpopular with the voter. Screams of protest will emanate from coast to coast.

But if we're to head off a recession, it would be better for us to pay the bill rather than keep living beyond our means.

Good luck Mr. Wilson!

Sincerely,

Adam Johnstone,
R.R. 1, Stouffville.



In brief, this is what's new in beach wear

A trip to the beach this summer or maybe even a visit to the Town pool could reveal the latest in swim wear as modelled by Jennifer Giasson, 17, (left), and Soni Singh, 22. Saturday's fashion parade was the first of the season in Stouffville. —Jim Thomas

Exemptions for parking

By DENISE McDONALD
STOUFFVILLE — Do we want to make Main Street look nice or do we worry about parking?"

Such was the question posed by Mayor Fran Sainsbury to members of Whitchurch-Stouffville's Planning Advisory Committee following a request for parking exemption at 153 Main Street West, (Stonehouse House of Travel).

According to a report submitted by Town Planner Michael Saunders, property owner Richard Crispi has indicated plans to begin renovations on the exterior of his building. He also wishes to add an additional apartment upstairs by dividing the existing unit in two.

But to do so, would require the addition of two parking spaces in order to comply with the zoning bylaw. Mr. Crispi's present facility is already three spaces short of the required total.

In order to proceed with his plans, Mr. Crispi has asked PAC members to consider withdrawing the parking levy and allow the cash-in-lieu of parking facilities to be waived.

"I intend to start exterior renovations on the building in

April or May; to do my part in the rejuvenation of our downtown core that I support wholeheartedly," he said. "It's my hope the apartment can cater to seniors. With the medical and shopping facilities in this area, it's an ideal location."

Mr. Crispi also pointed out, should the apartments be leased to seniors; parking facilities may not be required. "The only good thing I can see about this is that you will be providing affordable housing above commercial units," said Councillor Wayne Emmerson. "But now everyone else is going to be asking for spots."

While the municipal parking lot behind the building was suggested as an alternative, Mr. Saunders pointed out it already operates at full capacity during the week and at 25 percent through the evening.

The former Mansion House Hotel, located on the east side of Edward Street, presently being redeveloped, also has a significant parking deficiency.

"The problem is, the more parking we use around the area, the more we force store owners to park on residential streets, com-

pounding the issue," said Councillor Jim Sanders. "I think we're really being short-sighted if we give up these spaces."

Mayor Sainsbury disagreed.

"Mr. Crispi did take into account the study done by Euri Bursens. He's also located a picture of what the building looked like before and is trying to keep it in that manner."

"Besides, I think there are some merchants in that block who have become too possessive about those parking spots. I think there is going to have to be some give-and-take if we're going to get Main Street off the ground."

Contrary to Mr. Saunders' recommendation that members not grant the parking exemption, they elected to postpone their decision for two weeks until Councillor Emmerson has an opportunity to talk with the people in the block concerned. "My intent" was to provide much-needed housing, we don't have and to fix the building up. If this comes down to a matter of dollars and cents, I'd have to say my earlier motions have soured somewhat. But I've heard the concerns and I understand," concluded Mr. Crispi.

Neighborly Notes

By JIM THOMAS

Impressive

Reports indicate the World Day of Prayer service in the Stouffville Missionary Church, was one of the most impressive held here in years. Thanks goes to guest speaker Dorothy Pitts of Stouffville Pentecostal Church and the lady songsters from Christ Church (Anglican) for making it so. It's nice also to know this particular worship is no longer restricted to women as once was the case. Comments heard from those gentlemen present were equally supportive.

Surprise!

It didn't happen in Stouffville but it has a Stouffville connection. A lady kept a crocodile in her house. When authorities threatened to impound the reptile, she took it to her local church and placed it in the

baptismal font. The following Sunday, the pastor accompanied one of his flock to the area in preparation for a total immersion. Surprise! While no part of the individual's anatomy was found to be missing, the shock had both the person and the parson reaching for the smelling salts.

Appointment

Bruce Annan, former Tribune publisher and now holding a similar portfolio at the Newmarket Era-Aurora Banner, has been appointed to the Ontario Press Council. His task, along with other Council members, will be to examine complaints lodged by citizens in a handful of newspapers, both dailies and weeklies.

Reep break

Let's be honest. Peering into people's open mouths hour after hour a day after day, must get pretty boring.

It's alleged that Whitby dentist, Dr. Peers Davidson found some relief from his fo-hum routine. When the female staff complained that someone was secretly watching them undress in the office, change room, police dropped by to have a look. Lo and behold, they found a two-way mirror and a peep hole on the doctor's wall. Davidson faces two counts of mischief.

Best wishes

Congratulations to Jessie Burton, Thompson Court, Markham, on the occasion of her upcoming 95th birthday, April 1. The milestone will be recognized April 2 on CBC Radio at 7:30 a.m. Mrs. Burton has two sons, Arnold of Markham, and Howard of Clarendon; one daughter, Dorothy Cook of Clarendon; eight grandchildren; four great grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Allison Winnipeg and Mrs. Hazel Wilson Stouffville.



Town sisters, talented dancers

Sisters Tamar and Maral Jamjekian, Bramble Crescent, Stouffville, are extremely talented dancers. They take lessons in tap, jazz and ballet at Sandra's Dance Studio, Scarborough. They also play piano. Tamar is in Grade 6 and Maral in Grade 8. Tamar is a student at St. Mark's, Stouffville. Maral is enrolled at Bros. Andre, Markham. Both participated recently in a Variety Show at Parkview Village.

—Jim Thomas

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