

**OUR READERS WRITE:**

**"BULLY TACTICS"**  
BY MR. SINGLETON

Dear Sir:

Thank you for printing Mr. Singleton's letter in The Champion. While it did not include the apology which I had requested from him for his breach of professional ethics in his comments to the press concerning my protest, it did put some matters on the record which are helpful for the public to know. Note the following:

1. Regarding recommended books in the libraries: "The decision on books is a school decision made by the staff within the school under the direction of the principal."
2. Regarding moral values: "we rely upon the integrity of our 2,000 teachers... the ministry of education has a research project in Halton on teaching values."
3. Regarding the visit of the homosexuals to a high school: "the program is a school program." "I believe personally that a discussion of this topic... is not out of line."
4. "It is hoped that on these matters... the parents will contact the principals of their local schools to discuss the situation."

In this explanation by the Halton Director of Education of the decision-making processes by which the philosophy governing our public educational system is determined, the decisions are all made for us parents by the teachers and administrators with the focus left on the parent to question the omniscience of the educational technocrats if they dare to buck the intimidations of the system.

And let it be noted that "bully tactics" are all too prevalent in response to any parent who does dare to disagree with the system. Twice in the past month when I have been asked to meet personally with a school administrator, upon my arrival I have found an intimidating committee waiting for me rather than the individual who asked me to meet him personally. One of those occasions was in the office of the Director of Education where I'd been asked to meet Mr. Singleton personally and found instead that he had called in two aides to make it a committee of three to meet me. That is a gross breach of professional ethics and a bit of base bully tactics, which I called to Mr. Singleton's attention at once in that situation. I call it now to the attention of the public because of Mr. Singleton's refusal to admit his breaches of ethics and apologize.

Moreover when I phoned our principal a week ago on behalf of a concerned parent asking for information regarding a rather disturbing incident in the school, my confidentiality was broken and my name given to the students with resultant irreparable consequences. I would have been better off to have contacted the press directly and have the problem which is the business of the public considered in such a public forum.

No wonder Mr. Singleton has heard from only four persons favorable and three opposed to my position. Who wants to risk the bully treatment at the hands of our school administrators? In contrast I have had calls, letters and direct contacts from more than 100 concerned persons, all favorable to my position. (One exception — an unsigned letter!)

Finally, note too the dogmatic declaration by Mr. Singleton concerning the morality of homosexuality. He declares that to characterize homosexuality as "evil" is "unfair and untrue". On what basis does Mr. Singleton make such a dogmatic utterance? Is this moral declaration based on the teaching of Roman Catholicism, Protestantism or of the Jews, which views are professedly held by a vast majority of Canadians? The answer is overwhelmingly negative. Any Christian or Jew whose moral values are rooted in the Old Testament Scriptures, recognizes the abhorrence of homosexuality by the God of Israel. Moreover every person who belongs to a Christian Church which recognizes the New Testament Scriptures as the source of their moral values, who take the teachings of Moses, Jesus and Paul more seriously than the teachings of James Singleton, know that homosexuality is considered an evil perversion of the noble purposes for which God created us male and female.

The Christian is taught by Christ to love everyone as an individual made in God's image, but at the same time to recognize the tragic consequences in men and nations of a rejection of the purposes for which we are created in God's image.

Even a leading humanist psychiatrist like Dr. Menninger has recently called for a return to a recognition of the fact of sin as a basis for responsible, fulfilling living.

I refuse to support a public educational system dominated by a philosophy whose moral judgments and guidance is entrusted to a few whose educational qualifications may be excellent but whose moral values are suspect.

As atheist Lord Bertrand Russell warned shortly before his death several years ago: "I doubt if man will survive to the year 2000 because on the one hand we are intellectual giants, while on the other hand we are moral pygmies."

I invite parents and taxpayers to join me in repentance for the irresponsibility and complacency which has allowed the control of our public educational system to be taken out of our hands. The public educational system is a mighty monster with an enormous capacity for serving or for dominating. Let's join together to break its tyranny from our shoulders, and shape its philosophy to our service and make its destiny our business.

Sincerely,  
Ken Campbell, Chairman  
The Halton Renaissance Committee

**Local riders do well at Sam-Son school**

The 1974 winter schooling series of horse shows at Sam-Son Farms, Hornby, came to an end on March 24. Seven groups of hunter, pony and jumper classes have been held all season to enable young horses and riders to ready themselves for the competitive show circuit this summer.



ELIZABETH WILSON, R.R. 2, Acton, congratulates her mare, Autumn Gold, after she won a 3rd and 4th in the Starter Jumping at Sam-Son Farms schooling show, March 24.

Local riders have been doing well in these shows that attract the cream of Ontario's equestrians.

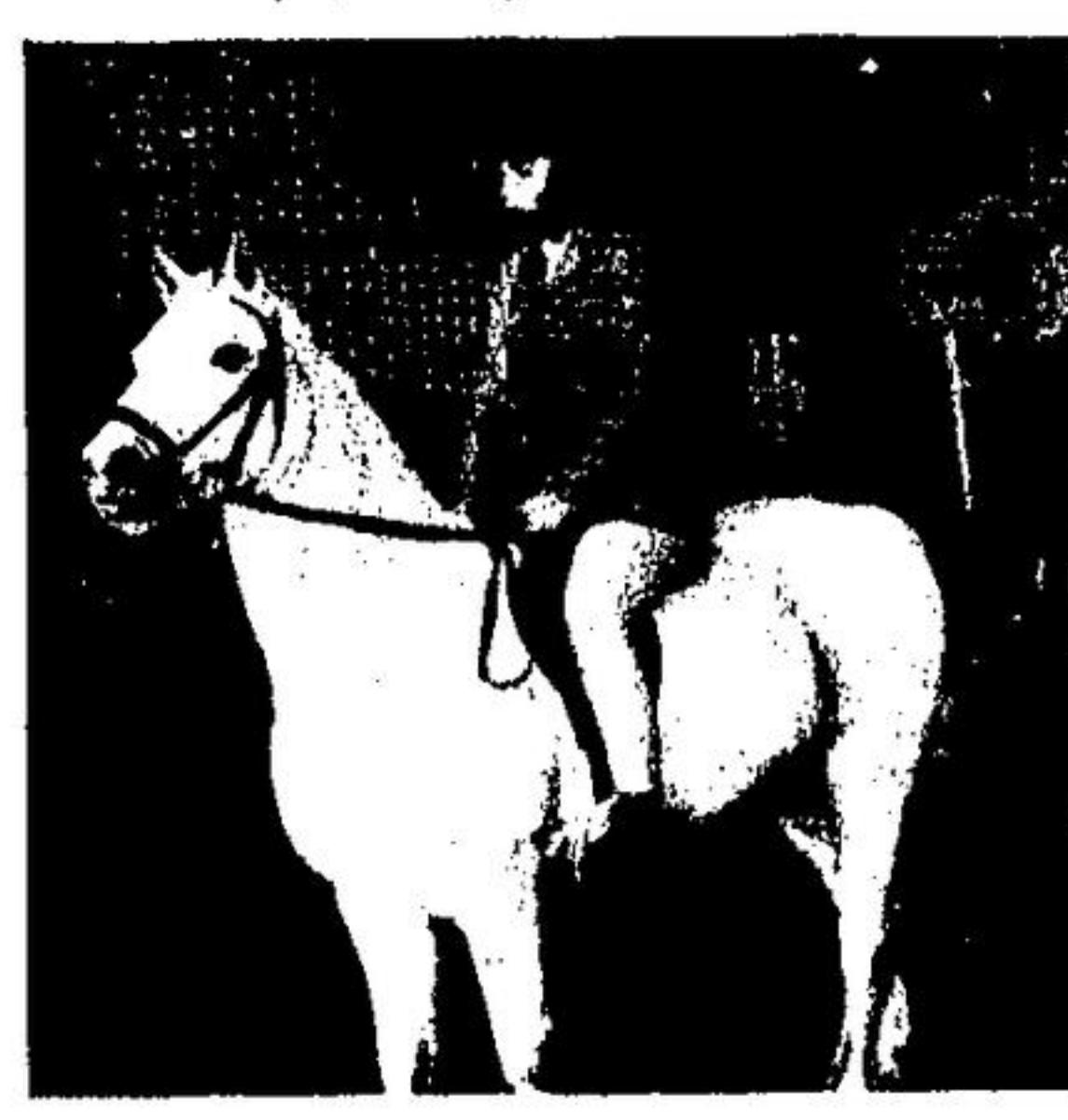
Hugh Graham of Limehouse, a Canadian Equestrian Team member, has been schooling his new horse, Shamrock, rating high in the Starter Jumper - Division. He has also been consistent in achieving high marks with the horses he is schooling for other people.

Elizabeth Wilson, 16, of R.R. 2, Acton brought home quite a heavy of ribbons earned by her imported hunter mare, Autumn Gold. Her most recent achievements were a 3rd and 4th in Starter Jumping at the March 24 show.

Her young sister, Katrina, 12, entered her first working hunter hack pony class March 23, on her Welsh pony, Moses.

Jennifer Lister, R.R. 4, Acton a placed fifth in Equitation over Fences riding Scarlet Fever. Marg and Steve Lister have also been frequent competitors showing Revognah, a mare

owned by Ron Lister, and several horses boarding at their stables. The young married couple, a riding team, have recently been awarded their hunt colours from the Wellington Waterloo Hunt.



KATRINA WILSON of R.R. 2, Acton, on Moses awaiting the start of the Working Hunter Hack Pony class at Sam-Son Farms, March 23.

**73-year-old cut in crash**

A 73-year-old man received cuts shortly before noon Saturday when his '74 Mazda left Highway 7 near the Halton Hills Sixth Line.

Harold Spicer, Mississauga, was treated at the Glenlea Medical Centre in Acton. His car received an estimated \$3300 damage to the front, rear, sides and roof.

The car swerved onto the other side of the road for about 150 feet before going into the ditch. It then travelled parallel to the road, without losing speed, until it hit the Sixth line culvert which hurled it into the air. The car flew 24 feet across the road, flipping onto its side when it landed and skidding another 60 feet before stopping against the fence. In its travels, the car narrowly missed the Sixth Line board on one side, and Bell telephone equipment on the other, both by a matter of inches.

**Acton being taken for ride**

Dear Editor:

As an old Acton citizen I agree with my old comrade former mayor of once proud Acton, Les Duby, when he said—phooey to Regional Government.

I and many more agree Acton is being taken for a ride. I am not long out of town but I sure as hell remember when Acton had plenty of everything to carry on with and never asked Queen's Park for a damned cent, nor Georgetown, nor Milton, Brampton or Burlington.

It seems our former arch enemies are out for the kill, and if Acton isn't careful she could end up holding an empty bag. It also seems Nassagaweya and Equestria have the same ideas. Joe Hurst and Pat MacKenzie, no harm intended, had better perk up and give these interlopers an idea of how people from Acton can fight.

There is no slander in these remarks

only the truth as many smaller centres like Acton are being crushed by the greedy larger centres. Halton Hills sounds like the Beverly Hills comic opera.

Who ever dreamed it up needed his or her heads shrunk. Politics is dirty no matter whom is concerned but it will always be Acton to me. I have nothing to fear if you print this as it's written because everyone knows it's the truth, but if you prefer not to tramp toes alter it to suit you, but don't alter it on my account, because I'm out of Acton and I'm not afraid to tramp toes in order to defend the best damned town in Ontario.

Best of luck. I'll watch for this episode in the columns of The Free Press—I've written before and never went to jail.

Renegade,  
Trimmer Coleman

**Acton's birthday needs enthusiasm**

Dear sir:

A love letter to Acton:

Acton is a beautiful town. Regardless of many comments to the contrary it is as lovely to the objective eye as many so-called scenic villages.

The north entrance to town is very attractive in the spring thanks to farms, treed and landscaped lots and our picturesque library grounds.

Main St. is a classic downtown area, typical of Canadian small towns. Its very untidiness and diversity is part of its charm. The "modern" drag to the east is spacious, open and still treed—what more can one desire?

Of course, Fairy Lake is an obvious beauty spot, bounded by the park and a subdivision with some character (and characters.)

Which brings us to the people of Acton—its crowning glory—friendly, smiling, interested people of every experience and background.

Why then are we not celebrating her birthday with the enthusiasm she deserves?

Yours truly,  
Ms. J. Barr  
R.R. 2, Acton



HUGH GRAHAM readies his new mount, Shamrock, for Preliminary Jumping at the final schooling show of the Sam-Son Farms winter series March 24. Hugh is a Limehouse lad, currently on the Canadian Equestrian Team.

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