

OUR READERS WRITE:

Cornerstone laid to rest . . .

The Editor,
Acton Free Press,

Dear Sir:

I write this with a tear in my eye. Something has departed from my home—the corner-stone of a great edifice which had its demise in 1968. For 95 years our public school, nay more, that great stone-soul, had patiently, perseveringly, and uprightly, served the citizens of Rockwood, and when its turn came to die, its corner-stone sat by the wayside alone, deserted.

I went over to give the wreckers a tongue lashing, but they answered:—

"Progress lady, progress."
Then to calm my frustrated feelings one led me to the stone. "Would you like that?" You are its oldest living teacher. You would love it most."

I was proud of my stone. With the kind help of Mr. and Mrs. Kelso, a concise history was prepared, and recently the superintendent of the Wellington County Museum at Elora, Mr. Drummie, came and took it away, my great educational stone, to its last resting place.

Yours truly,
Millicent Milroy.

Rockwood, Ont.



FREE SUCKERS for a half-hour Saturday morning at the newly opened Barclay Candies at 11 Main St. S. drew hundreds of children like Wendy Duiker who received her "candy pops" from Dorcen McIntyre and Willa Hewitt. Children lined up for the 10 a.m. gift and then came in groups with wide eyes and anticipation—like the fellow at right. —(Staff Photos)

An open letter to two brave men . . .

Gentlemen:

Please accept my apologies for having to try to reach by an open letter. But the sad fact is I don't know who you are—although I wish I did.

As you know, I live outside Acton, but close enough to town for you to be able to walk to my property. Last Friday afternoon at 2:45 that's exactly what you did. You walked to my property, and trespassed on it.

However, that is not what this letter is about, gentlemen. It is about the inventiveness, skill, hardihood, courage, and just plain old-fashioned manliness you exhibited. Unfortunately you are so modest about it that your adventure may go unrecorded for posterity. This letter may correct that deficiency somewhat.

You see gentlemen, you seem somehow to have found out that my dangerous and anti-social hobby is the raising of various species of domestic ducks. Obviously concerned with the safety of the population of Acton and Esqueving Township, you must have determined to eliminate these well-known pests. Thus, on last Friday afternoon, without any fanfare of publicity, you two thrust into the dense bush on my property bent on an expedition of derring-do and fraught with great danger to yourselves. The two of you, armed with nothing more deadly than a shotgun, single-handedly took on these ferocious and deservedly notorious predators. And killed them.

In public therefore, although I do not know your names, I want to congratulate you. The mind boggles at the risks you ran and the courage you displayed. Ducks! The very mention of their name is enough to make the stoutest of hearts tremble. Yet you were not deterred. Of course, with cunning opponents like these you could not get too close—I estimate your distance from them when you opened fire as being as far away as 20 feet. Nevertheless, consider what you accomplished. At least four killed outright. One badly maimed, who managed somehow to crawl into the undergrowth and die there later—you were quite right not to follow him and put him out of his agony. There is nothing more potentially dangerous than a wounded duck when cornered. Another, paralyzed from the gunshot wounds you inflicted on it, drifted down stream on to my pond, unable to swim.

I am, you will be pleased to hear gentlemen, watching this creature now very closely. I'm happy to be able to report to you that it is still paralyzed, probably in considerable agony, and almost certain to die. You will be particularly gratified to hear this, I'm sure, since death, as all good hunters know, is not really good enough for ducks. Torture is preferable whenever it can be managed.

Gentlemen, I recognise your keen desire for anonymity. But I have to report to you that there are still foolish and misguided people around, those in fact who know about your brand of sportsmanship and and courage, who would characterize your deeds as being mindlessly cruel, predatory, and the actions of moronic cowards. Thus the purpose of this letter is to partially reassure you on this point.

Whoever you are, gentlemen, I am personally delighted with the courage and manliness you displayed in this business. This must be one of the rare instances in which domestic ducks have been cornered on private property and slaughtered or maimed for the public good. Your modesty in the enterprise outshines even your altruism and sheer manliness. But your obvious reluctance to come forth and be recognized for what you are is a great pity.

Modesty is, I realize, its own reward. But gentlemen, you may rest assured that if you could make yourselves known to me, you wouldn't find me churlish or ungrateful. On the contrary, I have a request to make of you. I also have several dozen tame mice here. Now if I could somehow engage your services to hunt them down and slay them . . . but that is too much to expect, I am sure. Suffice it to say, gentlemen, that if you could make yourselves known to me, I will be delighted to express my gratitude to you in even more tangible form than an open letter to the local newspaper.

In the meantime, pay no attention to those uninformed folk who would call you brutal cowards without human intelligence or decency. There will always be bleeding hearts like that around, gentlemen. Instead, let me just say I hope I meet you some day when I'm out hunting . . .

Yours very sincerely,
Jim Henderson.

Pig problems nearly over

Nassagaweyn Council learned Tuesday night action was being taken to alleviate a situation on 25 Sideroad where pigs have been roaming free. Complaints were filed at the last regular meeting of council and since then councillor Cal McIntyre has made contact with the owner of the property. He reported the

owner is planning action to stop the nuisance. Meanwhile a petition with eight names was tabled at council complaining about odors from a pig farm on Appleby Line. Council agreed to determine whether or not the operation was classed as a legal non-conforming use.

From the editor's desk . . .

cultivate flowers and convert them into perfume.

Today, scarcely anyone recalls that area's fame as a glove centre—Grasse is known the world over as the capital of haute perfumery.

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Fifty years ago in the autumn of 1921 the Canadian medical team of Dr. Frederick Banting and Charles H. Best discovered the benefits of insulin in the treatment of diabetes. An estimated 25 million lives have been saved as a result.

This week has been set aside as a national observance period by the Canadian Diabetic Association.

The week has an extra significance to residents of this area because Dr. Charles Best spends quite a bit of time in this area at his farm in Nassagaweya township. Dr. Banting was killed in an aircraft crash in 1941, while on duty with Canada's armed forces.

About 200,000 Canadians are diagnosed diabetics and it is estimated an equal number have a diabetic condition that has not been detected. This works out to a ratio of one in every 50 Canadians. This means Acton alone with its 5,000 population has 100 diabetics, all of whom are indebted to this intrepid Canadian research team.

The Canadian Diabetic Association is taking the 50th anniversary of the discovery of insulin to stage a financial campaign. Be generous.

Waiting list at Manor

New home for aged needed

Halton County Council's Property Committee agreed with members of the Manor Committee that a second home for the aged was needed, and urgently.

Chairman of the property committee Harry Barrett, deputy reeve of Oakville, said there were 39 applicants on the waiting list to get into Halton Centennial Manor in Milton.

The committee has considered purchasing land in Oakville where Ontario Barracks stand. A decision on that count is expected soon.

While the committee did not deal with possible sites at Friday's meeting, they agreed with the Manor committee recommendation to begin the proceedings for a new home for the aged.

Wait too long Barrett said there had been some applicants who died before a room became vacant. He indicated that some of those people may have been alive now if proper treatment had been available.

At the same meeting the committee discussed massive

plans for expansion. A new county garage and health unit were among the projects considered. The county is also considering building a second administration building behind the one that exists on Steeles Ave. in Milton.

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