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# Editorial

## Site visits aid decision making

No single project in Whitchurch-Stouffville has aroused so much interest, and in some cases, enthusiasm, than the application before Planning Committee to develop a 90-acre mobile home park, near Gormley.

This Office has been besieged by calls, mainly from people in the area wishing more information on the venture. We assured each, that a start on the development was not contemplated tomorrow - and perhaps never.

The Committee, expected to deal with the request, appears wary. And well it might be. For not only is it a 'first' for the Town on a permanent basis, but it represents, in potential numbers of people, a sizeable 'hamlet on wheels'.

In a situation such as this, we feel it would be wise for all members, not one, or even a committee of three, to visit such a site and observe first-hand its operation.

At the same time, the Administrator or members of his staff, could check with the host municipality, and learn the financial responsibilities, services, etc. involved.

With this information, plus whatever assistance could be forthcoming from the Region, local planners would be in a better position to discuss all aspects of the application intelligently. As it is, there are too many questions and too few answers.

## Airport inquiry too late

Federal Transport Minister Donald Jamieson plans to initiate proceedings for a public hearing into, we presume, all aspects of the proposed International Airport, destined for a site in rural Pickering Township.

The decision, while lauded by some, including P.O.P. chairman, Dr. Charles Godfrey, is, in our opinion, suspect.

First, the announcement, only one day preceding the call for a general election, makes us wonder if the government is attempting, (temporarily at least), to pacify a cross-section of airport opponents and win them back to the fold.

Secondly, the suggestion of an inquiry, after expropriation proceedings have been started, makes no sense at all.

Thirdly, after seven months, to re-open debate on choice of the Pickering site, is nothing short of ludicrous.

We do not oppose a public hearing on an issue so important as this - in fact, we welcome it; but before expropriation proceedings are started, not after.

Further to that, the hearing should be restricted to need only - need for two major air terminals, fifty miles apart. This, in our opinion, has not been proved. It should be.

However, if the inquiry is to be used as a 'battle ground' for argument on site choices, the original one and alternates, then we say the government's stand, both federally and provincially, is extremely weak and the proposed project should be scrapped entirely.

# Editor's Mail

Dear Sir:

I would like to congratulate you on your Editorial of Aug. 31, entitled: "Adding Insult to Injury".

Now that Whitchurch-Stouffville has some control of the approach to the Village, one would expect a Planning Board worthy of the name to question any type of business that would not add to the main approach to the Village. Sure, it's a mess as it is. But why run over the dog because the cat got hit? To permit the installation of elevated oil tanks, only 1,200 feet from the Ponderosa Subdivision would be, in my opinion, ridiculous.

Whatever goes in that area now, will serve as a guide to what will come later. And make no mistake, the bush will not hide everything from view. Kids play in it continually, and it's been on fire twice recently.

One passing thought - Eldred King; if you have any brothers, let them step forward also.

Bert Carey,  
R.R.4, Stouffville.

Editor's Note: Planning Committee has since reversed its decision on the application.



Dear Sir:

Re editorial: 'Adding insult to injury'.

I am in full agreement with the above mentioned article since I am a property owner approx. 300 feet adjacent to the proposed installation of two 20,000 gallons fuel containers and I intend to oppose any such installation. In my opinion it would devalue all the surrounding properties. Nobody with common sense would intend to erect any building, residential, industrial or commercial near fuel tanks. It would be a very potential danger to the neighbourhood if, through any mishaps such as an explosion, a fire should occur. I would like to point out that the Ponderosa Subdivision would be only about 1200 feet from the fuel tanks and between those two points are about 600 feet bushland and 600 feet hayfield. I don't think I have to explain in details to the people of the subdivision and to the surrounding neighbours how fast a fuel explosion fire could spread into their homes. And not to mention the environmental damage which could arise.

Ursula Gojkovic  
Stouffville.

Dear Sir:

Your recent editorial (Aug. 10), under the heading, 'Mr. Bales Will Have to Go', was certainly in the public interest. And the offer, by the said Mr. Bales, to turn over his \$100,000 profit to charity, does not alter this stand.

Why, I wonder, have we been denied a public enquiry into the entire matter, since we the public pay, we also the public, should be given all the facts.

Loretta McNab,  
Myrtle Ave.,  
Toronto.

## More are asking - Why work?

By C.H. Nolan

More and more people are asking the question, 'why work?' As the numbers continue to grow we begin to wonder just how many such people we can afford. The question came out prominently this past week when it was revealed that the unemployment tax pool is running dry, in fact it has completely dried up and will require a transfusion directly out of taxpayers' pockets.

It should be remembered that when the federal government increased unemployment payments to maximum of \$100 a week, it went far beyond many wage scales. To keep the fund up Labor Minister Bryce Mackasey dragged in more than a million more workers, many of whom would never be in a position to collect. However, it was not enough and today we are faced with a fund that is actually "broke". The Minister claims the public in general will not be concerned. He must be a dreamer if he thinks the public doesn't know who is footing the deficit.

Decent, hard-working people are not going to object to looking after the genuinely unemployed, although some will surely question a system which permits maximum payments for not working that exceed minimum payments for those who do work.

Intellectual types will tell you about a dream world with work for two or three days a week, a great society of leisure. Is this what we really want? The idea of work is not a hangover from Puritan times. It is fundamentally good for man to work, to have challenges and pit his skills against problems.

The system the government operates breeds a sense of injustice. Mr. Mackasey should remember that many people do work they don't care for, and resent the holidays that many others take on unemployment insurance which regular workers have paid for.

# ROAMING AROUND

I hate to say it - But I told you so!

By Jim Thomas

I'm a connoisseur of good hockey. The majority of Canadians are. They recognize the abilities of outstanding players. They appreciate the skills of well-executed plays.

Unfortunately, little of either was beamed out of Maple Leaf Gardens last season. And the way things are going, the situation is more likely to deteriorate than improve.

Depressed, you ask? You're right - depressed, but not surprised.

For I predicted defeat in Game One for Team Canada, Saturday. Not a 'massacre', mind you, but a loss just the same, by maybe one or two goals.

And everybody laughed - at least all the arm-chair spectators I talked to.

"It'll be murder," said one. "The whole Russian team couldn't carry Esposito's skates," joked another. "Those guys (the Russians), couldn't shoot their way out of a wet paper bag," jeered still another.

My reply to all this was, and I quote, "The Canadian team is in for a big surprise. The Russians will skate and pass them dizzy." And they did.

Now, some of those same fair-weather friends are dolefully predicting a clean-sweep for the Soviets. I don't buy this, either. I'd say an even split, four games apiece, would be about right. After all, from what I saw Saturday, the N.H.Lers couldn't possibly play worse. And if the Russians play better, they'll be stickhandling up and down the trolley tracks on Carlton Street.

The thing that bothers me most, and has for years, is the style of hockey dished up by the so-called pros.

With exception of perhaps, the Montreal Canadiens, it's a shoot-and-chase brand of shinny, and while it produces such extra-curricular attractions as an occasional butt-end in the ribs or an elbow in the teeth, there's little excitement for the legitimate fan, unless, of course, dislocated dentures are to your liking.

Personally, that's not for me. That is why, as a kid, my favorites of the late 40's were the New York Rangers. That club comprised the greatest group of razzle-dazzle guys ever, (in my memory) to don blades. Unfortunately, the style, while it thrilled even the non-partisan spectator, failed in its ultimate objective - to win championships. Hence, its demise. Now, it seems, the Soviets have taken over where the Rangers left off. The result, Saturday at least, the finest display of one-team puck-juggling mastery seen in two decades.

Would Bobby Orr have helped the Canadian cause?

You bet your boots he would. On Saturday, I saw six Bobby Orr's on the ice with every shift. Trouble was, they were all wearing the wrong sweaters.

## If a child...

The following words of advice, under the heading, 'Reflections for Parents and Teachers', are prominently displayed near the door to the Principal's Office at Summitview Public School in Stouffville. They read:

- If a child lives with criticism He learns to fight;
- If a child lives with pity He learns to feel sorry for himself;
- If a child lives with jealousy, He learns to hate;
- If a child lives with encouragement, He learns to be confident;
- If a child lives with praise, He learns to be appreciative;
- If a child lives with acceptance, He learns to love;
- If a child lives with recognition, He learns to have a goal;
- If a child lives with fairness, He learns justice;
- If a child lives with honesty, He learns what truth is;
- If a child lives with friendliness, He learns that the world is a nice place in which to live.



Heise Hill Public School (S.S. No. 7) Markham Twp., 1937

This photo will renew memories for many former pupils of Heise Hill Public School, S.S. No. 7, Markham Township. The year was 1937. The pupils and principal are: Rear Row, (left to right) - Mr. Louis Nicholls, (teacher); Dorothy Baker, Helen Steckley, Marion Hunt, Pearl Bond, Anna Baker, Grace Roynton, Clarence Heise Jr., Leslie Hart, Philip Rumney. Second Row, (left to right) - Verna Heise, Jean Brillinger, Ruth Heise, Jean Hoover, Hazel Steckley, Lawrence Hoover, Anna Heise.

Marion Boston, George Rumney, Carl Steckley, Harold Cober. Third Row, (left to right) - Agnes Heise, Lois Heise, Betty Barber, Norma Empringham, Ruth Hunt, Alma Steckley, Lorna Evans, Dorothy Shirk, Bertie Forester, Roberta Farquharson, Evelyn Barber, Rhoda Cober. Front Row, (left to right) - Ross Brillinger, (unknown), Donald Steckley, Douglas Steckley, Walter Brillinger, Bruce Steckley, Jim Boynton, Arthur Williamson, Lawrence Boynton, Paul Jones.