

OUR READERS WRITE:

Don't apologize for work

Dear Sir:
In a recent letter appearing in the regional press, William A. Johnson commented: "The Renaissance Committee that started off in great form, has seemed to bog down on sex education and the literary merits of certain books utilized within our schools."

Mr. Johnson ought to remember that Renaissance was triggered by the protest of one parent over the decadent literature being recommended to the students, and the kinky sex education philosophy that thrust four "Gay Libbers" unannounced onto a Grade 12 Family Life class in the high school his daughters were attending. That "great start" to which Mr. Johnson refers, I suppose includes the Renaissance regional rally, (March 28, 1974), attended by 600-1,000 Halton residents who heard an address by Larry Henderson attacking the "moral pollution" in the schools.

But instead of getting "bogged down" in dealing with the offensive literature and the irresponsible approach to sex education in the schools, Renaissance was established on the broadest basis of parental and taxpayer concerns as expressed in our four-fold purposes:

1. To accept and reassert our responsibilities as taxpayers and parents for the Halton public education system;
2. To provide through the philosophy governing the public educational system, an expression of the wisdom of adulthood and the moral guidance of parenthood to our youth in our schools; (perhaps it is because like so many parents and adults, Mr. Johnson has copped out in this area of responsibility to our youth, that he has consistently downgraded Renaissance?);
3. To insist on a re-emphasis on academic excellence in the basic educational disciplines;
4. To present both ultimate views of origins, the theistic and the atheistic, to the students in our schools.

"Furthermore we undertake to seek to effect this renaissance in education through

the processes of participatory democracy." On that basis, Renaissance now has 700-800 dues-paying members in Halton and about three times that many more from coast to coast in Canada with strong local and provincial committees developing in several areas.

Far from being "bogged down" over the deficiencies of the approach to literature and sex education in the schools, Renaissance has presented briefs to the board, the ministry, and the Ontario cabinet which have contained constructive proposals, from the viewpoint of the parent and taxpayer, for improving our fine public education system. Just this week I met for an hour with a member of the Ontario cabinet in Queen's Park to discuss the need for alternatives in public education as a solution to the frictions now disturbing the schools. As the defeated NDP candidate in North Halton, Mr. Johnson should know that such alternatives were recommended by Mr. Lewis himself prior to the election.

We're glad to see that Mr. Johnson is applying his warm humanitarianism and hearty enthusiasm to the needs of education, and wish him and his colleagues well. In fact we have encouraged Renaissance members to support Mr. Johnson's crusading for educational reform. We think that if Mr. Johnson were the father of a 13-year-old young lady, he'd share the anguish of many parents in Halton over the degrading influences their children are encountering in the classrooms. As a dedicated environmentalist, we think Mr. Johnson needs to cultivate the same capacity to detect moral pollution threatening the health of the psyche of our youth, as he is able to identify the environmental pollution that threatens their physical health.

As responsible parents we don't apologize for such concerns.

Sincerely,
Ken Campbell, Chairman,
Renaissance Ontario
Box 100, Milton.

Insist on mediator

Dear Sir:
Can you tell me why we send members to the Dominion Parliament? It is for the good welfare of the nation as a whole, is it not? It is for the benefit of the working man, as well as the adequately paid M.P.'s, and over-paid Cabinet Ministers.

We Canadians want no one trodden underfoot. We Canadians want no working man to be subjected to the views of a stubborn Federal Minister, who is influenced by selfish persons.

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the government watched the climbing prices and kept them under control, postal workers might perhaps have eked out a precarious living on that, but let me emphasize, not now.

The postal department is saving money by the millions, while the postal workers are out. The department has the whip hand, and know it.

Let the people of Canada insist on a mediator who will give fair play to those who do the work, as well as those who sit in judgment.

Yours truly,
Millcent Milroy.



RON McKNIGHT of the Acton Friends-In-Deed group for the physically handicapped waits for a spot at the euchre tables at the Social Night at the club held on November 18. People from Guelph, Fergus and Rockwood attended the special event.

Who pays bus? not town - Levy

Scanning accounts to be paid by Halton Hills sometimes uncovers information the finance committee requires further information before they are passed.

Chairman Harry Levy questioned one No. 47 account for a bus trip from the Seventh Line headquarters to Mohawk Raceway at Monday's meeting. "There's no way the town should pay for that bus," he told the committee. "It was private - not town business."

"All those who went paid a certain fee - where's the fee for the bus?" asked Councillor Pat McKenzie. "Who collected the money? councillors asked themselves. But they drew a blank."

"Take it out of accounts," Levy ordered. "It's a small amount but there's a principle involved. I don't recall any resolution of council authorizing payment for the bus." A recommendation that the item be held over pending further information from the town treasurer was passed.

Breakin

There was a breakin at Reliable Taxi stand early Tuesday morning. A sum of money was reported missing.

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Friends-In-Deed

Successful social night is beginning of parties

By Mrs. Emily Price
We had a very successful Social Evening on November 18 with approximately 35 present, with guests from Guelph, Fergus and Rockwood.

Six tables of euchre were played as well as crokinole and shuffleboard. The euchre prizes were donated and we would like to thank the donors publicly for their generosity. We really appreciated the prizes very much.

The euchre prizes went to ladies' high, Lillian Dressler, Guelph; ladies' second, Emily Price, Acton; ladies' low, Anne Dodds, Acton; men's high, Don Scott, Guelph; men's second, Ray Bailey, Guelph; men's low, George McPaulen, Fergus. It was a really enjoyable evening.

A short meeting preceded at which time representatives were named to attend the meeting of the Multi-Services to be held in the Acton high school on November 27.

Also discussed was the Shopping Night for the physically handicapped at the Stone Road Mall in Guelph. There will be volunteer help to assist wheelchair patients with their shopping. There will also be gift wrapping if desired, and entertainment, along with many other surprises. It will be a wonderful way to get a lot of Christmas shopping done for those who find it difficult. This night is open to all handicapped in this area.

We have an invitation to the C.A.R.S. (Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society) Christmas party to be held in the First Baptist church on December 10, so if there is any one wishing to go, would they get in touch with me at 853-2324 before December 5, so that transportation can be arranged. Our own Christmas party will be held on December 5, so we hope all our members will be able to get out and enjoy a real good evening.

We hope all the illnesses will be over and that those in hospital will be out and able to enjoy the Christmas season.

A donation of \$25 was received at our meeting which we appreciated so much. We thank the group donating it very much.

There have been very good turnouts at the swimming pool on Sunday mornings lately. The water is so much warmer, which makes swimming and exercising a great deal of pleasure.

Outline goals

Stressing the significance of natural environment and the Niagara Escarpment is one of the major goals of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority as outlined in the Master development plan for the Silvercreek Conservation Area.

The Authority feels the area provides the public with a variety of opportunities to enjoy a natural, recreational, scientific, and educational environment. Major objectives in the plan outline development within the natural environment to promote visitor development of natural and historical features; to provide recreational opportunities; to protect and preserve the fragile areas of biological, geological, archeological, and historical significance.

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Pet of the week

Kofi, an African grey parrot, came to Canada with Sam and Ann Carr and their children Lynn and Jeff when they returned from a two year posting in Accra, Ghana. 'Kofi' is the Ghanaian word for Friday and Kofi, the parrot, is the Man Friday in the Carr household at 75 Main Street South where he talks and whistles a number of tunes, his favorite being 'On Top of Old Smokey'. He is now about eight years old and has a life expectancy of 45 years though some of his species have been known to live till 95.



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THE ASSESSMENT ACT

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS

Due to the interruption of regular postal services, the Ministry of Revenue has extended the date for return of the assessment rolls from December 16, 1975 to **January 21, 1976** in all municipalities and localities across the province.

Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of The Assessment Act, assessment notices will be delivered to all assessed persons on January 6, 1976, 14 full days prior to the return of the rolls.

This extension affects the time period during which owners and tenants may appeal their assessments. Therefore, the final date for commencing an appeal to the Assessment Review Court has also been extended from January 6, 1976 to **February 11, 1976**.

Should the postal disruption continue into the month of January, the date for the return of assessment rolls may be further extended. A notice of any further extension will be published at a later date.

NOTE: TOWNSHIP OF WICKSTEED -
These alternate arrangements will not be in effect for the Township of Wicksteed in the District of Algoma. Assessment notices will be delivered to owners and tenants on the regular date, December 1, 1975 and the assessment roll will be returned on December 16, 1975. The final date on which owners and tenants may commence an appeal to the Assessment Review Court in the Township of Wicksteed is January 6, 1976.

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