

OUR READERS WRITE:

Made voice heard

In last week's Acton Free Press, Eva Sansom described Bert Hinton (1977-78 Member, Halton Board of Education) as a handsome man, who has cultivated a high profile. I agree.

As a responsible citizen, parent, taxpayer and Board member (1966-67), I continue to be interested in returns, for both short and long term, as education is so very important to development and format of our Society. Unfortunately, many taxpayers are not aware that considerably more than 50% of our tax dollars are being used for Education.

In my experience, I am quite familiar, with practices and procedures used by high priced, massive administration and teachers organizations to influence and brain-wash the Board and the public, in the adoption of policies and programmes to extract more dollars from the public purse. Management, therefore, is of prime im-

portance. In this, the organizational chart should be compiled with. Therefore it takes strong characters who are not discouraged, to face the storm.

From Mrs. Sansom's letter, there is no doubt that Bert Hinton, as a Board Member, has made his voice heard. Unlike some others, he has not sat silently; and, while not all issues have been won, viable seeds have been planted. In this regard, I have watched Bert Hinton in action. He is sincere, and objective. His initiative has stimulated discussion. There has been a change in attitude.

One would conclude, therefore, that continuation of Hinton's service would be desirable and helpful, particularly, as he has now become more familiar with the many problems and issues—hopefully with possible solutions.

R. E. Goodin Oct. 30, 1978

Blood donors clinic

The Acton Red Cross Committee wants to thank all who came out to help and to donate blood, at their last blood donor clinic on October 12. A special thanks to Elks' Lodge of Georgetown, and the Acton IGA, who sponsored the clinic.

Our next blood donor clinic will be held in Acton on March 13, 1979 in the Acton Legion Hall.

Those who donated at the last clinic were Mr. R. M. Kilpatrick, Mrs. P. M. Garton, Mr. J. DeGraaf, Mr. D. D. McClean, Miss M. M. Hardie, Mrs. M. Rouse, Miss P. A. Irving, Mr. W. Thompson, Mrs. M. J. Robinson, Mr. J. Kuiken, Mr. C. M. Coles, Mrs. Y. L. Baxter, Mr. M. Matheson, Mr. R. W. Goodwin, Mrs. H. G. McLean, Mrs. E. B. Wright, Mr. R. L. Price.

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A rusty mess

Acton's Dilemma—"A Rusty Mess" The bath tub's a mess, the toilet bowl too, The tea kettle's so bad I can't make a good brew. A nice rusty drinking glass sits by the sink, What in the world is a person to think? Blame the town fathers who crammed down our throats The rusty new well, now fluoride, and no chance to vote. Even the falsies I wear in my mouth Are getting so brown you would think they've been south. No toothpaste on earth will remove that brown stain And fluoride won't help — that rust just remains. My poor stomach revolts every time I get thirsty

And I wonder how long I can live with old "Rusty." To eliminate rust, they will add something else And what will the new chemicals do to my pulse? Today we all live but how often we sigh, Good Water to drink. Ha! Those days have gone by. "Help! Help!" cries the town, "please end our woes. "Where we will end up, the Devil only knows. "Before we went Regional we weren't in this mess "Please, ask the "Good Lord" this poor town to bless."

"The Matriarch"

Concerned about committee

R.R. 1, Acton, Ontario October 28, 1978

Dear Editor: I wonder what candidates for council have to say about the regional land division committee. A number of area residents are concerned about it.

- Here are some of the problems: 1. Lack of objective, equitable criteria. 2. Focus on prohibitiveness rather than on inspection of logical alternatives. 3. Inequitable application of precedent. 4. Members exercise license to make subjective, personal appraisals of applicants' motives. 5. Bias against free enterprise. 6. Lack of clarity about which by-laws govern land severance. 7. Bias in favour of long-term residents. 8. Lack of credibility of members as experts in areas of concern. 9. Reliance on references to the draft

regional plan, which is not yet legal. 10. Bias against non-farm rural residents.

Problems like this force L.D.C. members into untenable positions and cause them to form decision-making habits that they must continually have to rationalize. The fact that a local member of the L.D.C. is running for regional council poses a thorny problem. Caught between the devil and the deep blue sea, voters will have to decide whether to leave this candidate where he is or to reinforce the inclusion of L.D.C.-type behaviour in an even wider sphere of influence.

What we need to aim for in all phases of government is decision-making that is based upon criteria and processes that are just and logical, and show concern for the sensitivities of people.

Yours truly, Roger J. Jonnston

Wear a seat belt

Aunt Edna says...

Are your seat belts done up properly? 50 per cent of people who do wear seat belts could do a better job in adjusting them for a proper fit. Injuries from seat belts usually result from incorrect adjustment e.g., too loose, too high, or twisted. However these injuries are minor when compared to the injuries which occur when vehicle occupants are not belted.

Children over the age of five years or 50 lbs. must wear a seat belt, since children are inclined to slouch. Try and make it a fun thing to do by placing her or him firmly against the back of the seat. Belt the lap snug and ask him or her to try and slide a hand behind. If there is a space tighten the belt a little more and ask her or him to try and squish your hand behind. A small cushion is excellent in helping to fit the belt lower and enables the child to see out of the windows thus being amused. Children who are less than 55 inches tall should not wear the shoulder belt since it rides too high on the neck. The back seat of a car is the safest place for a child particularly if there is a centre lap belt. The shoulder belt should be worn by all persons over 55 inches since lap and shoulder belts used together are a winning combination! Children from birth

to five years should use an approved car seat restraint at all times.

Always wear your seat belt even around the block. Most accidents occur at moderate speeds, close to home and in good weather! No one can control all the factors involved in a traffic collision. Good drivers have accidents too, so a simple and effective way of cutting your personal injury risk by more than half is to WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT!

For comments or questions on this article or information on child and infant restraints please call Gail Lorimer 634-7654.

Yours truly Aunt Edna for Halton Region Safety Council, Burlington.

No personal remarks

No letters concerning the election with comments of a personal nature will be published next week, since it is too late for the politician concerned to reply publicly.



with Nancy Gordon

Dear God:

Albert Lee, a fifty-six year old dear friend of mine, is clinically blind, diabetic and suffers from a heart and blood condition. Although he has shared the love and companionship of a wife, Albert never experienced the joy of having children of his own.

I first met Albert in 1970 at the opening of Participation House, a home for young people afflicted with cerebral palsy. Little did he realize at the time of his first few visits to these young people, that his life would be changed.

Albert's caring for these young adults progressed from occasional visits to volunteer kitchen work. As caring grew into a deep and very rich love, Albert spent more time with them. He adds to the happiness and love he gives them by joyfully playing Santa Claus at the annual Christmas party.

These young people love Albert deeply, smiling, screaming and squealing, being completely overwhelmed with joy whenever they see him.

Albert has been adopted. Forty-two young people have claimed Albert as their father. Albert now experiences the richness of loving forty-two children—as if they were his very own.

Only You could grant such a gift. I thank You for giving Albert this love and for letting me witness this great gift for I am the father of two of his forty-two children.

Lord, through sharing this letter I hope to let others see that Your world is filled with love and that everyone can experience it.

Russell Durling, Markham, Ontario

Dear God:

In 1970 I found pleasure in constructing a steam compressor for our sauna and greenhouse that I was building. The sauna was necessary in the treatment of cerebral palsy for my two sons. The greenhouse was my only recreation in an otherwise very busy life giving me great joy to be able to pick a fresh rose to give my wife on Christmas Day.

The possibility of an explosion never entered my mind. However, one night a deafening noise awakened me from my sleep. The house shook and every window shattered. Even the greenhouse glass disintegrated to powder and the garden tool wooden handles vanished. The compressor landed inches from my neighbor's garage. The effect of the explosion was as if a transport truck had rammed into their home causing all four walls to crack. The compressor created such havoc. Thank You, no one was killed.

My immediate reaction was to get downstairs where my sons were sleeping as quickly as possible to see if they were safe. After checking on the boys I realized I was standing in a pool of blood. My blood! One foot was cut so deeply it appeared to be nearly severed.

I had stepped on glass and didn't even know it, because I was trying so frantically to reach my sons. Had they been in greater danger they could not have escaped because of their cerebral palsy. Thank You, Lord, for protecting my sons.

Thank You, Lord, for being there when my wife needed You. She had to contend with a partially destroyed house, neighbors who were upset. As well, she had to look after Bruce and Duncan, our boys who were not capable of looking after themselves. On top of that she visited me frequently in hospital.

My foot, cut very deeply, wouldn't heal. Gangrene developed and had to be scraped away every two hours. If the foot didn't heal amputation was the only alternative. When it finally healed numerous skin grafts were attempted to fill a large hole in the sole of my foot.

However, You realized how important it was to the welfare of my family that I get well. Imagine my wife having to cope with three invalids!

A wise and gentle nurse realized that my skin for grafting stored in the refrigerator was viable for only a limited time. One evening she said we had a choice—to attempt a graft or waste the stored skin. I said: "What have we got to lose." So the nurse went to work, she placed the skin on my foot. With her skill and gentle hands she worked feverishly manipulating the skin, working for two hours to make sure all air pockets were removed and filled the deep hole.

That time the grafting was a success! I thank You Lord with all my heart.

Whenever she came to my room on her own or with doctors after that grafting I called her "Doctor". To think, You using her, had accomplished something which the doctor had attempted several times, and failed.

I thank You that my stay in the hospital was filled with happiness. The comradeship of the nurses, staff and the love shown by my wife gave me such strength! Thank You God for seeing us through this trying time which left us with few scars, a lot of memories and a greater love for You.

Our neighbors had a terrible fright on the night of the explosion. As You recall, after my recovery, I purchased supplies to build another steam compressor. Arriving home with piping I was confronted by a couple of our neighbors: "Russell, what are you doing with those pipes?" I replied: "I am building a new steam compressor as my boys need a sauna." They just turned and ran across the yard. I shouted: "Where are you going?" Their terse reply: "We're selling!"

This letter is written to share with everyone to let them know about Your love, guidance, healing and a sense of humor which You give to me each day. There are so many who don't know You yet, or Your love.

One of your children, Russell Durling, Markham, Ontario

These letters are shared with you for there are so many who don't know that God's love is an everyday experience. Please share with us and others what God has done for you. Write of your experience and send it to SHARING, P.O. Box 37, Acton, Ontario, L7J 2M2.

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Coho program to avoid Credit River

If a Ministry of Natural Resources fisheries experiment proves successful, there will be fewer coho salmon in the Credit River next year, but more in Lake Ontario, Natural Resources Minister James A.C. Auld reports.

Twenty-four thousand coho smolt, chemically programmed at the ministry's Chatsworth hatchery, had a safe, non-toxic chemical dripped continuously into their water supply from early April to mid-May.

Maple District biologist Howard Smith said these fish were stocked last this spring in Lake Ontario, off Clarkson, as the second step in the experiment.

He said that when the spawning urge brings them back to the Toronto-Hamilton area in the fall of 1979 as adults, a small stream a short distance from the Credit will be treated and the salmon will home in on the chemical.

"We will block the stream, leaving coho milling about offshore where they will be available to trolling anglers," said Mr. Smith.

Commenting on the project, Mr. Auld said that keeping salmon in Lake Ontario should relieve angling pressure on the busy Credit River and help rainbow trout to become established there.

"The experiment being attempted by our fisheries staff has been successful in both Wisconsin and Michigan and we hope to have positive results when the final phase is reached next year," the minister added.

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BRANCH 197 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS "Oktoberfest Party" The Oktoberfest Party on October 28th was a huge success and finished off a great month of Saturday night entertainment in the auditorium. Your Entertainment Committee have scheduled the following groups for November: Nov. 4 "Trais" - Country & Rock Nov. 11 "Merv Woods" - 40's Music Nov. 18 "B.J. Wright" - Rock Nov. 25 "Pub Night" Come Out and Join The Fun *The "Chorales" working with your Entertainment Committee are putting together a song, dance and food evening for the 25th. Watch the Free Press or Bulletin Board for more details.

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