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Editorial

Sections of sidewalk 'deplorable'

Sections of sidewalk in Stouffville have been described as 'deplorable', by councillor Gordon Ratcliff.

The Town will over- spend its budget by \$900, to make the necessary repairs.

Residents, particularly the elderly, will readily endorse this decision. Many areas of sidewalk are indeed 'deplorable' - a hazard.

Knowing this, it seems strange that Council would set aside only \$3,000 in its

1972 estimates for this purpose.

The trouble is, too little has been spent on sidewalk maintenance for years, thus leading up to a major expense.

And on the same subject - improvements, whatever happened to the priority rating on lighting for Main Street?

The south side is like Bfroadway, but the north is a cemetery.

Industrial Park - yes or no

Participatory democracy is a fine and noble thing, but if it produces only discussion and no action, it accomplishes nothing.

This has been the result of Whitchurch - Stouffville's long proposed power - boat bylaw at Musselman's Lake - just talk.

And Council appears to be headed in exactly the same direction with regard to a proposed Industrial Park - nowhere.

One considered site is near the intersection of Don Mills and the Aurora Road. As one might expect, several are opposed. There will be opposition regardless of what area is considered. But Council must take the lead - must know where they're going. Up to now, the tail's been wagging the dog.

In our opinion, it's the height of poor planning to establish an industrial

complex at a site so far distant from municipal services. For even though sewer and water provisions are not required at present, a build - up of this kind is not just for today. It will set the pattern for tomorrow.

The location is suspect too, in the sense that two industries have already approached Planning Committee, in the hope that the property can be re - zoned.

Members should weigh these applications carefully. As much as Whitchurch - Stouffville is anxious to acquire industrial assessment, these firms should be directed, not do the directing.

The right direction, in our opinion, is in close proximity to services - in close proximity to Stouffville. The sooner the Town makes up its mind in this matter, the better for all concerned.

Fun with figures

Ontario Riding M. P., Norm Cafik is to be commended for his personal involvement in a questionnaire related to the proposed airport in Pickering Township.

The scope of the study is extensive, and this aspect of it must be kept in mind when considering the total result.

Mr. Cafik, as Ontario Riding's representative in Ottawa, had to consider the Riding as a whole. Hence the figure, 51.5 percent in favor of the airport, 43.8 percent opposed; 53.3 percent in favor of Cedarwood, 40.1 percent opposed.

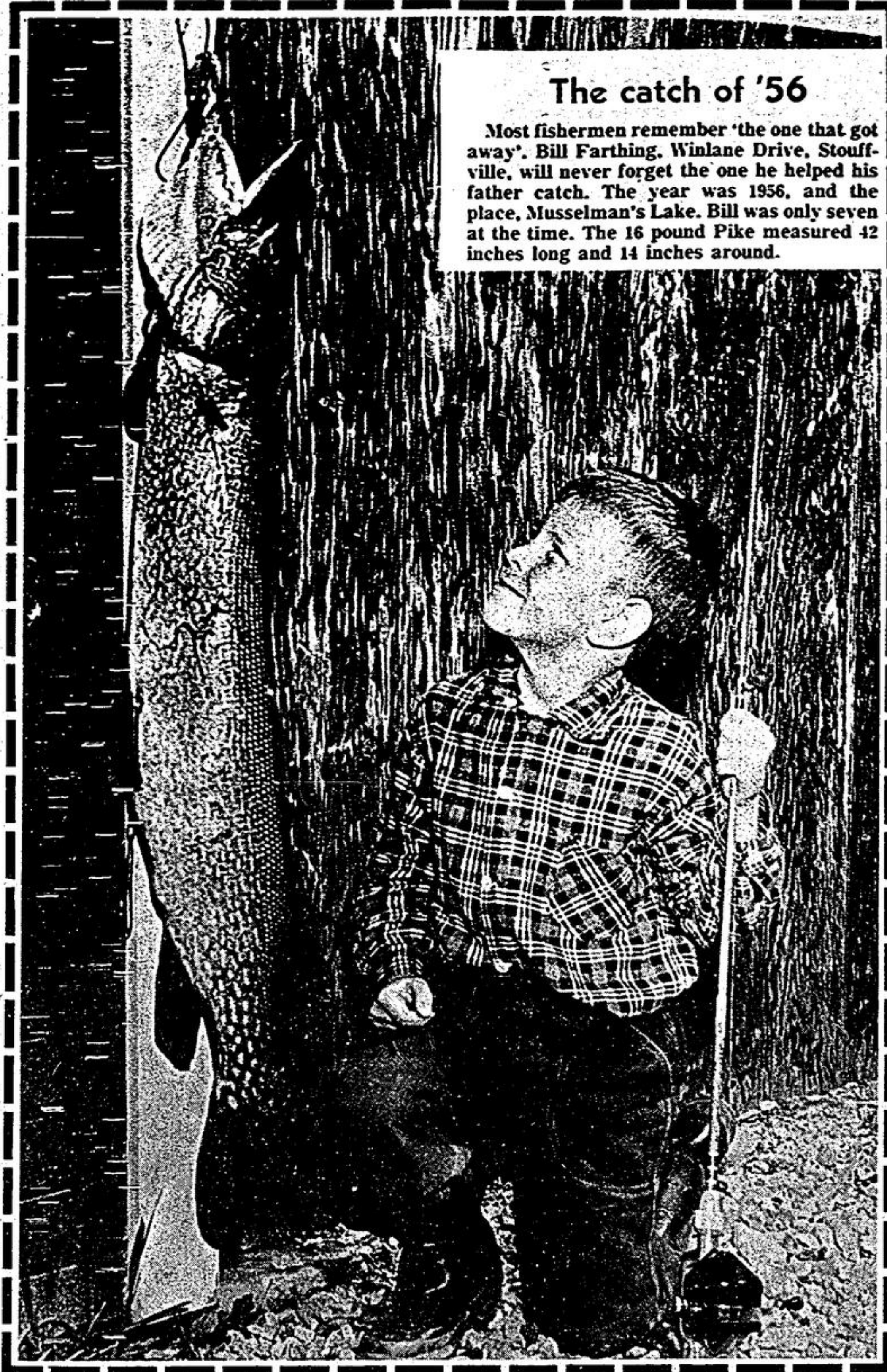
However, in the Pickering - Uxbridge areas, more directly affected by the proposed project, the percentages swing

the other way, 51 to 44 percent opposed to the airport; 47 to 45 percent opposed to Cedarwood.

The reader can be confused still further when he reads that in the Pickering Noise Zone, 52.7 percent feel more will benefit while 44.6 percent feel more will be hurt. Likewise, in the Uxbridge Twp. Noise Zone, 48.5 percent feel more will benefit while 43.5 percent feel more will be hurt.

If one is prejudiced, one way or another, he can read into the figures the result that satisfies him most.

Perhaps then, the computer has its place - it makes a determined effort to keep everybody happy.



The catch of '56

Most fishermen remember 'the one that got away'. Bill Farthing, Winlane Drive, Stouffville, will never forget the one he helped his father catch. The year was 1956, and the place, Musselman's Lake. Bill was only seven at the time. The 16 pound Pike measured 42 inches long and 14 inches around.

Editor's Mail

Dear Sir:

A recent story in several papers, told about a nine year old Markham area girl, who was accidentally shot in the back while watching a ball game in the Dickson's Hill Public School playground. Two youths were arrested and charged with dangerous use of firearms.

It is unfortunate that this girl was needlessly injured by the hands of untrained and unsupervised boys who, if convicted, will carry a police record for the rest of their lives.

As a member of the Whitchurch Conservation Club, I would like it to be known that a course of instruction will be held by our club under the Hunter Safety Training Program of the Department of

Natural Resources starting July 25, at 8:00 p.m. at Vandorf Community Hall, Don Mills Road.

There will be one course only with a fee of \$5 which covers literature and instruction for at least 8 hours by a qualified instructor. The course will be concluded Aug. 15. For further information call 727-5996, 888-1214 or 640-3738.

It is the hope of our club that accidents such as this will not be repeated and that youths may enjoy the out-of-doors in safety and with the knowledge and good practise of firearms which will allow others to enjoy it safely.

The use of firearms can be a safe and enjoyable sport, whether used in hunting or target shooting. Let us encourage the inexperienced to spend the time to learn the proper and safe methods which, if applied, will eliminate these needless accidents.

Bill Richardson,
R.R.1, Gormley, Ont.
Member of the Whitchurch
Conservation Club

ROAMING AROUND

I'm a coach - almost

By Jim Thomas

I'm a softball coach. Well, not exactly a coach - more like a manager.

Well, not exactly a manager either - more like a base - adjuster, a bat - collector and a helmet pick - er - upper. But regardless of how menial the chore the involvement has given me the greatest satisfaction of any extra - curricular activity in years.

The team, you see, is comprised solely of boys, seven to ten - truly the greatest group of guys a coach - I mean a manager, could ever want to work with.

The same goes for all the kids in the entire league. A few adults would do well to follow their example. A few coaches and managers too.

Like many of the lads, this is my first season - long experience with this sort of thing. And boy, have I pulled some boners.

Like the night when my own son, Barry, came to bat against a club from Ballantrae. I clean forgot all about a player already parked on first - forgot that is, until a kindly sideline spectator drew attention to the fact that the little lad was still standing there, patiently awaiting my command to GO! By then, it was too late. Barry was on second; there were three out and the inning was over. My face glowed as red as our duffle bag.

On another occasion, during an outfield warm - up, I mildly criticized one boy for his slow, looping throws. "Get 'em in here - hard", I said. "This isn't a girl's game". He did. Nearly broke my hand.

However, this is the one thing I like most about these lads: They do what they're told - no arguments, no questions asked.

The questions come later. All from my son, like:

"Why did you tell Danny to run?" he asked. "He was out a mile".

Gulp - why did I?

"Howcome you told me to try for a single, after the coach had asked me to bunt?"

Yeah; howcome?

No reply.

That's the one thing I have against the current league setup. Too many combinations of fathers and sons. A Dad expects too much of his boy, and a son expects his know - nothing father to know - it - all. Sooner or later, there's bound to be a personality clash, with both trying to defend the obvious ineptness of their abilities.

There are other problems too.

Like getting to the games on time.

Try working up to six o'clock, racing home, a quick change of clothes, a sandwich, and be on the diamond at 6.30.

No easy chore, but it can be done, even as far distant as Pine Orchard and Vandorf.

But the sacrifice has its reward.

Like the comment from the wee tyke, Thursday: "We lost, but gee, what fun!"



Lloyd Public School (S.S. No. 8, Whitchurch) - 1908

Lloyd Public School (S.S. No. 8, Whitchurch), was built in 1903. This picture was taken in 1908. Names of the pupils and trustees follow: Front Row (seated) - Lydia Sider, Carl Mabley, Jimmy Mabley, Mabel Hills, Bessie Ash. Teacher (seated) is Ernest Smith. Second Row (left to right) - Percy Ash, Peter Sider, Everton Smith, Ethel Mabley, Vera Hills, Nelda Graham, Lorne Ash, unknown, Gladys Leary, Bessie

Smith, James Ash, unknown, Wesley Sider. Third Row (left to right) - Wm. Paisley, Albert Heise, Ernest Watson, unknown, Velma Leary, unknown, George Smith, Arthur Paisley. Fourth Row (left to right) - Joseph Sider, Herb Paisley, Verna Bestard, Bobby Graham, Leonard Rogerson. Rear Row (left to right) - Henry Smith (trustee); Roy Brillinger, George Bell (trustee); Robert Bell (trustee).

Dear Editor:

I observed in The Tribune (July 13), that Sam Chapman, Director of Education, York County, and one other of 'the ivory tower set', had been accorded a \$1,500 salary increase. The report, however, did not state the total figure each will now receive - like maybe \$35,000 for Mr. Chapman?

Just how much can one man be worth? Perhaps, when it comes to education, there is no monetary limit.

Signed,
'Busted'.

Dear Jim:

Thank you very much for your interest in David's recovery.

I am pleased to report that he is so much improved. He expects to be home this weekend and start back to work, on a part time basis, next week.

We are all deeply grateful for his miraculous recovery and for the kind expressions of concern from so many friends.

Don Deacon.

Sir:

With the Mariposa Folk Festival a rousing success (all tickets sold out), I can see no reason why the Town of Whitchurch - Stouffville could not host a similar program.

Within the immediate area, there are many talented musicians (and old-timers too), who could come out and entertain with their guitars and fiddles.

It would not be necessary to entice the 'big names' to attend, so the cost would be negligible. At Mariposa, for example, the performers receive only \$50 plus travelling expenses. There could be displays of crafts, concessions for sales of home-baked food - the possibilities are endless.

So why not a Folk Festival in the Stouffville Park?

The month of August, in my opinion, would be ideal.

John Saffer,
Stouffville, R.R.3.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs. Caroline Pierce of Markham, on the occasion of her 100th birthday, Friday, July 21. Mrs. Pierce resides at the home of Mrs. Percy Jones, 288 Main Street.