

Our Readers Write

ON MOTORCYCLES
104 Poplar Ave.,
Acton, Ontario,
October 18, 1966.

To the Editor of the
Free Press and the
Citizens of Acton:

Is motorcycle club spelled "TROUBLE"?
Recently, while attempting to rent the new Band Hall for a banquet, I was told that this would not be possible because of the "public opinion" towards Motorcycle Clubs.

This so-called "public opinion" says that all motorcycle riders are nothing but a bunch of Black Leather Jacketed hoodlums - THIS IS NOT TRUE!!

Personally, I am a member of the Yellowjackets Motorcycle Club Inc. of Georgetown. Our club is chartered by the Ontario government and is affiliated with the Canadian Motorcycle Association, the governing body of motorcycle sport and enjoyment in Canada. C.M.A. members range from young children to executives of large and important businesses. (The C.M.A. is also a member of the Canadian Amateur Sports Federation.)

Some of our members include a Georgetown police officer, a head nurse in the Georgetown hospital, and many office workers - including an office manager who is also president of the club.

Some of the services our club has provided in the last few years have included - participation in at least two safety rodeos for motorcycles (teach and examine young riders in the finer and safer points of motorcycle riding).

We have enjoyed the privilege of being court guard at Mosport Park, Ont., for the last three Player's 200 and the past two Canadian Grand Prix's. I am sure many of the people of Acton who have attended these two biggest sports car races in Canada have seen our group carrying the flags of about 15 nations of the world.

During this year, our club has spent much time and money sponsoring nine major events which, looking back over attendance records, seemed to be enjoyed by a large number of people (a large majority of whom were Acton citizens).

Much of the money made from receipts of these events was spent with Acton merchants for such commodities as advertising clothing for the club (uniforms etc.), materials used for laying out and running the events, plus food and soft drinks for the refreshment booth.

Most of all motorcycle sporting events held in Canada are sponsored by the Canadian Motorcycle Association - which is affiliated with the Federation International Motorcycling - or F.I.M.

The F.I.M., a French organization, was founded in 1904 and is the world governing body of motorcyclists (motorcyclists are the ones you don't read about in the courts column).

In Canada, few people have heard of the F.I.M., but if you have ever lived in Europe or the British Isles, and were an enthusiast, you would know that most European championships and all world championship races are governed by this organization.

In Europe, the rider of a motorcycle is not looked upon as an undesirable, but is just an average member of society who enjoys a very healthy sport which is also a very economical form of transportation.

Getting back to the main subject... This summer, a sign was erected in Acton Park, "No Motorcycles Allowed in Park Area". From reading reports in the Free Press of Council and Parks Board meetings, I re-

member something about a bunch of so-called "young hoodlums" on motorcycles using the race track as a "drag strip".

I have also seen many people in cars using the same track for a "drag strip". There is no sign pertaining to cars.

If someone is driving a car and breaks the law, it is he who suffers, but if a cyclist breaks the law, all cyclists suffer.

Is this fair?
A rider's clothing is not worn to make him look like something out of a movie, but for protection.

Leather jackets - In cold weather, leather is the best protection from the wind. In case of accidents, it wears much better than cloth or skin. Black does not show dirt and road dust as much as a lighter color.

Boots - Most motorcycles are kick-started and shoes are not practical for this purpose nor are shoes practical in cold or wet weather.

Blue jeans - The same reasons apply here as to leather jackets.

Helmet - This is the most important safety device a rider can wear. (Most cyclists injured in mishaps receive head injuries.) I am sure you can see all this is not meant to make the rider look "hard".

Next year, our club and its members will continue to sponsor events for the enjoyment of the citizens of Acton and surrounding district.

All that is asked is that the people of Acton recognize the difference between the true cyclist (or sportsman) and the ones that ruin "public opinion" towards the average cyclist. (If this type of rider was not riding, he would not be any different.) Punish the law breakers, not everyone who rides or owns a motorcycle.

Thank you,
Wayne Wilson.

MORE VIEWS ON PLUNKETT REPORT

In my opinion, the Plunkett Report is a very sound piece of planning. It ends once and for all, the costly duplication caused by too many chiefs and too few Indians.

We Canadians are the most over-governed people there is. Not only are we over-governed, but very often at the municipal level, government is almost like

the blind leading the blind. Men unaccustomed to handling little more than a pay cheque, find themselves spending hundreds of thousands of dollars of taxpayers' money. If the Plunkett report is accepted, I think there will be more competition for public office, more eyes watching those elected.

In your editorial in The Champion, you expressed gratification for the fact that no local politicians had made snap decisions after reading this report; unfortunately in another weekly publication, published in a nearby town, several public officials did comment on the report.

Councillor Tom Hill (Esqueving) stated, "Where's democracy gone? They have taken all the wealth to the south and left the north poor."

Well, we on the county roads have been the poor relations of Halton for years. Our roads, despite good Roads Committees of the past, remain little better than cart tracks. They are seldom plowed before late afternoon in winter, if at all. The excuse when we phone and complain is that all the equipment is tied up in the south end of the county.

Reeve Bill Coulter (Nassagaweya), in the same paper, stated "We still have the county seat. Both Peel County and Brampton have gone into debt for many thousands of dollars to pay for new local government facilities. We have done the same thing with the new administration building. It would be a very foolish move to leave these buildings in a state of non-existence."

Reeve Coulter was told when the hearings for the new buildings were held, and in a letter to the editor of this paper, that Nassagaweya would soon be annexed or otherwise taken over and to build the new building would be a waste of the taxpayers' money, however he and his Council and the O.M.B. were too short-sighted to see this.

Personally I have only one beef about the Plunkett report, and that is the name of the northern rural County. Although I know the name Peel-Halton as yet is only for means of identification, where is the romance, the imagination?

W. A. Johnson,
R.R. 2, Rockwood

Moffat fish hatchery owner on Canadian group executive

The first general meeting of the Canadian Fish Farmers Association was held at the University of Guelph on October 12. S. Schenk, Supervisor of the Biology Branch of the Ontario Water Resources Commission, spoke on aquatic plant and algae control. He pointed out that the Ontario Water Resources Act requires an individual to obtain a permit before adding any substance to the water or watercourse for the purpose of killing or affecting plant, snails, insects, fish or any living matter or thing therein.

Officers of the association include the chairman, D. Barnes of St. George, vice chairman Ivan Cryderman of Milton, and secretary-treasurer S. Baranski of St. Agatha. F. Trimborne of Petersburg, and Prof. L. McDermott of the University of Guelph are directors. Mr. Cryderman operates the Rainbow Ranch Trout Hatchery near Moffat.

Membership in the Association is open to "persons engaged in the hatching and/or raising of game fish, and anyone interested in such fish in any way. A membership drive is under-

way and future meetings are planned.

Aid nurses

The Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario has mustered up some financial support for the 24 Halton public health nurses who quit their jobs at Halton County Health Unit September 12.

The R.N.A.O. is providing \$50 a week for the nurses.

Let's Play Bridge

by bill coats

When everything looks rosy at a contract, that's the time to worry about what might go wrong. I was reminded about this a few weeks ago at the Acton Bridge Club when the following hand occurred. Maybe the board number should have warned us to look out for something. (It was Board No. 13.) Here is the hand.

Both sides vulnerable.
Dealer - South.

North
S-J 9 8 5
H-Q
D-A 9 7 5
C-K Q J 9

West East
S-A 10 7 6 S-Void
H-K J 8 4 2 H-10 9 7 6 3
D-4 2 D-Q 10 8 6 3
C-8 2 C-7 6 3

South North East
S-K Q 4 3 2 S-Void
H-A 5 H-10 9 7 6 3
D-K J D-Q 10 8 6 3
C-A 10 5 4 C-7 6 3

South West North East
1S Pass 3S Pass
4NT Pass 5D Pass
6S Dble. All Pass

The only bid that requires any comment is West's final double. I think that it was most unwise, for it tipped off declarer to expect trouble. West led his top club and dummy was spread.

Well, everything looked rosy. Four spade tricks, four club tricks, two diamonds, a heart and a heart ruff would add up to a small slam. So what could go wrong?

Well, that double sounded like it had some trump with it and probably the heart king. The heart king is no bother but if West has four trump, declarer must proceed carefully. He could take out trump but then he wouldn't ruff a heart.

Declarer won the club in dummy and leads a low trump. Sure enough, East showed out.



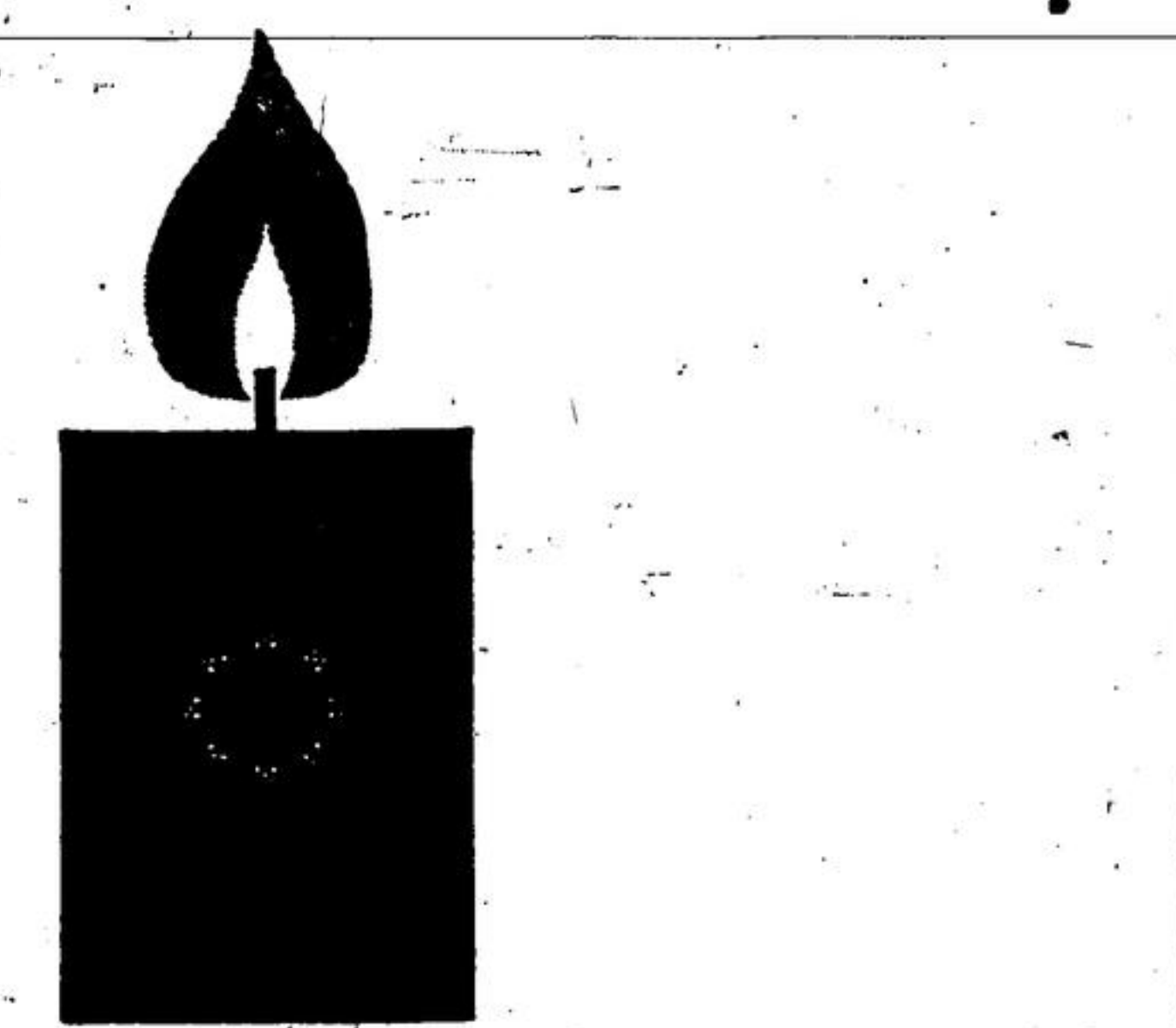
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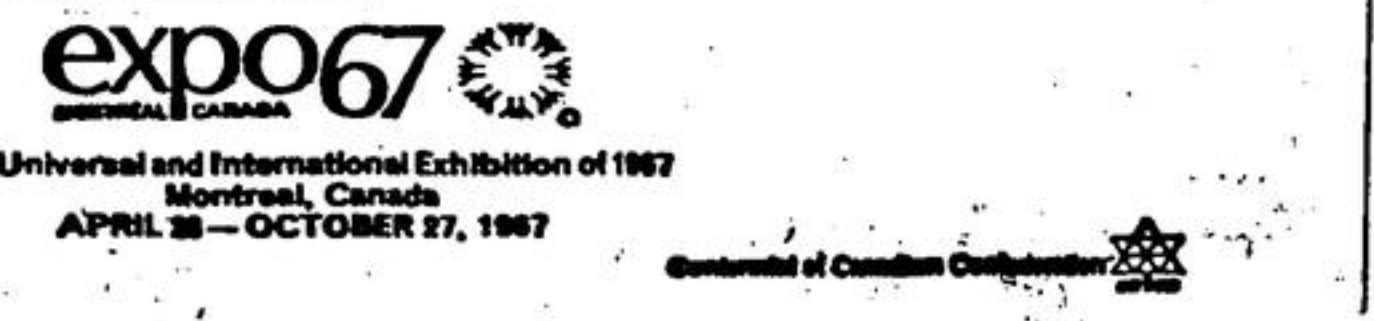


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Minimum frontage set for lots in Esqueving

A minimum frontage of 570 feet is now required by all landowners within Esqueving Township on parcels of land of 10 acres or more. The by-law governing this frontage was approved by council at its regular session Monday, October 17.

The minimum frontage by-law was recommended by the Committee of Adjustment in order to prevent the sale of long narrow strips of land with the purchaser using only the front portion and allowing the back part to grow in weeds.

Clerk K. C. Lindsay informed council members there were quite a few of this type of lot; a house is built on a 10-acre lot with a small frontage and the remainder grows up in weeds.

A small street in Limehouse which only existed on a plan dated 1865, known as Bernard Street, will be officially closed and the land sold to an adjoining neighbor. The property in question has never been utilized as a street.

Council approved the following grants: Esqueving Agricultural Society \$200; Acton Agricultural Society \$200; Milton Fair Board \$50 and \$15 to the Poppy Fund. Deputy-Reeve Wilfrid Leslie wondered why council didn't contribute to the Halton County Ploughing Match and learned a grant had been given only when the match occurred within the township. This year, the ploughing match was held in Oakville.

The deputy-reeve claimed Oakville had given \$150. Burlington \$150 and the Township of Nassagaweya contributed \$25. Councillor Tom Hill was of the opinion it made the township "pretty small" when a grant was forthcoming only when the match was held within the township. A resolution sponsored by deputy-reeve Wilfrid Leslie and seconded by Tom Hill

Awards night

By Geoffrey Taylor, Extension Assistant

On Friday evening, October 28, all Halton 4-H Agricultural Club members will be receiving awards for their progress during the year. The Halton 4-H Awards Night is to be held at St. Paul's United church hall, Main St., Milton, at 8 p.m.

This year was another successful one for Halton 4-Hers and the highlight is the Awards Night held at the conclusion of the club year. It is expected that over 100 4-H members, parents and friends will be in attendance.

it out with Ontario Hydro." The property in question is a restaurant on No. 25 Highway above Milton.

It was agreed to petition the Department of Highways for an interim grant amounting to \$112,578.17 for approved expenditures up to September 30.

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