

— Our readers write —

'Good Book' warns of unnatural use

Dear Sir:

May I be permitted space to reply to the Acton resident who wrote me anonymously this week to defend the right of homosexuals to present their life style to grade 12 high school students.

You have suggested "if you are a man of God I hope you again read the Good Book and find freedom for all... in a world that is overpopulated. If you are proposing homosexuality as the way to achieve zero population growth, I would concur that the Good Book does assume the success of such an approach. Let me quote the warnings of the Scripture: "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness... for this cause God gave them up unto vile affections... the men, leaving the natural use of woman, burned in their lust one toward another, men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in selves that recompense of their error which was fitting... who knowing the judgment of God, that they who commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same but have pleasure in them that do them." (Romans 1:18-32)

If you are implying that the Good Book

recognizes the right of every person to live as they choose, I concur. God doesn't force anyone to love Him and so to discipline their life style as to glorify Him in "what they do and why they do it." But He does warn that "the wages of sin is death" and He has assured us that "He is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

The same Saviour who forgave the repentant, believing woman "taken in the act of adultery" extends His compassion and mercy to all us sinners. But to all who, like that woman, receive His forgiveness, He demands, "go and sin no more." And by His grace we can so live! To know His forgiveness is to be liberated from anonymity into a fulfilling authenticity and an incredible destiny as sons and daughters of the living God.

In our public educational system, we who are followers of Christ are only asking that our moral values and aesthetic tastes be as respected as those who hold quite differing views. Such genuine pluralism is a valid objective in the educational system of any truly civilized society.

Sincerely,
Ken Campbell
Campbell-Reese
Evangelistic Association



HALTON PLOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION had a 65-member delegation at the Ontario Plowmen's annual meeting in Toronto last week, to help promote the 1974 International to be held in Halton Sept. 24 to 28. Members of the group are pictured with the Halton banner. Regional Chairman Allan Masson

extended an invitation to plowmen from across Ontario to gather in Halton this fall for what promises to be the biggest international ever.

(Photo by Ministry Agriculture and Food)

Lines avoid . . .

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mainly traverses good agricultural land, some of which is being farmed. The area also includes rural estate developments, especially in the wooded areas. The Bhi route avoids the rural estate development but, of necessity, crosses some active farms. Landowners in the area appeared before the Commission to express strong opposition to the route selected. Study of the area suggests that it may well be possible to find a more acceptable route somewhat to the south and west of the route chosen by Bhi. Here again, the exact details of the route must be worked out between local landowners, Ontario Hydro and the municipality, possibly with the assistance of Bhi.

The line from the Limehouse crossing which comes south through the centre of Concession 5 of Esquering Township will join this line north of Highway 401. The exact point of junction will, of course, depend on the details of the final route chosen for the east-west lines.

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Bruce to Essa route unacceptable . . .

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by the "Bruce to Essa" line at the meetings, so it was unlikely that there would have been any opposition expressed.

Ontario Hydro looked at the proposal very carefully and discussed the pros and cons in presentations and cross-examination before the Commission. Ontario Hydro has repeatedly expressed its opposition to "System R" on both security and aesthetic grounds. During cross-examination, they did agree that the proposal would improve the security of "System R" for the short term but felt that the "Bruce to Essa" proposal

had no other advantages. In addition, "System R-Essa" significantly increases the route mileage for the total system, involves an additional crossing of the Escarpment and would pre-empt part of the "Essa to Kleinburg" right-of-way which Ontario Hydro feels will be needed for the more important purpose of bringing power from a new generating station on Georgian Bay to the Toronto load centre.

Following the close of the Commission hearings, the group submitted a final paper on their proposal. Further study of the proposal convinced me that it would not be easy to find a socially and environmentally acceptable route for the "Bruce to Essa" line because it might have to traverse some of the most popular scenic and recreational terrain in southern Ontario.

Since Ontario Hydro presented convincing

evidence that the "Bruce to Essa" line would not produce useful improvement in the transmission system, the Commission concludes that

no further consideration should be given to the "Bruce to Essa" line."

Make ACTON centennial project

Dear Sir:

I have never written to a paper before but my husband and I were interviewed on the street about Regional Government and I realized there was a lot more I wanted to say.

First and foremost, why weren't we given the opportunity to vote on something that affects us so drastically. This is a democratic country—isn't it?

I understand one of the purposes of Regional Government is to lower our taxes. How can this happen when the councillors are receiving such a large salary, although I believe they will earn it trying to make the next to impossible work, and more jobs, not less, have been created just to mention two instances.

The interim tax bills are out, based on the lowest mill rate of the three municipalities. This appears to be Acton's which makes us realize we weren't doing so badly on our own.

To quote Councillor Joe Hurst, "The proposed expenditure is astounding." Our ex-mayor, Les Doby remarked: "There were three operations before at basic cost. I assure you the escalation in cost is tremendous. I can't justify it, can you?" I wonder what Mr. McKeough and Mr.

Davis would reply to that.

Another matter bothering me is the fact that Georgetown seems to be running the show due to the simple fact that they are bigger. Does this mean Acton's demands will always take second place.

It is interesting to note that all the top jobs went to Georgetown men for example, Clerk, Treasurer and Superintendent of Works. We all know what happened when Acton's Mick Holmes was voted Fire Chief. Now we have two Chiefs to pay.

A further matter still under discussion is Acton's pool and Georgetown's pool, arena-theatre complex and library. It is proposed each municipality pay for its own projects but if we don't stand behind our ex-mayor and councillors, we will find ourselves paying taxes for Georgetown's benefit.

I agree it is rather late to be trying to do something about a system which was imposed on us, but better late than never. How about dropping a few lines to the Free Press just to let it know how we feel. After all, it has been proven that you can fight Queen's Park if you get together.

Let's make our main Centennial project "ACTON" again.

Please sign me
A Concerned Taxpayer

Former mayor H. Cleave dies

Harold Cleave, a veteran of 19 years in municipal politics, died on Sunday.

Mr. Cleave was mayor of Georgetown in the years 1944, '45 and '46, and then again in 1950 and '51.

He served a total of 19 years on council as councillor, reeve and mayor, and held the top position in Halton county, in 1935, when he was chosen Warden of Halton county.

He farmed all his life on the large area now named after him as the Cleaveholm subdivision running off Main Street North. The original farmhouse still stands surrounded by houses. Mr. Cleave lived there until five years ago when he and his wife Elizabeth moved to their present home on Charles Street.

He is survived by his wife, and two brothers, Herb of Milton, and Percy of Georgetown.

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Explains Board, Staff position

Dear Sir:

Public concern has been evident regarding recent practices and events in a Halton secondary school. Mr. Campbell has brought these matters to my attention.

The policy of buying books for a school library has already been explained. We try to resist the pressures of both extreme left wing and extreme right wing groups. In addition, certain religious and political groups have special demands to include or to exclude certain books. Some correspondents have inferred from my description of this explanation that I have attributed to Mr. Campbell all or some of the characteristics of these pressure groups.

We do stock our shelves on a reasonable broad spectrum in the middle ground. Whenever a book is drawn to our attention as being outside this middle ground, an examination of it is made to determine whether it should be included. Literary merit has considerable bearing on this decision.

We would urge that any parent, who wishes to, contact the principals of our schools and ask for an opportunity to discuss and to visit the library resource centre. The decision on books is a school decision made by the staff within the school under the direction of the principal.

I have received in the last three weeks eight letters on this subject of "literary sewage" (Mr. Campbell's letter): four in favor of Mr. Campbell's position, three opposed to him and one opposed to everything.

The position that our schools are devoid of moral values must be denied. Not only do we rely upon the integrity of our 2,000 teachers in this matter but considerable teaching and research is being done into the role of values and religion.

The Ministry of Education has a research project in Halton on teaching values—one of two such projects in Ontario. The Minister of Education referred to our leadership in teaching values in his speech to the Ontario Education Association on Feb. 15, 1974.

In the matter of the visit of the homosexuals to the school, the issue has been stated from the point of view of Mr. Craig, the principal, in his letter which you have already published. The program is a school program. The talk was to be given by Dr. J. Walker of McMaster University. His inability to come caused the substitution. The fact that the substitutes were McMaster students who were homosexuals came as a surprise to the school.

The class was a Grade 12 class. Attendance was entirely voluntary. Although Mr. Campbell never claimed that his girls attended the class, some correspondents feel that they did. Mr. Campbell's daughters were too young and are not yet in Grade 12.

I believe personally that a discussion of this topic as a fact of our society is not out of line provided certain factors are ensured:

1. That the principal and staff feel it should be offered.
2. That it is a part of a series of interpersonal relations and does not stand alone.
3. That it is a voluntary meeting on the part of the students.
4. That the students are mature. And
5. That the topic is presented by a doctor and/or psychiatrist with expertise in the field.

The program should be presented by a doctor or psychiatrist because he can deal with the topic at "arm's length". In my opinion and it is a personal view, homosexuals should not present the material, not because they are criminals (because they are certainly not that) nor because they are evil (because this is obviously unfair and untrue) but because they are involved personally. Their presentation seems to require in the minds of some people a contra argument and the matter is not suited to being handled by debate. Although the program is entirely in the hands of the principal and staff, I feel that my personal opinions should be on record.

The students who attend the presentation (if it is offered by the school) should do so voluntarily. By Grade 12, many students are at the age at which they can vote, go to war, visit beverage rooms, live independently of their parents, etc., according to the laws of Canada. Their maturity has to be respected and exercised. Students who find the topic offensive are allowed to opt out.

It is hoped that on these matters and upon others, the parents will contact the principals of their local schools to discuss the situation.

Trustees and the Board as a whole are also accessible to individuals and to groups. Although the organization is big, it has been decentralized to local schools as far as possible. We hope that parents will take advantage of that fact.

Needless to say, no schools are perfect. It requires co-operation on the part of all concerned to ensure constant improvement.

Yours truly,
J. W. Singleton,
Director of Education.

In early 1967 Parliament adopted a committee recommendation that the music of O Canada, as national anthem, and God Save the Queen, as royal anthem become official.

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Smiley's wrong—Ford no bandit

March 18, 1974

The Editor, Acton Free Press.

Dear Sir:

Your columnist, Bill Smiley, doesn't like the old-time bandits of industry and finance, but he is inclined to prefer them to the current breed.

Well, he's entitled to his preferences, but I venture to suggest that he does Henry Ford an injustice by including him among

the bandits. Sure he made a lot of money but not by manipulating markets, cornering commodities or subverting governments. He distrusted financiers and they, in a crisis, refused him support. He brought cheap, dependable transportation within the range of the ordinary person, and so far from paying the lowest wages he could get away with, he outraged his competitors by offering his workers an unheard of five dollars a day — and that 60 years ago!

Yours truly,
W. G. Onions

A point by point primer on how to lose your driver's licence.

It's actually quite simple. All you do is accumulate fifteen demerit points and lose your licence for thirty days. Do it again and lose your licence for six months.

In this province, it definitely pays a driver to score a big fat zero. Ontario's demerit point system is designed to convince the poor driver to drive properly. Drivers who do not improve are then taken from the road because they're a menace to pedestrians and to other drivers.

But the system is not at all unjust. It's aimed at telling the driver where he's gone wrong and giving him plenty of time to correct his faults.

For instance. When you've accumulated six points, you'll be notified and urged to improve your driving.

When you've got nine, you'll probably be asked to attend a private interview and re-do your driving test.

At fifteen points, you'll lose your licence for thirty days and drop back to seven points. Get fifteen again and you won't drive for six months.

However, your record won't be

indelibly marked. If you drive for two years without a traffic conviction your points are erased and your slate is clean.

How Demerit Points Accumulate:

1 point	Failing to remain at scene of an accident (Highway Traffic Act)	
2 points	Exceeding speed limit by 10 to 19 m.p.h.	Failing to obey signs other than those mentioned above
3 points	Exceeding speed limit by 20 to 29 m.p.h.	Exceeding speed limit by 30 m.p.h. or more
4 points	Exceeding speed limit by 30 to 39 m.p.h.	Exceeding speed limit by 40 m.p.h. or more
5 points	Exceeding speed limit by 40 to 49 m.p.h.	Exceeding speed limit by 50 m.p.h. or more
6 points	Exceeding speed limit by 50 to 59 m.p.h.	Exceeding speed limit by 60 m.p.h. or more
7 points	Exceeding speed limit by 60 to 69 m.p.h.	Exceeding speed limit by 70 m.p.h. or more
8 points	Exceeding speed limit by 70 to 79 m.p.h.	Exceeding speed limit by 80 m.p.h. or more
9 points	Exceeding speed limit by 80 to 89 m.p.h.	Exceeding speed limit by 90 m.p.h. or more
10 points	Exceeding speed limit by 90 to 99 m.p.h.	Exceeding speed limit by 100 m.p.h. or more
11 points	Exceeding speed limit by 100 to 109 m.p.h.	Exceeding speed limit by 110 m.p.h. or more
12 points	Exceeding speed limit by 110 to 119 m.p.h.	Exceeding speed limit by 120 m.p.h. or more
13 points	Exceeding speed limit by 120 to 129 m.p.h.	Exceeding speed limit by 130 m.p.h. or more
14 points	Exceeding speed limit by 130 to 139 m.p.h.	Exceeding speed limit by 140 m.p.h. or more
15 points	Exceeding speed limit by 140 to 149 m.p.h.	Exceeding speed limit by 150 m.p.h. or more

The whole point is to score nothing, keep your record clean and drive happily ever after.

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