

**OUR READERS WRITE:**

**IN DEFENCE OF OUR DOGS**

Dear Sir:  
Recently, statements in the Canadian Champion and Acton Free Press, and also public notices on canines in my opinion are invitations to any nut who has a gun to go out and shoot on sight any dog he sees.

Halton County Agricultural Representative for the Department of Agriculture and Food, J. H. Stanley, made some claims that I would like him to substantiate. He claimed recently that the damage to livestock by canines will soon drain Townships of monies collected from dog taxes. Let us see the statistics to support these claims. I know in the Township of Nassagaweya last year dog taxes totalled \$1,356 and claims paid out to farmers for damage to livestock (not all caused by dogs) totalled \$761.

If it is claimed that farmers are not fully compensated for damage to livestock by dogs, that is not the fault of the dog owners. It may also be assumed that some farmers don't claim damages. Well, you can't base acceptable statistics on assumptions, for by the same token it can be assumed that some farmers overclaim.

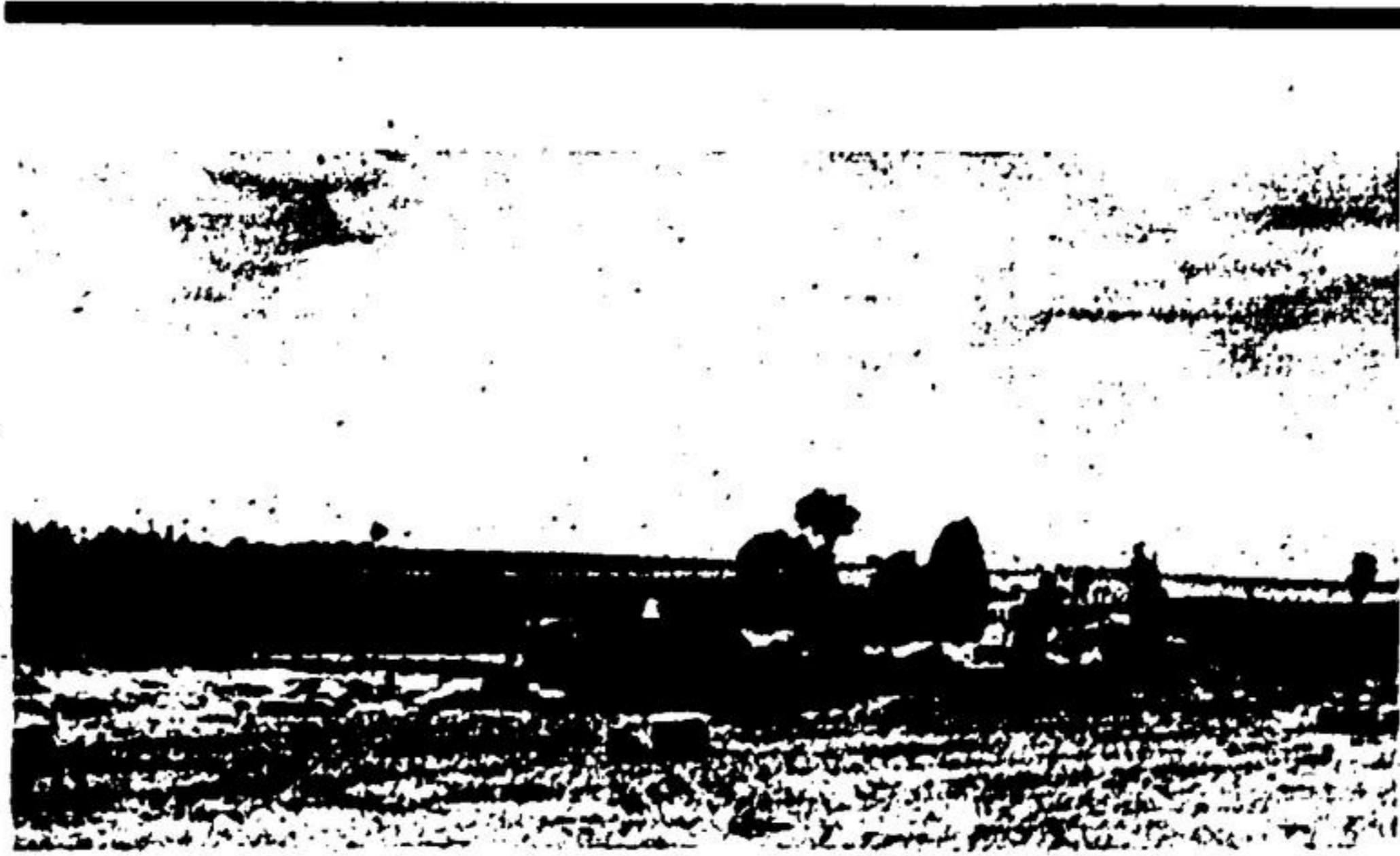
Legislation on canine control is such that unless the dog is actually within your household, it is fair game for any sadist seeking thrills. I am very fond of dogs, though I sympathize with a farmer who loses part of his livelihood to a vicious dog, fox, or irresponsible hunter. Let's

compare the rules of the game. If my dog is loose in the city, and it is picked up by the dog-catcher, I can retrieve it for a fee. In the country if my dog escorts my children to the school bus stop, he can be shot and there is little I can do about it. On the other hand, if a farmer's gate is left open and his pigs, goats, cattle, horses, geese or sheep (I have had them stray on my property) trample or devour my shrubs or garden, and I shoot one of them, the fertilizer will surely hit the fan.

There is a lot of hysteria over dogs—periodically we hear of packs of wild dogs, the panic subsides and we hear no more about them. Last year a woman complained at a Council meeting of a pack of wild dogs ravaging her sheep, attacking her children. It didn't occur to me until after the meeting that this woman's next door neighbor was the deputy game warden and a small arms expert, yet he was never notified.

In the area of the Fifth Line and 15 Sideroad in Nassagaweya, several good dogs have disappeared recently. I myself, when searching for one of my dogs, found a puppy tied to a fence and blasted to death. A neighbor of mine has just this week received a phone call, the caller threatening to shoot his dog. The trouble is, of course, the legislation. It was not written by farmers for farmers, and the average farmer (not all) can't see anything of value on four legs unless it can be shipped.

William A. Johnson  
R.R. 2, Rockwood.



THREE AND A QUARTER million acres are devoted to growing hay in Ontario. Last year this gave a total farm value of \$130,878,000. According to crop specialists with the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, baled hay is

still the 'backbone' of stored feeding. No costly storage structures are involved. Better designed machinery will reduce the labor involved in handling hay bales. Smaller bales are becoming more popular.

**74.2 per cent say "yes"**

**Halton farmers favor G.F.O.**

By Ted Peluk  
Assistant Agricultural Representative  
Halton farmers were decidedly in favor of one General Farm Organization; however, this was by no means true for the majority of the Province. Of a total of 679 polls, including advance polls, the number favoring a General Farm Organization was 39,708 while 50,622 were opposed, giving a percentage in favor of only 43.3 per cent. The minimum percentage required to make the G.F.O. a reality was 60 per cent.

Following is the breakdown of how voting went in the four polls in Halton:  
Question 1 - Are you in favor of a General Farm Organization with compulsory checkoff?

	Yes	No	Spilled	Total
Boyer Community Centre.....	77	31	0	108
Brookville Hall.....	57	14	0	71
Lowville United Church.....	105	22	0	127
Stewarttown Hall.....	103	50	2	155
Totals.....	342	117	2	461

Question 2 - Should each Marketing Board have a vote on the Provincial Council of the G.F.O.?

Those who answered Yes to question 1 voted as follows:

	Yes	No
Boyer Community Centre.....	61	5
Brookville Hall.....	47	4
Lowville United Church.....	63	19
Stewarttown Hall.....	78	8
Totals.....	249	36

Those who answered No to question 1 voted as follows:

	Yes	No
Boyer Community Centre.....	12	10
Brookville Hall.....	3	10
Lowville United Church.....	5	9
Stewarttown Hall.....	9	26
Totals.....	29	55

Question 3 - If a G.F.O. is established -  
A/ Should membership require a voluntary payment in addition to any checkoff?  
B/ Should membership be automatic when a farmer pays a compulsory checkoff?  
C/ Should membership require a minimum amount from a combination of a voluntary payment and a compulsory checkoff?

**HALTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION - BRIEFS -**

- During a regular meeting of the Board of Education Thursday, members:
  - Accepted the tender of Bradford-Heine Construction Ltd. at \$191,000 for the construction of an addition to the Gordon E. Perdue High School in Oakville and the conversion of a boiler.
  - Approved the addition and alterations for the Thomas A. Blakelock High School in Oakville and the expected budget of \$1,940,000. New construction is expected to cost \$1,329,000.
  - Adopted policy statements on fringe benefits and benefits for part-time secretarial employees.
  - Approved in principle recommendations from the committee on communication and community relations. The
- recommendations included a continuation of board-staff meetings, the publication of Halton County Education News, and other meetings with municipal officials.
- Decided to seek meetings with municipal officials to discuss speed limits in the neighborhood of schools. The Board objected to a recent increase in the speed limit on New St. in Burlington which handles pupils from a number of schools. The limit had been raised from 30 to 40.
- Adopted a recommendation that the Board's by-law be amended to establish the regular meetings of the Board on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 8.15. Previously meetings had been at 7.30 unless a committee of the whole was convened. Since this was normally done it was decided to set the regular time at 8.15 to avoid any public confusion.

**Vote of confidence given Rud Whiting**

Halton M.P. Rud Whiting received a unanimous vote of confidence from the executive of the Halton and Halton East Liberal Association earlier this week.  
Mr. Whiting has just celebrated the first anniversary of his election to parliament.  
"It was no platitude," said David Butler, Association president. "In our opinion and the opinion of many voters in this riding, Rud is one of the most dedicated and hardest-working members of any of the representatives from anywhere in Canada."  
"He works long hours in Ottawa during the week and then comes home on weekends to put in more long and hard hours. You couldn't ask for more dedication and effort from anyone," Butler said.  
Butler said Whiting will be honored at a dinner-dance which the Association is planning for the fall.  
At the same meeting, the Association executive also passed resolutions:  
\* To write Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau requesting the allocation of funds for

research facilities for backbenchers;  
\* To write the prime minister requesting tax deduction benefits for persons who financially support political parties.

**Live Entertainment EVERY FRIDAY and SATURDAY NIGHT FEATURING THIS WEEK "The Mid-Westernaires" Dominion Hotel**

**NOTICE WANTED**  
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**Free Press Farm Page**

**Holstein club has discussion on dairy breed**

By Grace Bird  
The June meeting of the Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club was held on Thursday June 19 at 8 p.m. at the home of Bert Stewart. Paul Bennett opened the meeting, Janet Hunter read the minutes of the previous gathering, and the members answered the roll call. Ted Pefuk, the new Assistant Agricultural Representative was introduced to the members.

The club divided into two groups. Junior members, under the direction of Larry Bennett, discussed the various dairy breeds and their registration requirements. Bert Stewart taught a lesson on the breeding systems and methods used in association with dairy cattle. Two quizzes were answered on the discussion.

thanked Mr. Stewart for having the meeting at his home. Delicious refreshments concluded the evening.

**Plaque to honor world wheat king**

A historical plaque honoring W. E. Breckon, Ontario's first winner of the World Wheat King title in 1954, will be erected at the W. E. Breckon School in Burlington.  
The County Board of Education granted permission Thursday to the Ontario Historical Sites Commission to erect the plaque.  
The site is being marked in conjunction with the Burlington Historical Society and a September unveiling is anticipated.

**Seat belts**

Do you have seat belts in your car? Do you use them? Many people use them only when travelling long distances. This is a fallacy, since most accidents happen within a few miles of home.  
Why not get into the habit of buckling up every time you get into the car. Like insurance, we hope you never need it. But better to use a belt and not need it, than to need it and not be wearing it.

The seniors, under the leadership of Bill Sinclair and Al Brownridge, discussed culling and sire selection in association with Dairy Herd Improvement. Quizzes were also answered on these discussions.

When the groups joined again the members were informed of the Halton 4-H Club's trip to Toronto on July 31. John Alderson and Mary McGee

**Are you paying too little for auto insurance?**  
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**Chevrolet Pacesetter Values**  
This year's cars at less than last year's prices.  
You already know where most prices are going. Up. So you'd naturally expect the brand-new '69 cars shown here to cost a lot more than last year. Fact is, many cars in this year's line-up from Chevrolet cost less, much less, than last year's models. For instance, the 2-door Impala, equipped with power disc brakes, Turbo Hydra-matic transmission, whitewalls, wheel covers and head restraints, plus a bigger motor than last year, is yours for \$120.50\* less than last year's figure. And comparable savings are waiting for you on many Nova, Chevelle and Camaro models. In other words, you can buy many of this year's cars at less than last year's prices. Which is what putting you first is all about. From the top, Chevy Nova, Chevelle Malibu, Camaro and Impala.  
Every Chevrolet has to make it before we make it.  
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