

# OUR READERS WRITE: Enrolment sufficient for Kindergarten

## We must preserve family farm

TO THE EDITOR

It's time to stop our anti-farm policy.

About 100,000 farmers remain in Ontario. About 60 per cent are on subsistence farms while 20 per cent of the farms produce about 80 per cent of the marketable products. Many suffer financial distress, not through their own fault, but through rapid agricultural changes.

In 1900, 100 to 200 acres supported a reasonable standard of living. Today, general farms need 300 to 2,000 acres to justify the equipment required but the province is still divided into 100 and 200 acre parcels as it was settled, not the 300 to 1,000 acre parcels a family needs today. The family farm is still the most effective and efficient means of agriculture, as the experience of Russian collectives, Chinese communes and the sad story of some of our own corporate farm ventures show.

The thousands of Ontario farm families existing on parcels too small for profitable agriculture lack the money to expand their holdings; 30,000 farm families could produce more and have a higher standard of living than the 100,000 farmers now active. The problem is surplus farmers. Bureaucrats would move them off their land as painlessly as possible, with the farms purchased by government and sold or leased to farmers who will make them into large economic units. This makes business sense but is narrowminded, shortsighted and in the present unemployment situation, the surplus rural people are forced into the cities and welfare. It is equally shortsighted to subsidize existing farms, giving artificially-protected markets, which by manipulation, subsidies and tax incentives, encourage uneconomic use of land. This harms the country as a whole and merely postpones eventual financial disaster and prologues farm poverty.

Governments miss the true situation. Schemes to resettle the farmer ignore his love of his land and the present dispersion of population across the province can provide a suitable framework for successful rural

## Fight to preserve rural Rockwood

R.R. 5, Rockwood, Nov. 12, 1972.

Dear Sir,

There are times when a group of people with foresight and integrity must band together to fight a major threat to the community they live in and love. In Rockwood this group of people is called The Rockwood and Area Ratepayers' Association.

We are trying to save our community from a project that will end forever our rural way of life. We have some 42 polluted wells in this village and not once in the six year long battle against a costly sewer installation has any authority, including the trustees, suggested that the wells be sealed or even re-dug and the offending septic tanks be brought up to standard. In the few instances where people have done this on their own the problem disappeared. Most people who live here love the uncrowded, leisurely pace of life; free of industrial pollution and crowded living conditions sometimes labelled progress, but more recently looked upon as the modern tragedy.

This community is unique because it has fascinating geological formations, beautiful old stone buildings, acres of recreation land and a clean river. Any conscientious citizen would fight to preserve these assets for his children.

## Opposes Sunday racing in township

Dear Sir,

On Friday, I, along with other residents of Nassagaweya received in the mail an information sheet telling me why Sunday Racing at the Mohawk Raceway should be allowed. In this information, or misinformation sheet the implication is that the Mohawk Raceway came to Nassagaweya just to ease the tax burden of Nassagawegians.

The Jockey Club selected a site in Nassagaweya simply because its location afforded easy access from neighboring communities, Guelph, Burlington, Hamilton etc. Section 4 of this information sheet tells us that the Mohawk Raceway is Nassagaweya's highest taxpayer. The next largest assessment being a quarry. True, but this fact made me think and then think again. If we vote "yes" for Sunday Racing, the quarry operators might cite the Mohawk as an example and ask for the right to operate on Sundays also.

Again the Jockey Club refers to Sunday racing at other locations, again I would point out these places have a lot of undesirable activities we in Nassagaweya don't have and don't want. Then of course,

the fact sheet has the little arm twister, i.e., in short the future of the Mohawk Raceway could well depend upon the decision which is made by the voters concerning Sunday racing. To this I say "Garbage". If the Jockey Club can make a buck they won't close down the Mohawk and as for the effects on our taxes, Regional Government is coming very shortly and this means the Mohawk assessment is up for grabs by Milton, Burlington or some other hungry hand and we in Nassagaweya will get little of the assessment and all of the inconvenience. In my opinion we in Nassagaweya should make it quite clear as we did the last time this question appeared on the ballot, that we do not want Sunday Racing in Nassagaweya. This will have a two-fold effect.

1. It will preserve our Sunday tranquility.  
2. It will make it clear to any politician seeking to serve us in the Regional set-up, that he or she will be serving us, the residents of Nassagaweya and not some financial interests, whether they be big or small taxpayers.

Wm. A. Johnson  
R. R. 2, Rockwood.

Monday, Nov. 20, 1972

The Editor,

With reference to a statement issued by Mrs. Gregson at the Hillsburgh Community Centre, November 13, in answer to a question as to the lack of an Ospringe Kindergarten; "There just isn't sufficient enrolment. There will be no kindergarten until the enrolment increases."

I must take strong exception and point out the following facts which he can easily verify with a phone call.

1. The present enrolment from the Ospringe area attending kindergarten at Brisbane public school is 37 and increases weekly.

2. Together with the Brisbane kindergarten there are 66 students under only one teacher in one room where there are insufficient chairs and tables to handle the huge class.

3. The Primary Consultant, an employee of the Wellington Board of Education and

therefore responsible to that group, visited the school and recommended without qualification that because of the numbers in kindergarten and primary classes a para-professional be hired without delay.

4. The Area Supervisor voted this but suggested transporting the overload to nearby public schools. Unfortunately the cost caused this plan to be aborted. So as it stands now the circle has been completed to the detriment of our children and teachers.

Where does the electorate go to show its disgust at such blatant disregard of the Board of Education's own recommendations. If we can't have faith in those we elect to act upon prime problems; if our children and teachers are of such little worth in the Board's eyes I suggest they either withdraw from re-election or dig into the coffers for an investment in the future — now!

Yourstruly,  
Joan K. Schneider

## Miss graduate in program

November 21, 1972

Dear Sir:

There was a most regrettable omission from the list of graduates in the program for our Commencement on October 20th, 1972. Albert Bruce Fowler of 112 Bower Ave., Acton had graduated in January, 1972 at the end of last year's first semester but this was not picked up when we were writing.

I should like to apologize to Bruce and his

family for any inconvenience this error on our part has caused them.

J.I. Downie,  
Assistant Principal,  
Acton High School.

## Christmas verse

SANTA'S DILEMMA

I am now in love with "Santa Claus"  
I get that way each year;  
Like all the rest I'm at my best,  
When Christmas time draws near.

This year Old Santa's having fun,  
In sorting out his Toys,  
He finds girls with pretty curls,  
Are hard to tell from boys.

He's got a doll for little "Bill"  
And a hockey stick for "Sue"  
With his precious sack upon his back,  
He can't tell who is who.

For those who like to dress the best,

He's got some fancy clothes,  
It's quite a trick for him to pick,  
Who wears the "panty hose".

He is careful with the things he's got,  
And does his very best,  
Long wavy hair, is his despair,  
In equality they're dressed.

I'm afraid he'll form a "Union",  
And then go out on "Strike".  
With this and that, he'll leave us flut  
And demand a "Wage hike".

I'm going to help Old Santa,  
And get out there and pitch,  
When I catch the pair, I'll cut  
one's hair,  
So he'll know WHICH IS WHICH.

Victor Smith,  
R. R. 2 Rockwood.

# Credit failures by students

Slope failures along the Credit River between Georgetown and Port Credit are being investigated by a team of fourth-year students under the direction of Dr. Wyman Harrison, Professor of Geography at Erindale College.

The students, Garry Green, John Buckley, and Niel Hester are mapping the geology and slope angles of the valley wall materials.

This information is used to classify the slopes into three hazard categories, ranging from "essentially hazardless" to "extremely hazardous".

"The ground is already rather saturated, and the long-range forecast for Toronto calls for heavier rainfall than usual. This does not bode well for some of the slopes we've found", Harrison noted, "and we would appreciate learning of any slope movements that people living near the valley walls may observe". (Dr. Harrison's phone number is 828-5358). The well-publicized slide of November 16, 1962, at Credit Woodlands occurred after two days of rainfall that totalled 3.2 inches. Remedial measures cost over \$60,000.

The Erindale student team hopes to be able to present the results of its studies, in the form of a slope hazard land map, to planning bodies in the Credit River watershed sometime next April. The work is part of Erindale's program in Environmental Geography.

## TOWNSHIP OF ESQUESING

# NOTICE TO VOTERS 1972 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The regular polling day for Municipal Elections is Monday, December 4th, 1972 during the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.

A notice has been sent to each dwelling unit in the Municipality advising the location of the polling place for the electors in that dwelling unit.

For the purpose of receiving votes of electors who expect to be unable to vote on December 4th, 1972, there will be an advance poll held at the Township of Esquensing Municipal Office, R. R. 1, Georgetown, Ontario on Monday, November 27th, and Saturday, December 2nd, 1972 during the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.

Every person offering himself as a voter at the advance poll shall be required, before being allowed to vote, to make a declaration before the Deputy Returning Officer. Declaration that they expect to be unable to vote on December 4th, 1972.

Delmar French,  
Clerk & Returning Officer,  
The Township of Esquensing.

# NOTICE TO ELECTORS

## TOWNSHIP OF NASSAGAWEYA MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

TAKE NOTICE THAT an Advance Poll will be held on:  
FIRST DAY — MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1972  
SECOND DAY — SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1972

The Advance Poll Will Be In The Nassagaweya Municipal Office Building Between the Hours of 11:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. both days.

### POLLING DAY

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1972

Between The Hours of 11:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. at the following Polling Places:

**POLL NO. 1**  
Residence of Beverley Ella  
Campbellville, Ont.

**POLL NO. 2**  
Residence of Molly Elliot  
Campbellville, Ont.

**POLL NO. 3**  
Nassagaweya Township Hall  
Brookville

**POLL NO. 4**  
Residence of Duncan Moffat  
Lot 27, Conc. 4  
R. R. No. 2, Rockwood, Ont.

**POLL NO. 5**  
Residence of Hubert MacPherson  
Eden Mills, Ont.

Clerk & Returning Officer,  
EARL S. CUDDIE  
TOWNSHIP OF NASSAGAWEYA

ELECT  
**AGNEW  
REEVE**  
Nassagaweya

**Jesus is coming!**  
Where do you stand?  
Brethren of Messiah  
Box 132, Acton, Ont.

**BINGO**  
EVERY MONDAY NIGHT 8 P.M.  
EVERY GAME  
**\$50<sup>00</sup>**  
PLUS  
2 Jackpots Given Away Every Monday  
Admission \$1.00 - Cards 25c each  
**RIVIERA NORVAL**

**ROXY THEATRE**  
MILTON  
878-3272 or 878-3208  
Showtimes: Sun. Thru Thurs. 8.00 p.m.  
Fri. and Sat. 7.00 & 9.00 p.m.

**The 23 Fri. 24 Sat. 25**  
THE HOTTEST THING ON WHEELS  
RAQUEL WELCH  
KANSAS CITY  
BOMBER

**Sen. 26 Nov. 27 Dec. 28 Wed. 29**  
They saw the satanic power of their bodies to turn men and women into their blood slaves! **TWINS OF EVIL**  
Hands of the Ripper

**The 30 Dec. 1 Fri. 1 Sat. 2** Special Matinee 2:00 P.M. Saturday  
Just a person who protects children and other living things  
**BILLY JACK**