

OUR READERS WRITE:

Only hairdressers know for sure

Dear Sir:

On November 11, I read a very nice letter in the paper from Mrs. Currie who wrote that she was shocked to find the old post office gone when she recently visited Acton, even though she knew it was coming down. I enjoyed her poem very much but if she has lived in Galt for 20 years, there are a few little things she does not know. So I would like to add a second verse to her poem:

MY SECOND VERSE

The noise and garbage are also gone,
The racket from teenagers 'til after one,
The bell that struck but once a year,
A new bank? Let us cheer.

Yours truly,
John and Anna Coniglio
32 Mill St. E.
Acton, Ont.

(Only the next door hairdressers know for sure)

Progress? - squeezing out poor

To the editor of the Free Press:

In your issue of November 4 you have a half-page article about a man who has had—in his view—a bad deal. It's a horse barn with all the building on one acre owned by Mr. Ottaway.

It seems to me he must live on this acre of land, or not far away, to take such good care of a horse and barn. Mr. Saeglitz purchased all the land surround his land, east, north and west, leaving the road south. They claim the flies all come from the barn with one horse. But the house is built on a foundation of a barn of good size that probably housed five or six horses, 10 cattle and 40 pigs in older days. Perhaps far more. No one ever saw a host of flies from a one horse barn any greater than a host of flies

from an old foundation that could breed flies for years.

It looks to me as if the papers are banded together to keep down the underdog with a half page backing up the man who was able to build an \$80,000 home on an old barn foundation on 60 acres that surrounds a man's one acre plot, and then raise "Old Ned" about flies from a little pony stabled 60 feet away from the line fence.

If this house is 60 feet from the line that would make it 120 feet away.

Is Nassagaweya township in need of \$80,000 homes so badly that people come from the city, buy up the land and squeeze the poor out in the name of progress, then I want none of it.

All the best luck,
Percy Woods.

Not opposed to Sideroad work

The Editor,
Acton Free Press.

Dear Sir:

As usual Halton County Roads committee got the cart before the horse. I refer to a report in the local press re opposition to proposed work on the 15 Sideroad.

No one at any time said 15 Sideroad didn't need improvements, no one suggested all work should stop on 15 Sideroad. The only request made at a Nassagaweya Council meeting was for a hearing to be held to in-

form people living on 15 Sideroad as to the future plans for the road.

I don't like dictators at municipal, county, provincial or national levels, so I am now endeavouring to get the taxpayers of Nassagaweya and Esqueuing, who reside on 15 Sideroad, to sign a petition imploring their elected representatives to press for what we asked in the first place — a Public Hearing.

William A. Johnson
R.R. 2, Rockwood

Sideroad widening angers residents

Halton County Roads Department has become involved in another controversial subject. Suggested repairs and widening to 15 Sideroad that passes through Esqueuing and Nassagaweya Townships has angered citizens.

Esqueuing Deputy Reeve Tom Hill questioned roads committee chairman Gordon Gallagher on the proposed changes. Hill said he had heard it was to be widened to 100 feet in some places.

Mr. Gallagher explained there were no immediate plans to widen the road but explained the Department of Highways asks that no county roads be under 86

feet and they prefer 100 feet. Esqueuing Reeve George Currie told of a delegation that appeared at this week's township council meeting. He said there is a group of citizens passing a petition asking for a meeting with county authorities. He was quoted earlier as saying he would eat his shirt if the road was safe for traffic, and said he would eat the same shirt if he was proven wrong.

Nassagaweya Reeve Mrs. Anne MacArthur suggested it was the township's most scenic route and she didn't want it destroyed and used as a thoroughfare for the trucks.

"I don't want to see the trees butchered. They enjoy butchering. Listen to them sometime. They whistle while they work. They love it," she said.

"I'll stand by the people of Nassagaweya and if it means taking the road back as a township road to save the scenic beauty, we will," she called.

Acton Deputy Reeve Ted Tyler said if the people in the area valued the life of their children they would welcome improvements to the road. He said school buses used that road and claimed the "road wasn't fit for snowshoeing with the dipsy doodlin curves."

Nassagaweya Deputy Reeve Gordon Agnew suggested work should be done to make the road safer and told how his son almost lost his life in a car crash on that road and a woman employee of his was involved in a car accident on that road.

Ask for hearing on 15 Sideroad

Esqueuing council assured William A. Johnson, R. R. 2, Rockwood, they would request a night hearing with the road committee of Halton county council regarding the proposed widening of 15 Sideroad.

Mr. Johnson appeared in front of the township council Monday night with a petition bearing the signatures of 42 residents who live along 15 Sideroad. He charged county council with a dictatorial attitude and said ratepayers would not negotiate with the county over land transfers until a proper hearing was held to explain what was planned for the sideroad.

Mr. Johnson said press reports which claimed residents of both Nassagaweya and Esqueuing townships were opposed to work on 15 Sideroad, were erroneous. All residents wanted, he explained, was an explanation of what the county planned to do.

Attempts to arrange a meeting through the deputy reeve of Nassagaweya were fruitless, he charged.

Mr. Johnson said that with the provincial government cracking down on the operation of quarries near the escarpment it left only two openings for the quarries — the Sixth Line and the Town Line and it was conceivable 15 Sideroad was being geared for gravel trucks, which residents opposed. He also cited preservation of trees and the dangers of polluting some of the "purest water in Ontario" if the road was widened without intentions to preserve its beauty and ecology.

A night hearing was requested so ratepayers could attend. Mr. Johnson also requested Bruce Trail officials, Conservation Authority people and the O.W.R.C. be invited to attend the hearing.

Reeve George Currie, defending his views about the road being unsafe, heard about the request for a hearing and would bring the matter up at county council the next day.

Council later passed a resolution authorizing the request.

First snow toll \$4,000

Motorists in the North Halton area appeared unprepared for the first real snowstorm of the winter, which fell over the district Saturday night.

Milton OPP investigated nine motor vehicle accidents between Saturday supper time and Sunday noon, including one fatality. Two happened on Highway 7 and one on Highway 401 Saturday evening; one on 20 Sideroad and two on Highway 25 early Sunday morning, and three more in the area came after daylight on Sunday. Damage totalled over \$4,000.

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Notice of Nomination and Polling

1. TAKE NOTICE THAT the meeting to nominate candidates for the offices of Mayor, Reeve, Deputy Reeve, Councillors and Members of the Hydro Electric Commission for the Corporation of the Town of Acton shall be held on Monday, November 23rd, 1970, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Robert Little Public School.
2. As the Township of Nassagaweya and the Town of Acton will be combined to elect one member to the Halton County Board of Education, the Nomination Meeting will be conducted by the Township of Nassagaweya and will be held at Nassagaweya Township Hall, Brookville, on Monday, November 23rd, 1970, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
3. The votes of the electors of the Town of Acton shall be taken on MONDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 1970, commencing at the hour of 10 o'clock in the morning and continuing until eight o'clock in the afternoon of the same day at the following places that is to say:

- Area No. 1—Polling Subdivision No. 1
Acton Y.M.C.A., with Alice Waldie as Deputy Returning Officer.
- Area No. 1—Polling Subdivision No. 2
Acton Music Centre, Wallace Street, Acton, with Virginia Dumارش as Deputy Returning Officer.
- Area No. 2—Council Chambers, Town Hall.
With Dorothy Carnochan as Deputy Returning Officer.
- Area No. 3—Polling Subdivision No. 1
Luxton Memorial Hall, Willow Street, with Laura Dittich as Deputy Returning Officer.
- Area No. 3—Polling Subdivision No. 2
Acton Scout Hall, School Lane, Acton, with Marguerite Spielvogel as Deputy Returning Officer.
- Area No. 4—Knox Presbyterian Church.
With Charlotte Holmes as Deputy Returning Officer.

DATED: November 11, 1970
J. T. Hurst
Returning Officer

States barn in illegal location

The Editor

Dear Sir:

Your article on the problems Mr. and Mrs. Saeglitz are having with the horse barn in front of their home on the 25th side road was generally excellent, but was inaccurate in one important respect.

The barn, according to township by-laws, is clearly in an illegal location. One section of the by-laws specifically states that no accessory building may be erected in front of a main building. This is the view of a majority of Nassagaweya planning board who have sent a resolution to council pointing out that the barn violates a number of sections of the zoning bylaws and recommending that the barn be moved at township expense.

Personally, I believe that building any type of a barn 69 feet from a neighbor's front door is only asking for trouble. I am puzzled at the attitude of those who

wrote to your newspaper attacking Mr. and Mrs. Saeglitz, who were so obviously the victims of an injustice. One can only wonder how these same people would feel if a barn were constructed in front of their homes. Anyone planning to settle in this area would have second thoughts about it after reading these letters. Here is a classic case of the need for the Golden Rule.

Finally, I noted that you printed only one letter in the Acton Free Press, the others being carried in the Milton Champion. One would think that as this is a matter that primarily concerns residents of that immediate area, all the letters would have been printed in the Acton paper.

Perhaps you would be kind enough to print this letter in both the Acton and the Milton papers.

Thanking you,
Yours truly,
Leonard R. Chandler,
R.R. 1, Moffat, Ont.



DISTRICT 707 Governor Peter Suttle of Toronto chats with Acton Rotary president John Anderson, after addressing a dinner meeting of the local club here last week.—(Staff Photo)

Disagrees with opinions

Dear Editor:

An answer to W. R. Knight's letter of last week.

It may be noted that the man who sold his 100 acres for part of the drag strip did not have his property valued for taxation at this value previously.

It also may be noted that a family living in the former Mathews' home have children — so school taxes are involved.

Re local drivers using drag strip: If Mr. Knight knew the extent of Esqueuing, he would note that a radius of 20 miles would take in Guelph and Brampton which are not part of the township, as well as Georgetown and Acton.

Lastly, the association mentioned was originally formed to fight the drag strip of which Mr. Knight had no part. It later expanded to cover other issues. The last meeting was advertised in both local newspapers. He did not attend and make his comments.

My only question is, if Mr. Knight is interested in some of the facts of the township, he should have attended the last meeting as I did. Although I am not a member of the association I read the ad, attended and learned something as did approximately 200 others.

Yours truly,
A ratepayer.

Correction

A typographical error in last week's Free Press resulted in omission of Timothy Masters'

name from the caption of a picture on page 3. Caption below the picture showing scouter Murray Harrison and District Commissioner Gordon Douglas welcoming new scouts should have read: left to right are Desmond Hepburn, Timothy Masters, Scouter Harrison, D. C. Douglas, Paul Jenkins and Rodney Allen.

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