

OUR READERS WRITE: Stuart Willard wins derby

Attacks education costs . . .

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Sir: Most urban districts have recently experienced a tax hike, for which education is responsible. I would question the following facts on the education program.

(1) Why is it necessary to build schools with no windows, which automatically raises hydro costs?

(2) Do we need the luxurious content of new schools that have been and are being built. I never did understand why the fire marshal's office insists on high-priced ceiling tile in a brick building, when a cheaper one would serve the same purpose.

(3) Lack of planning when designed, where no consideration is given to the time factor between classes.

(4) The existence of so many free periods for students. Surely school hours of work should be run on the same basis as industry and used to the fullest extent, for these students will not get this in business or industry. Surely a full day's work with no free periods would give these people less homework.

(5) Why are teachers' conventions considered necessary during school hours? Surely if there is a necessity for these, they should be held out of school hours.

(6) Would question the use of luxurious equipment in school cafeterias for the preparation of relatively simple meals.

(7) The long school holidays during the school year, taking for example summer holidays, when schools are closed for two months or more. Also, is it necessary to have so many recesses during the year's term. Surely the maximum use should be made of these high cost services and this would result in more students being schooled.

Surely costs would be reduced, if only some of the above suggestions were used. Last, a word on the present salary dispute in Halton County. Do these teachers not realize that every dollar raise given can result in higher taxes for the masses? There is a limit to which the taxpayer can be bled and this should be realized by them, for every concession made reflects on the pocket.

As most of the staff live in the area, do they not realize that they are more or less cutting off their nose to spite their face, by making excessive demands? The present offer is surely reasonable and on a par with most bodies that have seen the red light and settled.

The attempt to baffle the public with masses of figures by the negotiators on the staff doesn't make sense, for I have worked it all out and find that they are wrong. Do they realize too that the average worker today sometimes has to reach pensionable age, before they even get the first grade salary offered to the teaching profession? These are the self same people who have to foot the tax bill.

Do they not realize that this country is in appeal but simply lists the decision, it was noted.

The decision was handed down March 13. Since then the township and the Jockey Club spent time asking for leave to appeal the decision allowing the new quarry opposite Mohawk Raceway. By the time that route had been completed the 30 day allowance in which the township had to go to the cabinet had long expired.

Surprise Township officials had been in touch with Hon. George Kerr and Leo Bernier, Minister of Mines and Northern Affairs, who advised them to appeal to the cabinet and ask that they hear the matter. Councillor Art Gibson noted the 30 days had already expired before Bernier and Kerr spoke with him. "Apparently no one knew about this 30 day bit. I guess the Jockey Club lawyer didn't know it either, or he would have said something," Gibson said.

The quarry still has to get a licence, Gibson concluded.

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asked that a \$500,000 bond be posted.

The legal agreement the quarry submitted to council made no mention of a bond, no mention of a starting date and stretched the work over a 13 year period. And even at that, the 13 year period was subject to labor, weather and other problems that could crop up.

Quarry representatives earlier said it would cost them \$7,500 a year to post a \$500,000 bond and the work would only cost \$50,000. Council rejected the agreement and agreed to send it back with an explanation.

one of the most critical financial difficulties that it has ever experienced. Wage control will have to come along with price control, there is no doubt. It is time that all facets of society realized this, before the country goes bankrupt.

Let's all put our shoulders to the wheel and get the country back on its feet, before all is lost for the sake of a few lousy bucks. I am a trade union member and secretary of a group of trade unions and even I can see the red light. Why can't these men of the educational field do the same.

Be satisfied with a reasonable offer my friends, for half a loaf is better than nothing at all.

Yours truly,
Andrew E. Welch

Of wood, water

The Editor,
Acton Free Press.

Dear Sir,

I have a word or two to say on this welfare business.

In our township, Eramosa, they have decided the boys must work for their welfare. In my lot, the boys were set to work to cut down a very large dead elm tree and a smaller one. They were well supervised.

The afternoon was hot but there was no cool drink standing by for lads who were not accustomed to hard work. At least one of the boys had a face so red it was almost blue. Sweat was pouring into his eyes. Ladies and gentlemen, that is not right.

I was advised that this wood (and there will be a lot of it) was to be given away. It is my wood, so I think I should have a choice in naming the recipient.

I would be glad to give it to some parents who have small children, and are in need of it.

I know what it is to be in need of a commodity, for I have been without a decent drink of hard water for 4 1/2 years excepting what two kind friends brought me last winter. We know who our friends are when we are faced with a situation like that.

Thanks again for valued space.

Yours truly,
Millicent Milroy,
Rockwood, Ont.

Mail census forms

Dear Sir:

It has restored my faith in humanity somewhat to note that many people in the Township of Nassagaweya have objected to local scouting of both long and short Canada Census 71 forms by mailing their completed forms sealed to Canada Census 71, 27 Howden Road, Scarborough.

William A. Johnson

Technicality thwarts appeal on unwanted township quarry

A legal technicality jumped out of the fine print and shut the door on any appeal Nassagaweya Council had planned to make against an OMB hearing which favored Campbellville Sand and Gravel Co. The firm had applied and was successful in getting permission to open another quarry, the seventh for the township and the council. Halton Region Conservation Area and The Jockey Club were unsuccessful in stopping the approval.

At their last meeting council agreed to appeal the matter to the Ontario Cabinet and felt that was their final course of appeal. But once A. J. Nichol's solicitor began the proceedings he learned the township had already over-spent the 30 day period in which they had to appeal.

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Reeve claims quarry "putting it over us"

"These birds are putting it over us, all over the place," Nassagaweya's outspoken Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur retorted after reading Milton Quarry's version of an agreement with the township and with Milton Brick to rehabilitate the quarry and move the plant off the Niagara Escarpment.

At an earlier meeting council had agreed to permit the quarry to operate, providing they meet certain requirements which included moving off the escarpment and rehabilitating and landscaping the site within a three year period. The township

Stuart Willard wins derby

Stuart Willard, a 12 year old Everton area lad, placed first among 20 contestants in the Everton District Christian Church's fishing derby, held Saturday.

Rev. Donald Whitehead, pastor of the church, presented Stuart with a trophy at a picnic on the church grounds following the fishing derby Saturday afternoon.

The derby was a project of the church's Chi-Rho Fellowship and was convened by Mrs. James Lillie and Mrs. Al Lillie.

Several others Other contestants included Stephen Lillie, Eddie Lillie, David Lillie, Bruce MacDonald, Shirley Willard, Joan Thompson, John Thompson, Jane Elleker, Whitney Street, Michael Black, Laz Bexton, Mary Bexton, Carol Adams, Gerald McDougall, John Buckland, Mark Lillie, Karen Lillie and Michael Spencer. Jim Lillie, Al Lillie and David Lloyd also helped arrange the event.



WINNER OF THE EVERTON Christian Church fish derby, held Saturday, 12 year old Stuart Willard receives his trophy from Rev. Donald Whitehead, pastor of the church.

Youngsters in the church's Chi-Rho Fellowship took part in the derby, which was arranged by Mrs. James Lillie and Mrs. Al Lillie. —(Staff Photo)



Rev. Ewing ordained

On Ascension Day, May 20, Rev. L. E. F. Ewing was ordained to the priesthood in St. George's Anglican church, Guelph.

Attending the ceremony were Acton relatives, cousins Mrs. Fred Kentner and Mrs. Robert Anderson with Mrs. Vic Bristow, since Mr. Bristow was unable to attend; his godmother Mrs. Sam Snow and the Rev. Harry Dawson of St. Alban's.

Mr. Ewing lived in Acton as a boy, and has been back taking services at St. Alban's several times.

He was in business and was an active layman in the church before studying theology. He was ordained a deacon at St. Hilda's church, Onkville, and at the time of ordination was deacon-in-charge of St. John's church, Cayuga.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewing have three children and two grandchildren.

Obituary

Miss Daisy Folster dedicated teacher

Beloved school teacher in Acton for 42 years, Daisy Folster of 22 Brock St. died in Guelph General Hospital June 3. She was 77 years of age.

Miss Folster had been in hospital two and a half weeks but her death was unexpected. Her sister, Mrs. Vida F. Gane of West Palm Beach, Florida, was here on a visit at the time.

Two generations Two generations of students knew Miss Folster, and former students and teachers were among those who called at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home and attended the service there June 5.

Rev. A. H. McKenzie conducted the service and the pallbearers were nephew John Folster, great-nephew David Folster, Allan Kirkness, school board member Tom Watson, Robert Little school principal Garnet McKenzie and M. Z. Bennett school principal Elmer Smith.

All life here Miss Folster was born in Acton May 31, 1894, and spent all her life here. Her parents were Devina Kirkness Folster and John Folster. A brother David K. Folster predeceased her.

When Miss Folster retired in June 1955, a happy surprise party was held for her and she was showered with gifts - 40 red roses,

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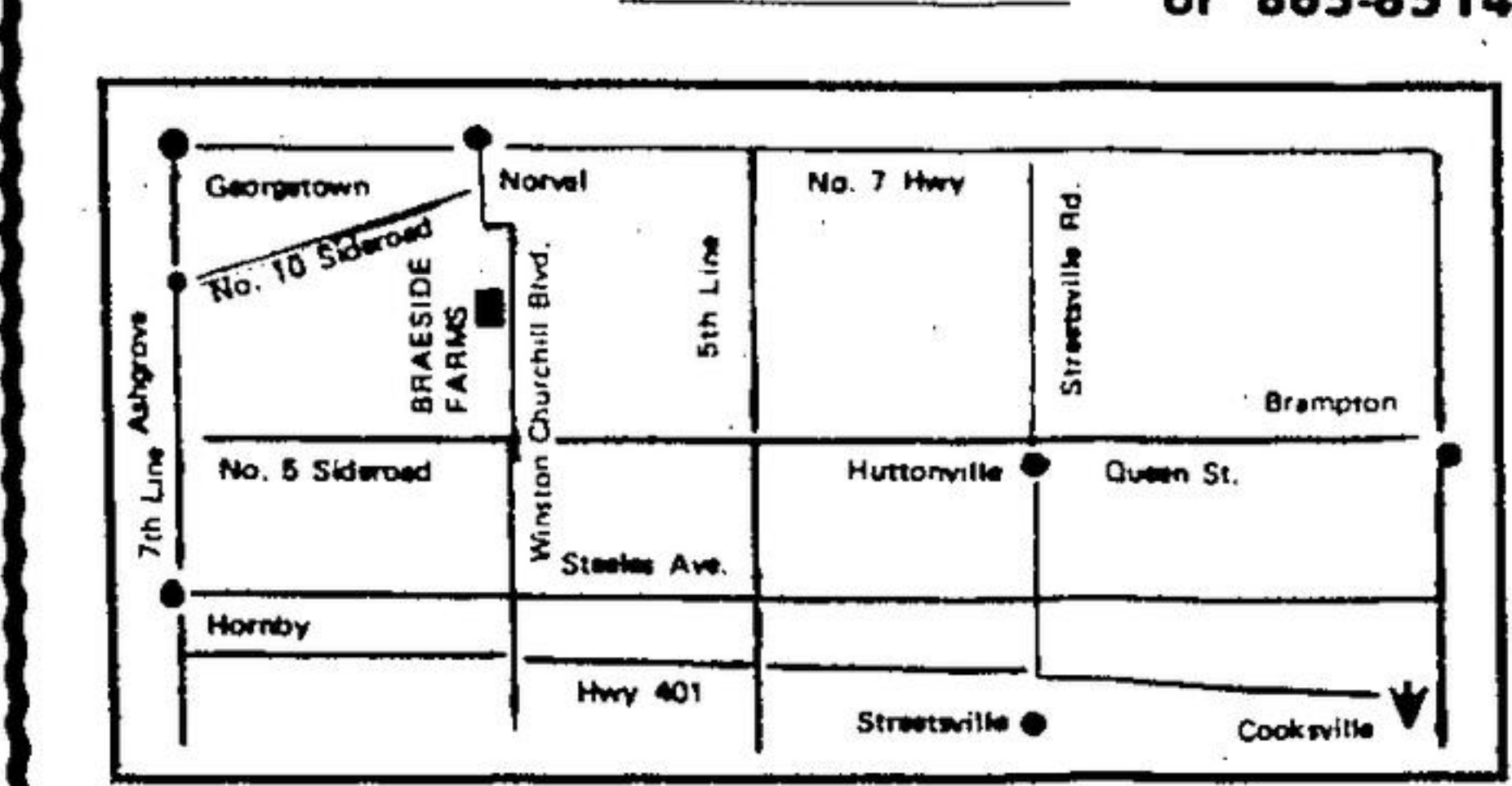


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