

OUR READERS WRITE:

Bad odors overpower flowers

188 Churchill Rd.,
Acton, Ont.,
Thurs. July 15, 1971.

Dear Sirs,
I was just sitting here in my own home, doing the job, I am fortunate enough to be able to work on at home, when Acton's obnoxious odour started to roll in through the open doors and windows. I had previously been thinking what a beautiful day it was, when I suddenly was hit by the desire to vomit, sneeze and cough all at the same time.
I think Acton must be the worst smelling place in Canada, if not the whole world. I have done some travelling in my time, have lived in various countries in Europe, including France and Germany, which are not noted for their sanitary conditions, and I must say I have never come across a worse smell than the one which constantly pervades Acton, particularly in the summer time.
Some of Acton's older inhabitants tell me, I shall get used to it in time, but we have lived here for almost five years now, and I'm still not used to it; what is more I have no wish to get used to it either.
This year I have gone to a great deal of trouble and expense trying to include flowers in my garden which have a sweet perfume, I have stocks, and nicotianas, and we have chosen roses for their perfume rather than their color or looks, although I must say we have been fortunate in being

able to combine both, but what is the good of my trying to sweeten this end of town when other people seem to be doing their darndest to make it the opposite.
I did read the recent interview the Free Press published earlier this year, with Mr. Braida of Beardmore & Co. in which he said they are doing their best to overcome their problems, and hope they will have the trouble completely solved by next year. Meanwhile this year we would have to bear with them. I certainly hope he was right, for I am sure I am not alone in saying this problem is becoming more than my health will stand.
I do not wish to be forced to leave a house and garden to which I have become deeply attached, so I hope the other smells will also be cleared up. It is always worse when the wind is from the west, as this is the prevailing wind in this area, it is pretty frequent, but there are other different smells which hit us when the wind is from the south, or the south-west, so I suspect that there is more than one source.
I know readers must be tired of reading my letters, I have written several since we first came to Acton, and nearly always on the same subject, but I do not wish the offenders to think we no longer object to this smell, we do, even more fervently than we did at first, we had hoped it would have been cleared up by now. However, let's hope it will be by next year.

Margaret E. Wright.

Why summer hateful

R.R. 4, Acton,
July 19, 1971.

Dear Sir:-
Since early May of this year we have been spending every weekend away from home. Sounds pretty nice eh? Well, — not really.
You see, we are trying to store enough fresh air in our lungs to last us all the coming week.
The Tannery, you know.
Of course, we SHOULD be used to the smell by now, after all this time of thirty years' duration. But somehow, it's like hanging, it's pretty hard to get used to it.
Repeated calls to Beardmore's are answered very courteously. But action? Come on, now, don't be silly! "We are doing everything in our power to remedy the situation."
No doubt they are. I do know they created a vast lake of effluent that seethed and bubbled like some horrid witch's brew

for over three months before they attempted to fill it up. And the field across from my home is so water-logged that an evil-looking scummy water is lying on it, and the sprays are adding more pollution to it daily.
It's a terrible thing to hate the summer, isn't it, and long for the winter when there is no more stink from the Tannery.
Or, is there a smell? Perhaps it is just our imagination. Just today I called Mr. Thatcher at 3.30 p.m. and asked him to come down and investigate the smell. But he said he couldn't smell anything!
But isn't it nice that Beardmore's are working so hard to rectify the situation. Makes a guy feel like someone really cares, doesn't it?
Thanks for the opportunity to get this off my chest. God knows there's no fresh air to get rid of.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Sheila O'Rourke.

Scouter writes to youth

R.R. 4, Acton, Ontario,
July 19, 1971.

Dear Sir:
An article in the Toronto Daily Star of last week concerning the Youth in Acton was very disturbing. The Star quoted our Recreation Co-ordinator Brian Campbell and other young people as saying that there is nothing in Acton for the young to do.
Any comments that I make are not aimed at Mr. Campbell himself but to the young people themselves. I do not ask "What do you want" but rather "What are you willing to work for."
The young people of Acton like most of the counterparts in other communities, want everything handed to them on a silver platter, and when it is not forthcoming, they complain, rather than go out and work to make things better.
Acton is sure is the envy of many other towns with natural facilities that are at our disposal. We have swimming and boating on our beautiful lake. Organizations like the Legion, Tri County Hockey, Minor baseball, soccer & lacrosse give the boys of Acton one of the best minor sports programs in Ontario. Figure skating, music and dancing are available to girls. Public skating and roller skating are available all year round.
I would like to mention one organization in Acton that I am involved in, and ask what is wrong? Scouting in Acton last year could only manage to register 17 scouts and 22 Cubs. For a population of our town, we should have four times that amount.

Scouting is not for all boys. But it does provide a building for meetings, a planned program, dedicated leaders and unlimited opportunities for adventure. But this is not handed to the boys. They have to accept discipline from leaders and senior boys and they have to plan and work out their programs.
This is where Scouting falls down. Boys do not wish to plan and work on their own meetings. Parents are not willing to assist their sons nor come to meetings to see them receive awards. Their apathy rubs off on their sons, with the result that boys do not stay in Scouting for the full four years. With few older Scouts to assist in the training of the new cubs coming to Scouts, this leaves an extra burden on the leaders. The average life of a Scout leader today is less than two years. And so the cycle goes on.
I would like to say that the above does not include all of our boys, parents or leaders. We have an active group of 13 Scouts, many eager parents and good leadership. Our Troop has the best in camping equipment and campsites available for our use. We have an active Group Committee, excellent sponsor in the Rotary Club and backing from The Scout and Guide Ladies.
All this is for the boys. The girls also have Guiding with all its benefits for young girls and ladies.
So I say to Acton's Youth: let's make use of the facilities that are provided for your use, and work to make them better.

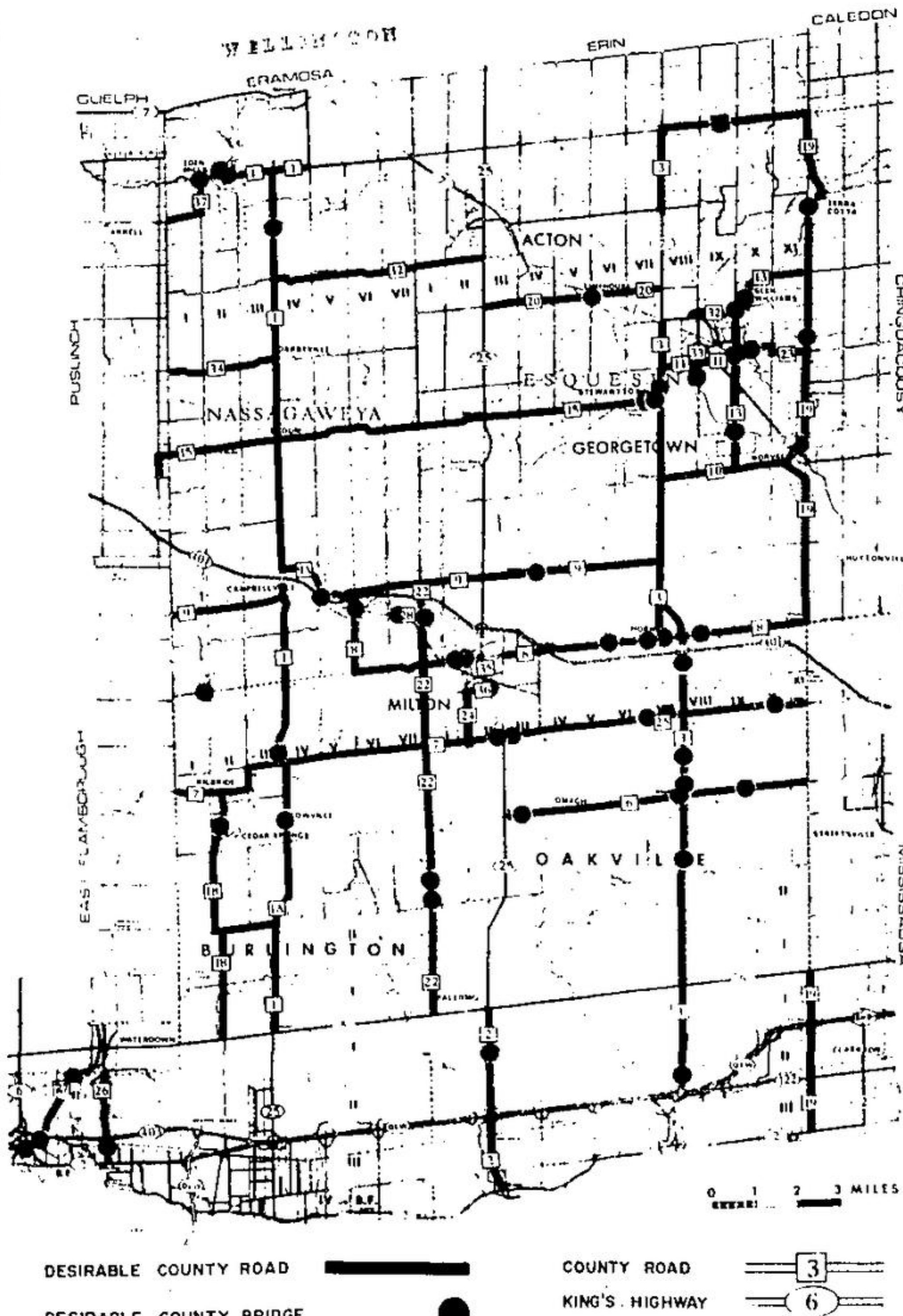
Yours very truly,
Murray W. Harrison,
Scouter, 1st Acton Scout Troop.

On education negotiations

Sir:
With reference to the education board negotiations.
Firstly, I would suggest that Tom Ramautarsingh give more thought to statements he makes to the press, for his recent issues, he contradicts himself. His statements are neither rational or conclusive and amount to so often a mass of data, which appear to have been so put together that nobody gets a clear cut idea of what he's talking about. For a man of his position to even suggest, let alone state, that the Halton County Education Board doesn't want to negotiate, borders on the thinking of an unreasonable person. Let him understand right now, that this Board I am sure is eager to settle, but not at unreasonable terms or conditions, which would be detrimental to the taxpayers' pockets. A line has to be drawn somewhere.
One of his statements, to the effect that the annual increment is not a wage increase,

is the height of absurdity. To him, I would say this, let not these negotiations be conducted on a vendetta basis, let both sides put ill will on one side, stop making absurd statements to the press, negotiate in good faith, with a sense of realism and objective at heart, and get those of this profession a reasonable and satisfactory settlement.
Lastly, to the teachers concerned I would say this, it's time that Mr. Ramautarsingh was removed. For when the OSSTF negotiators and District Executive can recommend a new contract offered, they must think it is a fair offer. Due to the above man's ramblings, your public relations have reached an all-time low and good public relations are most essential in matters affecting the taxpayer.

Yours truly,
Andrew Welch,
P.O. Box 571,
Guelph, Ont.



DESIRABLE COUNTY ROAD ——— COUNTY ROAD ———
DESIRABLE COUNTY BRIDGE ● KING'S HIGHWAY ———

Accepted county road system

Halton will have 171 miles of county road with 67 bridges on them when the recommendations resulting from the road study are complete. The map above shows the accepted system of county roads in black lines. Bridges are marked by bold circles.

in the county without a county road. It is considered that Acton is well served by existing highways and roads.

Photo sells homeless pups

Homeless puppies were pictured in last week's Free Press and they're homeless no longer. There were seven puppies in the family group that young boys were taking door-to-door, hoping for foster families.

But after the picture appeared in the paper, phone calls to the Bannon home brought offers of homes for all of them. The Bannon family decided to keep

Complaint

As a result of a complaint, police warned a driver about squealing tires at the Brewers Retail store. The complaint was received about 2.30 a.m. early Thursday morning.

Wood Products sold

Mr. Foley has had a lot of experience in repairing boats and motors. He feels there is a real need for this type of service in this area.
The building formerly occupied by Acton Wood Products at Acton's easterly limits has been sold to Bruce Foley of Oakville, who intends starting a marina type business.
The sale was arranged by G. Alec Johnson, realtors.

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