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Editorial

Port Project 'up in air'

An international Airport for Pickering? Don't hold your breath.

Like the existence of the Government itself, the whole thing's 'up in the air'.

At present, all things point to a prolonged deferment and then, its ultimate demise. Your guess is as good as ours.

Opposition is formidable.

Conservative Leader Robert Stanfield is against it and so is Ontario Riding member-elect, Frank McGee.

In York North, Barney Danson flip-flopped, but finally came to rest on a negative perch. Opposed also is York-Simcoe's Sinclair Stevens. To all this, include the voices of Bill Newman (Ontario South) and Don Deacon (York-Centre), and one visualizes a defence that will be difficult to crack.

If this project, like the Century City 'dream' is destined for failure, let's hope the decision is revealed without delay. Residents, pro and con, have been inconvenienced enough already.

Wrong party charged

Anyone who attends court proceedings with regularity, automatically sets himself up as a learned Judge.

And, during recess periods, it is common practice to second-guess the outcome of cases.

Consider this one, for example.

A 16 year old boy was brought up before a Judge in a Provincial Court (Region of York) recently.

The charge was Theft.

Evidence revealed the lad to be the victim of a broken home. His parents, separated, then divorced, had subsequently re-married. But neither couple had room in his or her home for the accused. He was left to fare for himself.

Then one night, he 'broke into' the residence of his father and step-mother,

and helped himself to a quantity of food. He also took a few other items, including a flashlight. The father pressed charges; a conviction was registered, and the lad was sent off to Training School.

The boy so disliked his new surroundings that, when the opportunity came, he escaped. Still on his own, he committed a more serious offense and was once again arraigned before a Judge. This time, the sentence was more severe. He was sent to jail.

But what penalty was assessed against the parents?

Nothing at all for legally, they had committed no crime.

But morally, they were guilty and, in fact, the wrong party was charged.

Pre-election meeting is vital

While municipal nomination procedures are changed from former years, there's nothing in the Act that demands the holding of a public meeting prior to the trek to the polls.

There should be.

Although 1970's pathetic attendance should remove this 'right' from the electorate of Whitchurch-Stouffville, it is nevertheless vital that those interested enough to vote, should hear; and those ambitious enough to run, should be heard.

Other than knocking on doors, what other avenue of personal approach is there?

Undoubtedly, there are candidates who

couldn't care less about making their 'pitch' from a platform. Usually, these are the individuals who have nothing to say.

Still, there are those who have contributed, or can contribute much to the municipality. These are the individuals who should have a say.

The deadline date for nominations is 5 p.m., Nov. 13. Those nominated, have until 5 p.m., Nov. 14, to withdraw. Each nomination paper requires a minimum of ten names.

Within the two weeks following Nov. 14, a public meeting should follow. If the Town doesn't arrange it, the public should demand it.



Editor's Mail

Dear Editor:

The new Community Hall and floodlights "are really something" in Goodwood.

Uxbridge Twp. Council is to be commended in allowing the senior citizens to play euchre in this hall free of charge, realizing of course, that the building has been provided through the generosity of Arthur Latcham.

Les Ogden,
R.R. 3, Stouffville.

The O.P.P. in Whitby because "we do not pay taxes for their services!"

Only after my insistence that the call concerned a fire, and that someone could be in need of help, did they call the local Fire Department and the O.P.P.

Fortunately, no one was injured and the blaze was quickly extinguished. I give credit to the Claremont firemen for their quick response.

My point is, why are we supplied with a local emergency number, only to be told to call Whitby? It could mean the difference between life and death.

Mrs. M.A. Dodge,
R.R.2, Claremont.

Dear Sir:

About 9 p.m., Oct. 28, a car caught fire on the Brock Road, a half-mile south of Claremont.

When my husband and I observed the blaze, he hurried to the scene to offer assistance, while I called the Police-Fire emergency number, 649-2925.

When I reached the department, I was told by the Pickering Twp. Police to call

Dear Sir:

I have been reading the letters in The Tribune about hunting, and would like a chance to say what I think about this kind of thing.

I feel that like the passenger pigeon, the wildlife that remains, is soon going to disappear, if hunting is permitted to go on. It is cruel and unfair. What chance do birds and animals have against high-powered guns, telescopic sights, etc?

I can't understand how any person can receive a thrill out of seeing one of these creatures drop dead before their eyes. I hope there will be a ban on hunting.

Christine Kerrigan, (age 12),
Rupert Ave., Stouffville.

Dear Editor:

Next year is Prince Edward Island's Centennial. As part of a Centennial project I am compiling the histories of R.C.N. ships, named after P.E.I. communities, which served in World War II. These were H.M.C. ships Charlottetown (first and second), Summerside and Malpeque.

I am most anxious to hear from any members of these four ships' companies to query them on specific details and general impressions. I may be reached at the address shown. All correspondence will be answered.

Michael Hennessey,
21 Greenfield Ave.,
Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Please and ...

Sinclair Stevens, M.P. - elect, (York-Simcoe), has hit upon a novel idea, in making two-fold use of many election signs throughout the Riding. Pasted over his name are the words "Thank-you".

ROAMING AROUND

Lest we forget

By Jim Thomas

Several months ago, Bert Lickorish, a well-known and highly-respected resident at 100 Main Street West, delivered three copies of The Tribune to this office.

They were a bit dog-eared, scotch taped and slightly yellowed with age.

I thanked him, then, as with so many other 'donated' articles, set them aside on a shelf, without paying the content much heed. However, on Sunday, while rummaging around for something else, I found the papers, in the exact same spot I had put them.

I decided then and there that if my good friend could take the time to bring the items in then, out of respect for his thought, if nothing else, I could take the time to leaf through them.

The first was dated Jan. 29, 1942. It told of a standing room only audience that attended the 73rd annual Markham Twp. Religious Education Council in the Stouffville Baptist Church and how the delegates went on record as being "unqualifiedly opposed to the teaching of the theory of evolution in Ontario public and high schools".

In the second edition, dated July 2, 1942, there was a Page 1 photo of Fred Crossen, newly installed Master of Richardson Masonic Lodge. The paper also told of the sale of Blake Sanders' business partnership to Stiver Bros.

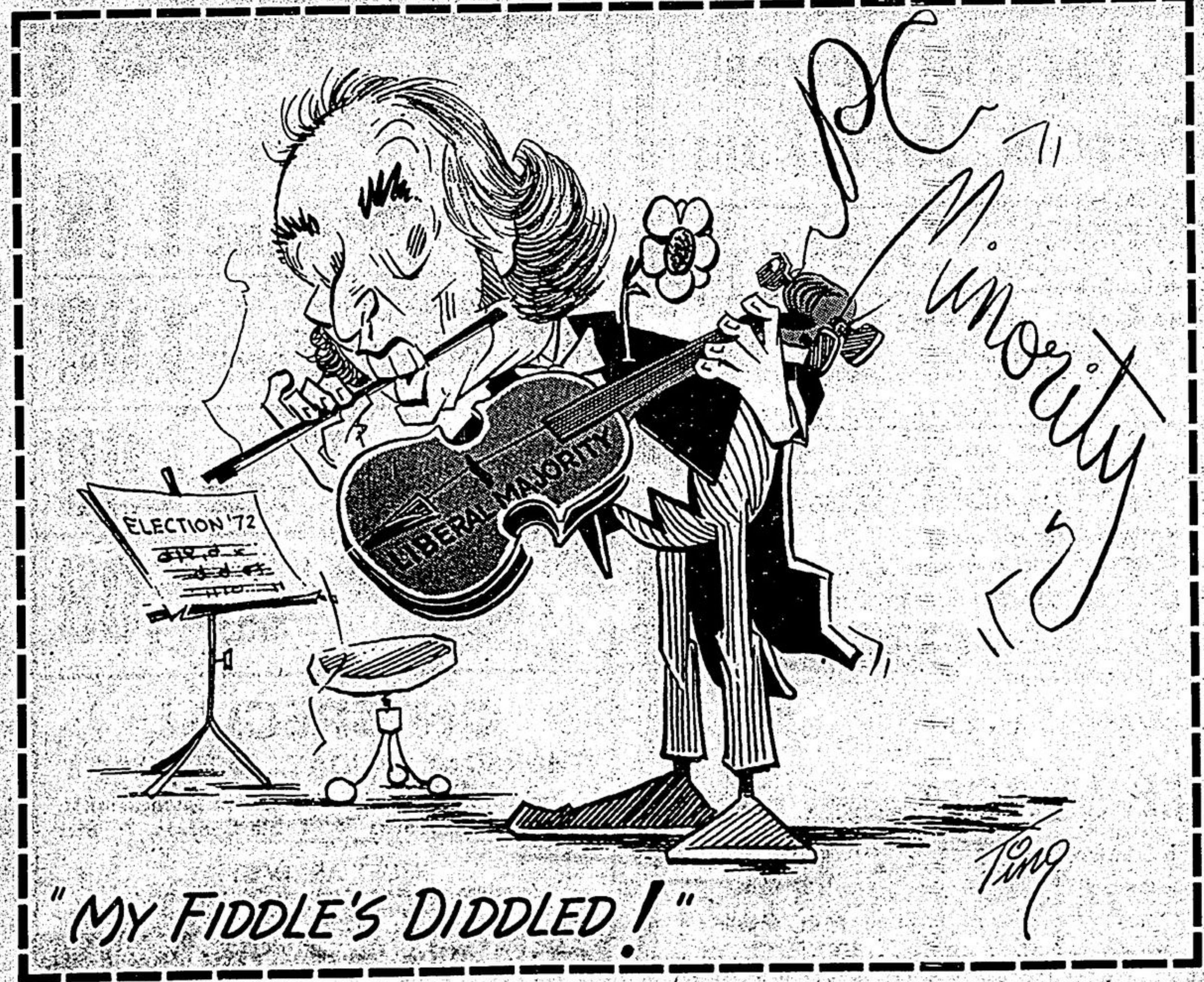
In the third edition, dated Aug. 23, there's a story about Bert Lickorish himself. It tells of his work as the head of the Veterans' Comfort Fund, a one-man campaign that since March, 1941, raised \$2,141.67, supplying 535,100 parcels to 87 members of the armed forces, including two prisoners of war.

Published also were two Honor Rolls, one from the Stouffville United Church and another from the High School. The names read: Helen Abell, Grace Bell, Elizabeth Leslie, Margaret Ball, Aurelia Jennings, Helen Burkholder, Kathleen Turner, Leonard Wilkes, Donald Middleton, Reginald Button, Harry Pennock, Jack Williamson, Gregory Scott, Norman Baker, William Malloy, Fred Williams, Murray Holden, Harry Holden, Donald Rowbotham, William Sanders, William Kellington, Lloyd Weldon, Robert McConnochie, William Tranmer, Charles Davis, Claude Brillinger, Arnold Schell, Ernest Rush, Neil Smith, Morley Pugh, Alfred Thomas, James Thomas, Harold Lewis, Jack Sanders, George Davis, Elmer Winn, John Button, George Saunders, Allan McConnachie, Arthur Swift, Ralph Burkholder, George Abell, James Abell, Clare Bell, Leland Fairles, Jack Webster, Lorne Kester, Fraser Smith, Edmund Cadieux, William Young, Carson Tindall, Murray Nendick, Jack Barkey, Jack Drewery, Robert Sanderson, James Lawson, Donald Hodgins, Bruce Davis, Grant Turner, James Miller, Price Pugh, Gordon Hoover, Elmer Winn, Victor Holden, Ross Cunningham, Charles Pipher, Kenneth Harper, Robert Abell, Gordon Kerswill, Jack Talbot, Randolph Forsyth, Bert Clarkson, Eric Loftrantz, Donald Rowbotham, Gordon Hoover, Bruce Stover, Ralph Forfar, Alfred Thomas, William Castle, George Austin, Gordon Baker, Glenn Bolender, Glenn Gibbins, Alan Baker, Gordon Birkett, Harry Brown, Wallace Byer, Reesor Steckley, Elgin Heise, James Lawson, William Smith, Sam Anderson, Norman Fockler, Jack Sanders, Wilfred Cutler, Lloyd Sibley, Murray Sinclair, Harold Lewis, William Lundy, Lawrence Blackburn, Eric Nighswander, Harold Sanders, Cyril Cutler, Winston Laidlaw and Ralph Stevens.

A Page 1 picture showed a huge crowd and a long procession on Main Street. The description was as follows: "When the war against Germany ended in a complete surrender of the enemy on May 8, 1945, a public holiday was declared, and here we show a fragment of the parade taken near the firehall. Few people will ever forget that day".

On Sunday, Nov. 5, 1972, another parade was held in Stouffville. The veterans' ranks included many of those whose names are mentioned above. But no crowds lined the street. Few of the general public attended the service, either in the Hall or at the cenotaph in the Square.

"Few people will ever forget that day", said The Tribune of 27 years ago. Few people, it seems, want to remember.



"MY FIDDLE'S DIDDLE!"