

Businesses defended

Dear Anonymous:
Regarding your letter of January 19, 1978 to the Acton Business Association, as a small businessman in this town, I should like to make some comments.

Surrounded by four banks I am fully aware of the working hours of bank employees. If you are finding it difficult to spend time with your family, enjoy a meal with them and lead a normal family life, you must be moonlighting.

I am sorry I cannot accommodate you by staying open until midnight so you can do your shopping after you get off work. I'm only open until 11:00 p.m. week nights and 1:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The merchants of this town are improving, and will continue to improve their businesses, through their own efforts, and

collectively through the B.I.A., Business Association, and Chamber of Commerce. It will also be done in co-operation with, and harmony hopefully, with all segments of the business community which includes you.

It is outrageous to state that this town does not have decent shopping. You wake up and smell the coffee. Visit all the various shops in Acton, see the quality of the items, good selection, and decent prices.

Lastly, I resent writing a letter to "Dear Anonymous". Get out from behind the woodwork. As far as I'm concerned, the opinion of any person or persons who signs himself "Anonymous" isn't worth much more than the price of the sheet of paper it is written on.

Yours truly
Cory van Merksteijn
Chicken and Pizza Spot

The Editors
Acton Free Press
Georgetown Independent
Dear Sirs,
In a recent editorial the Georgetown Herald criticized a letter containing the Acton Town Hall Restoration Committee report as being tasteless and tactless. The Restoration Committee letter was signed by myself as Chairman and led the Herald to comment that I should resign my position. The accompanying letter, which was sent to the Georgetown Herald, is a reply to their editorial. I feel that readers of all newspapers in Halton Hills should be made aware of my reply since it explains my position in this matter.

Yours truly,
George Elliott

Acton
January 30, 1978

The Editor,
Georgetown Herald.
Dear Sir,

Not being an individual who evades a challenge I would like the opportunity of replying to your editorial of January 25. I should thank you first of all since it is something of an honor in Acton to be "ticked off" by the Georgetown Herald. You have bestowed upon me a certain distinction. Now let me reply to your editorial.

It has been stated the letter addressed to Council with my signature was an expression of "one man's opinion". It is true I wrote the first draft of the letter. It was then considered a sentence at a time by the Restoration Committee and some changes were suggested and incorporated. I pointed out to the Committee the final sentence was a fairly strong statement and asked if they wished it included. The Committee voted unanimously to retain it. The letter to Council was therefore an expression of the feelings of the whole Restoration Committee over the signature of its Chairman.

If you read the letter carefully, and I commend this practice to journalists, you will note it did not state the Halton Hills Council was insensitive and dictatorial. The

reference was to regional government in general with Halton Hills being only one expression of it. It is a fact some people in Acton do perceive of regional government in this way. Denying the feeling exists is unrealistic. The letter merely suggested that if the Restoration Committee secured a reasonable pledged sum in Acton then a donation by Council in support of the restoration would prove to such people that at least Halton Hills government is not insensitive and dictatorial. I think this a quite reasonable statement of the facts as they are. It is strong, unpalatable perhaps, but undoubtedly true.

In any case perhaps there is some justification for the statement in the letter. The Committee did request an informal meeting of some Councillors, Firefighters, architects, etc. to discuss how plans might be worked together for the Town Hall restoration and the Fire Hall addition and was told no such meeting would be set up. Where I come from that is insensitive. Before regional government such a meeting would not be at all unusual in Acton. In their refusal Council ignored the concerns and work of a Committee of their own creation set up to investigate a problem, and, without a hearing proceeded to take certain actions. That might be construed as dictatorial by some.

As for suggesting I step down from Chairmanship of the Committee, that was kind of you. The campaign to save Acton Town Hall was not one I originally wanted to become directly involved in. A sense of responsibility to Acton prompted me to take the job and it has cut considerably into the small stock of spare time I have. If the people of Acton wish me to step down I will gladly do so. In view of the setbacks we have had the burden of fighting what increasingly seems to be a losing battle is not a comfortable one. If they wish me to remain as Chairman I feel duty bound to do so until every last resource has been explored in an attempt to preserve Acton's Town Hall.

George Elliott
Chairman,
Acton Town Hall
Restoration Committee



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R.R.1, Limehouse, Ont.

Dear Editor:
There is an old saying that doctors differ and patients die. And as my Irish friend that is now living in Tara Ont. failed to comment on all of my letter I take it for granted that she is a person that just wants to be heard and her desire to uphold the woman's lib gives me to know that she is not a world improver at heart. But that doesn't hurt our lifelong friendship on my part.

Some year ago I commented on birth control and stated that the good Lord was quite capable of looking after our problem

of population explosion if we entrusted it to God alone or by the end of the century there would not be standing room for us if we don't do something about it ourselves. Now they are trying to find a use for our empty schools long before the end of the century.

So to conclude I might say that there is a lot of sensible and dignified people in the world that have to go along with the rest, being outnumbered. But while we still have the choice of living our own life it is not so bad.

Yours sincerely,
George Graham

Circle the date, mothers

221 Elmore Drive,
Acton, Ontario,
Jan. 25, 1978.

Dear Sir:
Last night, Jan. 24, was the first meeting of the New Year for the Scout and Guide Mothers. Nineteen mothers attended the meeting out of a possible 150.

I was shocked at the turnout. Although I have only been involved in the movement since September, I have noticed that it is the same women that show up for each meeting, the same women that spend hours planning various ways of raising money to support the Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Scouts and Guides. It is these women who plan, and serve at the annual banquet to which many of the parents will bring their youngsters.

This year the expected turnout for the banquet will be over 500 people and it seems to me that more parents should take their responsibilities when it comes to supporting the efforts of the leaders and groups who spend countless hours preparing the necessary functions that make the programs successful.

On the letter the parents received for the banquet, the phone number of Barb Mur-

chison is listed for those persons who would like to help at the banquet.

The Scout Mothers meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p.m. in the Scout Hall. I feel the attendance should be much higher than it is and hope that any mothers who read this letter will circle the dates on their calendars in red.

When we do not do our share, whom can we blame if the programs fail?

Yours truly,
Nancy Addison.

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Continues plans for Boys' Town at Acton

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He expects to go to Winnipeg Feb. 9 to proceed with his request for a grant from the provincial government and for land, to establish a satellite Boys' Town there.

He was pleased to receive a letter from the governor-general's administrative secretary, in response to his Christmas card and letter to the Queen.

He continues to make plans for the establishment of Boys' Town near Acton.

Car battery

An Esqueuing man told police that when he returned to his parked auto on the 5th Line, he discovered someone had helped himself to the car's 12-volt battery.


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