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## Editorial

### Little controversy on liquor vote

Little controversy has been aroused in connection with the dining lounge liquor plebiscite to be held along with the municipal election for Whitchurch - Stouffville. This municipality is the largest area in York Region where one cannot enjoy a glass of wine or other spirits with a restaurant meal. In this year of 1972 it is to be expected that a large majority of residents favor such service. The Town of Markham has been able to enhance restaurant meals in this manner for some time and a substantial 'yes' vote is looked for on Monday, Dec. 4.

A glass of wine is a pleasant addition to any meal, and is relatively common - place throughout the world with the exception of isolated areas. There is

nothing compulsory about the use of these beverages and those who enjoy their use should not have the service prohibited by the will of others.

Only first - class restaurants will be licensed and no other type of outlet such as beverage rooms or cocktail bars will be permitted.

More than 7,000 persons are eligible to cast ballots, and an affirmative reply of 60 percent is needed. Any Canadian citizen or other British subject, 18 years old on polling day and a resident in Whitchurch - Stouffville for two months is eligible. The change in the election act allowing persons 18 years old to vote has added about 1,000 names to the normal voters' list.

### Needed in Uxbridge - then and now

Regardless to experience retained, or new blood acquired, the Council of the Twp. of Uxbridge will be the poorer, Jan. 1, with the loss of Clark Muirhead from its midst.

Not in two decades, perhaps ever, has there been a member of Clark Muirhead's strength and stature, willing almost single handedly, to assume responsibilities of such magnitude.

Clark Muirhead was never one to walk the middle of the road on any issue. He was either totally 'for' or totally 'against' any request or recommendation; any plan or proposal. And while his efforts were appreciated by many, he was disliked by as many more, a price a politician must pay for having the strength to speak his mind.

Clark Muirhead entered upon the Uxbridge political scene when a man of his calibre was needed most. A comparative unknown in the Township, his name soon became the centre of every controversy. Who was this man who would dare to question the rights and

privileges of multi - million dollar gravel concerns? What kind of councillor would query the intentions of a planned 'city' development or a government - sponsored International Airport?

They were soon to learn, for Clark Muirhead's voice extended into County circles, to Queen's Park and even Ottawa.

But, as resolute as were his ambitions, and as successful as were his accomplishments, Clark Muirhead was often frustrated by the inactivity of governments to legislate where, in his opinion, legislation was long overdue.

This, we fear, has prompted his decision to retire. He's grown tired of fighting City Hall.

It is our hope, that after a two - year period of 'rest', he'll re - consider, and return to the forefront of municipal politics once again. With the advent of regional government, councillors of Clark Muirhead's calibre will be needed even more than now.

## Editor's Mail

### Attendance records of all councillors should be revealed

Dear Sir:  
 Never have I been so agitated by a news media as your disgusting, biased and critical attack levelled at councillor June Button. It was not only an affront to her dignity, but a gross injustice to the contributions she has made to the community in the past.

In these days of rapid social change and mobility it is people such as she, with the zest, the knowledge and concern, that our society needs, not the "old codgers" who are growing "long in the tooth" and still cling to their values and ideals of days long past.

The Nov. 23 issue of the Tribune, once again singled out the attendance of councillor Button and not a word was mentioned of the records of other Council members. Perhaps you felt them to be irrelevant? Letters sent to the editor in her support, were discreetly hidden on page 18: Why?

As the councillor appears to be the only election candidate to be openly criticized by The Tribune, one can only hypothesize that a Personal Crusade is being launched against her through the "powers of the press". This is typically "Small Town Stuff".

The issue of "Absenteeism" has risen from this debacle and has now become a "Public Issue". I feel that it is now your prime responsibility, not only to councillor Button, but to the community, to publish the facts as they are: the records of all members of Council, including those of the Mayor, before election day, Dec. 4, 1972.

In conclusion, I feel that the undue

criticism received by the councillor, on the eve of an election warrants an immediate public apology. Furthermore, I suggest The Tribune concern itself with the positive aspects, of past contributions and future proposals, of any incumbent running again for a position.

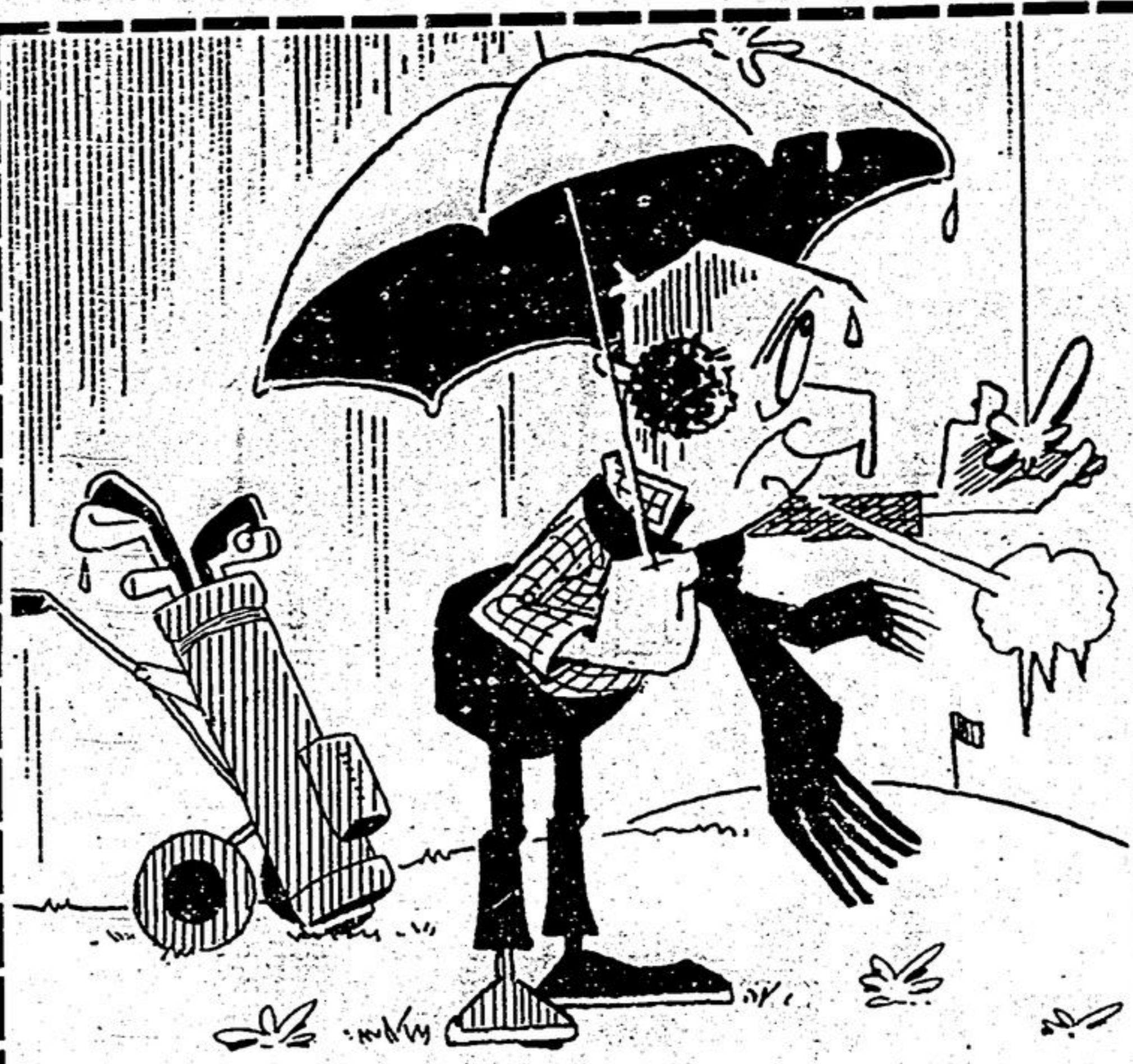
Ted Suzuki,  
 Main Street,  
 Stouffville.

Editor's Note: You are wrong on many counts, in particular that letters submitted to this newspaper in support of councillor June Button were "discreetly hidden on Page 18". The lateness of their arrival made it quite impossible to include them on the Editorial Page, as is our policy; in fact, it was only through some last-minute make-up changes, that we were able to include them at all.

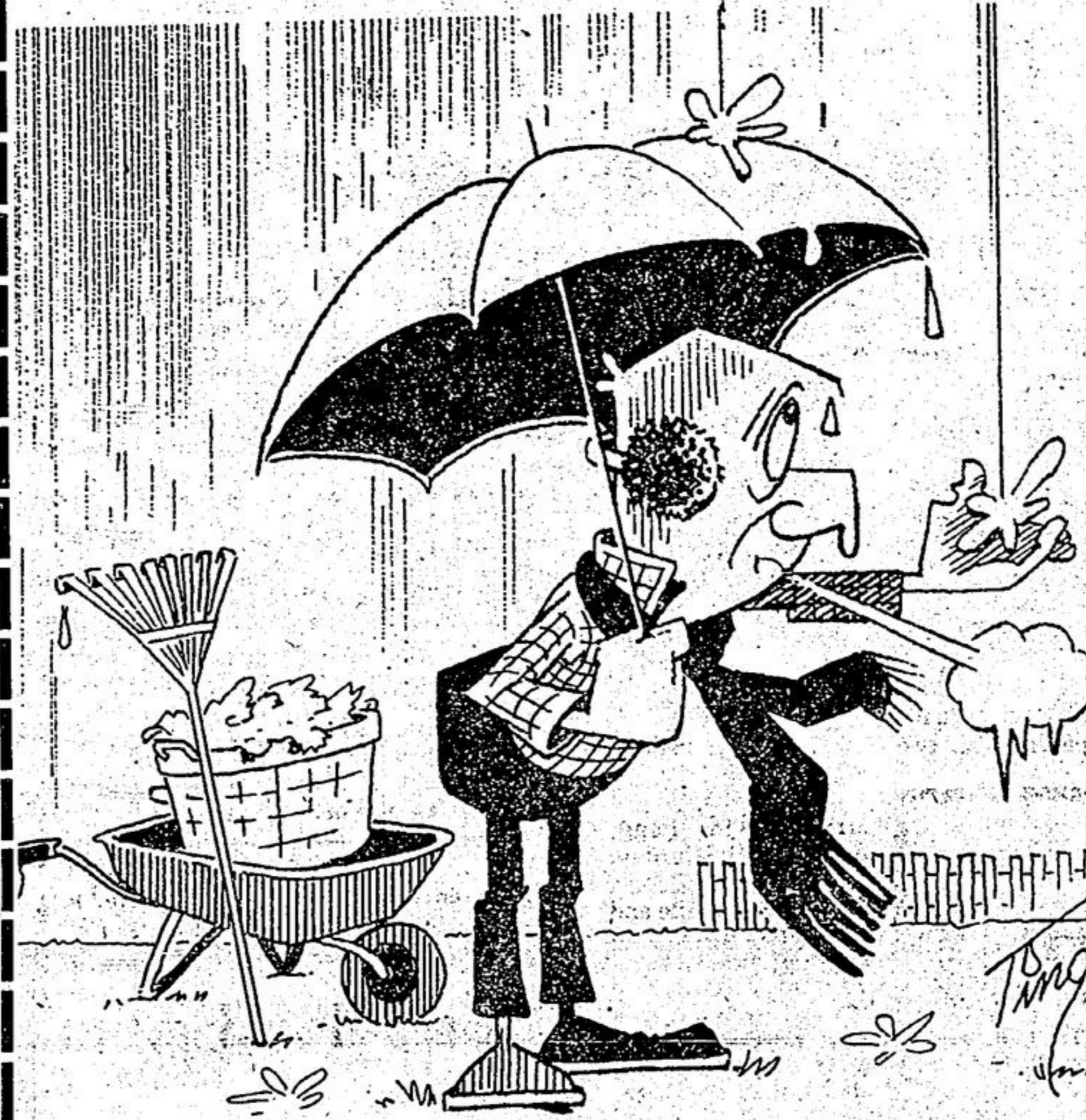
Dear Editor:

There is part of the Dec. 4 Vote in which all of us should be seriously considering what the consequences of the decision will be. I believe the Liquor Ballot has moral implications as well as physical ones (which I call "people pollution").

We are being asked whether we want to take the next step in increasing liquor accessibility - LIQUOR WITH MEALS (or at least some food served with it) in licensed premises. Do voters know that this means BEER, WINE and HARD LIQUOR could be served in restaurants or dining rooms located anywhere in this



THE THINGS WE DID LAST SUMMER ---



WE REMEMBER ALL AUTUMN THROUGH

## ROAMING AROUND

### Two sides to the hunting ban edict

By Jim Thomas

In The Tribune issue of Oct. 19, I took a firm stand against hunting.

Ban it, I recommended, except under particular circumstances, where 'to kill' is considered necessary.

My position, despite criticism, has not changed.

However, there are two sides to every story. A reader, who wishes to remain anonymous, tells her side.

This Hunting Ban

Against hunting there's a great out-cry,  
 Poor wild game should never die!  
 With them no one should ever trifle  
 And kill them with shot gun or rifle.

First of all we must discern  
 Before we all the hunters spurn,  
 WHY these animals they will kill,  
 For meat, or just to show their skill.

If just for pass time at their leisure,  
 To watch them die gives them much pleasure  
 And they can see this all and smile  
 I can't think of Anything more vile.

Why put them all in this same class  
 There's those who would this never pass  
 For THIS they never would go near,  
 All they want is a rabbit or deer.

Then if they happen to have good luck  
 And shoot a wild goose or a duck,  
 To give their family food to eat  
 While so very high is the price of meat.

Now if you think this, too, is vile  
 You'd better stop and think awhile  
 If this does any greater harm  
 Than animals killed at home on the farm.

Little calves are killed for veal,  
 Pigs, when butchered, would loudly squeal,  
 The rooster taken from the flock  
 Would loose his head upon the block.

I never did hear anyone plead  
 That these should never die and bleed,  
 Then, too, they could more kindness show  
 Lambs and calves should be left to grow!

The lamb into a sheep it grew  
 But who is fond of mutton stew?  
 The calf, when very old, they'd take  
 And only could balony make.

Everything has its time of life  
 So why should there be so much strife?  
 A deer can starve if no food it can find,  
 To be killed for meat would be more kind.

Then think about the mouse or rat  
 That is killed and eaten by some cat,  
 Or the chicken picked up by a hawk,  
 About these things no one will squawk.

If no animals should ever die  
 Then where would we get meat to buy?  
 Everyone would be filled with grief  
 If in the stores they could find no beef.

They'd look in vain for a leg of lamb,  
 Also for sausage and bacon and ham,  
 Then they'd really be upset  
 If no turkey for Christmas they could get.

So let us not get so up tight,  
 And think that we are always right,  
 Lay off with that sentimental stuff,  
 Now I think I've said enough!

parked to the north.  
 So mothers, let's think about this. It's a part of the school safety program where we can participate.

Mary Sauder,  
 Elm Road,  
 Stouffville.

Dear Sir:  
 Enclosed please find a cheque for \$5 to renew my Tribune subscription for 1973. I enjoy the paper very much, especially Jim Thomas' column.

Gladys Manewell,  
 Jameson Avenue,  
 Toronto.

are: if they obtained a licence from L. C. B. O. ? (At lakes or anywhere, now or in future.) Particularly should parents be alarmed.

When Stouffville village voted in 1966 on Liquor Store and Brewer's Retail a local committee distributed factual information supporting a "Vote NO" decision. (We knew that a "Vote YES" can result in another vote anytime after three years. Now we're having it, along with 50 other municipalities in Ontario.) How gleeful the "liquor interests" must be that no opposition campaign has been promoted here. But there are many citizens who do oppose any increase in availability.

If voters agree to this next step then the following ones will be BEER PARLOURS, COCKTAIL LOUNGES - the whole gamut. Do the people of this wide area really want to push BOOZE? I urge voters to mark their X after the "NO". Then you will have no regrets about the consequences of your decision.

Helen De Witt (Mrs. H. M.)  
 Ruth Herbert (Mrs. E. L.)  
 Stouffville.

Dear Sir:  
 Re the letter in The Tribune of Nov. 2 "Area Gravel Truck Menace an Outrage", you may recall how, last December, Mr. Bernier called his Pit and Quarry Legislation, "a sort of Christmas present for Southern Ontario".  
 Was it an oversight that Uxbridge

Township was overlooked and did not share in this 'gift'?

Let us trust that it was just that - an oversight, and not an act of retaliation against a junior government that was vocally critical of Provincial policies that appeared to favor industry over people.

By withholding government control in this area, it could well deter other townships from voicing their democratic prerogative in other matters in the future.

A. McNab,  
 35 Myrtle Ave.,  
 Toronto.

Dear Jim:  
 I have just read the article written by a bus driver and published in the Nov. 23 issue of The Tribune.

With respect to Orchard Park School, I would like to personally commend the Principal, Mr. W. K. Sutherland. When we first moved to Stouffville, I contacted Mr. Sutherland and found him to be most co - operative and understanding.

When my daughter told me about his helping the children on the bus every afternoon, I was not surprised, for this is the kind of man he is.

However, the time has come for we, as parents, to assist him and the bus drivers.

There have been times when I too have parked on the south side of Sunset Boulevard, while someone has been