

# OUR READERS WRITE:

## Can't accept evolution

R.R. 1, Acton, Ont.

Dear Sir:  
At the risk of prolonging a rather pointless controversy, I wish to add another dimension to the points of view expressed by Mrs. Marchment and Mrs. Harris.  
I, and many other scientists, cannot accept the Theory of Evolution as an explanation of man's origin. The only alternative, therefore, is the Biblical account of Creation. I personally feel that it takes far less faith to accept the Biblical account than it does to accept the Theory of Evolution. I do not, however, object to my children being exposed to this theory in school providing it is presented merely as an unproven theory.

As a matter of fact, those points that can be proven by the evolutionists are not at all unharmonious with the Biblical account.  
With particular reference to the letter from Mrs. Harris, I wish to point out that there is presently a great deal of doubt as to the actual age of the Earth and the appearance of Man. Much recent reliable evidence indicates that the Earth may only be approximately nine to fourteen thousand years old.  
One should also be aware that there is a great deal of debate as to whether the seven days of Creation as mentioned in the Bible are seven days as we know them or seven periods of time. It is an unimportant point.  
Mrs. Janet M. Armstrong.

## Praises student volunteer

Dear Sir:

Every Friday afternoon at the Ontario School for the Deaf, Milton, the retarded children from the Sunshine School spend an enjoyable hour of fun and instruction in the pool. When the small children start, some of them are of such short stature that it is impossible for them to be in the water without a helper, who also assists them in overcoming their fear of water. There are some volunteers and one in particular is a young girl named Carol Patterson.  
Carol is a Grade 13 student of Acton High School, who drives to Milton once a week, dons her bathing suit and gets into the pool to assist the children doing things the instructor wishes them to try. She is

interested in children and the children respond to her pleasantness. In the past, Carol has been a counsellor at Camp Belwood, a summer camp for retardates and, one of her teachers has the highest praise for her as a baby-sitter as well as being an excellent student. She is planning to attend Mohawk College next year to take a course in child care.

We so often hear of young people who take no interest in other people or things, that it is nice to know of a helpful young person such as Carol. Her parents have just reason to be proud of their daughter.

Verna Cannon,  
275A Main St., Milton.

## Concerning water supply

R.R. 4, Acton, Ont.

Dear Sir:  
I would like to clarify a few points of interest regarding the discussion of extending the town's water lines south on Highway 25, to service nine properties.  
We received a detailed report from O.W.R.C. over two months ago. This was a very detailed and comprehensive report on their investigation regarding alleged water pollution by Beardmore & Co. Ltd., particularly as carried out by spraying operations on the Marshall farm.  
It seems to me to prove pretty conclusively that the spraying operations have polluted our wells, namely by the sodium chloride (salt) content. We had a sample of our water analysed by them in September 1971 and the reading was 91 p.p.m.  
We were told then that this additional amount of salt could be injurious to anyone with heart disabilities as the amount of sodium chloride in drinking water is around 12 p.p.m.  
I would like to make it clear that we have not been approached by the Beardmore and Co. Ltd. of the town of Acton, nor have we

tried to put pressure on them in any way.  
Except for the Kevin Breens, and possibly the Hardings, the Beardmore Co. does not bring us water, nor have we asked them to do so. We are still using the water from our wells, although at times, especially in the summer months, the taste of salt is quite noticeable. I can state that the Portys, Barnards, D. Kellys, Bowmans, Hepburns and O'Rourke are continuing to use their own source of water and are not supplied by the company, although I do know that they would supply it if requested.  
On one occasion about two years ago, water was carried in here by Beardmore Co. Ltd. and we were properly appreciative, as on that occasion we were at fault ourselves.  
During all the times we have had communications with Beardmore's we have been treated with courtesy and patience, two virtues I am sorry I am sadly missing. I am sure that any negotiations that may ensure over this proposed water service will be no exception. I would re-iterate that to this date we have had no communications in this regard.

Thank you  
Yours truly,  
Shella O'Rourke

## County council not lily white

Feb. 14, 1972

Dear Sir:  
I agree with Deputy-Reeve McKenzie's approach of "let's bury the past and work for improved health services". However, after reading the Free Press reports I would be remiss in my responsibilities by not replying. It appears councillors have potted each other on the back and assured everyone that "no one could fault the health budget or the county council."  
Other reports imply that many problems can be laid at the feet of Dr. Chamberlain, Medical Officer of Health, and Miss Leavey, Director of Nursing. Nothing could be farther from the truth.  
The following history is of interest and should answer some of the questions posed by Acton councillors:  
1964-1965 Dr. Bull, M.O.H., experiencing difficulties "bucking County Council".  
1965-Nursing staff having difficulty negotiating with county council. This resulted in the health unit being "grey listed" by the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario. This was eventually lifted but there still seems to be some concern that professional staff are more accountable to the county personnel manager than to the M.O.H. and Director of Nursing.  
1967-Dr. Bull left and Dr. Hay hired.  
1968-Dr. Hay fired and replaced by his assistant Dr. Stewart. No assistant hired. Dr. Stewart was a man in his seventies and quite content to be a caretaker M.O.H. Council seemed satisfied with this arrangement.  
1969-Part time M.O.H. hired until Dr. Chamberlain took office in June 1970.  
Important to note that for at least ten years there was an assistant M.O.H. but the county has remained without one since 1968, even though population has increased.  
It is obvious the board of health and county council did not fulfill their responsibilities and have been negligent in several areas. One of these is lack of follow up on a grand jury report that was presented three years ago to Mr. Justice Lacourciere. It recommended that the shortage of nurses

be fully investigated and steps taken to recruit adequate staff.  
The report goes on to say that at least 33 nurses are needed to fulfill the "vital" work of the health unit. With this report tabled and only 17 PHNs on staff, council members are quoted as saying "we simply cannot hire more nurses. We do not have that kind of money."  
Each request for more staff was vetoed by county council for budget reasons. After eight years of this one certainly can "point the finger" at county council. Let's not suddenly have it appear that the director of nursing is wholly responsible for staff shortages.  
While still warden, Dr. Oakes suggested that Dr. Chamberlain was "empire building" to even think of an assistant. Surely he must be aware that it is a battle to even bring things up to the calibre of ten years ago. Dr. Oakes is "amazed" at community workers becoming frustrated!! I never cease to be amazed, even incredulous, at his remarks. His lack of insight into community health matters has added greatly to the "frustration" of many. I'm sure.  
Yes, let's bury the past but not by painting the county council lily white and hoisting blame on health professionals who have managed to give community service despite the many complex problems. From 1967 until Dr. Chamberlain arrived last year, Miss Leavey has been without the backing of a competent medical officer and has carried an impossible work load. On top of this she has been saddled with a narrow and ill-informed council—at least on community health matters.  
I have the greatest respect for Miss Leavey and feel the new community service committee should be aware that but for her the turnover of nurses would have been greater and the service to the community much less.  
With progressive men such as the new warden, Jim Swanborough, community service chairman David Coons and sincere committee members I think things will start to happen.  
Sincerely,  
Alma Sweetman.



MRS. LARRY GRIFFIN of Peterborough shows off Canadian Guards uniform to spectators at Sunday's gun show. At the Acton Industrial Centre, the show attracted several hundreds gun, coin and various other collectors from as far away as Montreal. Antique and modern guns, coins, medals, swords, daggers, books, uniforms, ammunition and various other paraphernalia were shown by exhibitors. Traffic lined up from the foot of Frederick to Mill St. as well as overflowing parking lots.—(Staff Photo)

## Gun show attracts hundreds Sunday

A custom gun stock display by C. Snider and D. Meadows from the West End Gun Shop, Toronto, was the premier attraction at the Halton Antique and Arms Collector Association gun show in Acton Sunday.  
"Thousands of exhibits attracted hundreds of collectors and patrons. Cars and trucks lined streets and filled the parking lots at the Acton Industrial Centre, where the show was held.  
"We had to look space for people from as far away as Montreal," said Halton association secretary Hank Ruppert. "This thing just grows and grows."  
Custom stocks  
Much interest was focussed on the Snider-Meadows display where the fine art of gun stock design produced several unique stocks.  
Both exhibitors said their interest in guns goes back many generations, and one of C. Snider's ancestors invented the Snider conversion for the Enfield rifle.  
They said custom built guns are becoming more popular as gun users become more sophisticated. They do all their stock engraving by hand.  
The Halton gun show is thought to be one of the largest — if not the largest — show in the country.

## Two fires

Firefighters had two runs during the week in response to alarms. Wednesday night of last week a chimney fire at the Cook home on Wellington St. brought the truck out.  
On Friday evening an over-heated space heater at the home of John Bonus, R.R. 4, on the first line of Esquesing sent the brigade rushing over. The smoke ejector was used to clear the house of smoke.



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## Set salaries twp. employees

Salaries for Esquesing township employees were set by-law at the regular meeting of the township council Monday.  
Clerk-treasurer and tax collector Delmar French will receive \$9,300 annually, and a 14c per mile car allowance while on township business. Deputy clerk

Mrs. Cathy Bouskill's salary was set at \$6,700 per annum.  
Road superintendent C. D. Snow will receive \$9,200 a year plus 14c per mile car allowance, clerical assistant Mrs. Caroline Jubb \$5,400 a year and bookkeeper Mrs. Vera Nasalski \$6,100 a year.

Employees will also receive 100 per cent of health insurance and Ontario Hospitalization paid plus eight weeks non-cumulative sick leave at full salary.  
LENT begins today.

## Plan dog races

Although the event has been scratched from the annual high school winter carnival, the Ken Marshall family and Acton Lions Club are going to go ahead independently with plans to stage sled dog races in Acton on February 26.  
The Lions club has donated a trophy for the event which attracts drivers from all over the district and their dogs. Interest in the racing sled dogs has been keen at other winter carnivals in neighboring municipalities and the Marshall family hopes to keep the event alive in Acton as well.  
THE whole congregation of Norval United church was invited for a Sunday afternoon at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Wilson. Over 100 enjoyed tobogganning, skiing and snow-mobiling.

## COUNTY OF HALTON NOTICE PUBLIC MEETING

Take notice that the County of Halton Road Committee will hold a public meeting at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 9th, 1972, in the Township of Esquesing Municipal Offices, Seventh Line, for the purpose of discussing a pre-design study on the re-alignment of the No. 27 Sideroad, through Limehouse.

Interested parties who wish to participate in the discussion are cordially invited to examine the County's Pre Design Study Report and attend the public meeting.

Copies of the Pre Design Study Report are available for study at the following locations:

County Administration Building, Steeles Avenue, Milton, Ontario.

Township of Esquesing Municipal Offices, Seventh Line, Esquesing.

Limehouse Public School, Limehouse.

Stevens General Store, Limehouse.

Deputy-Reeve D. McMillan,  
Chairman,  
County of Halton Road Committee,  
Administration Building,  
Milton, Ontario.

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