

Incensed, Wants Tennis Free in Public Park

10 Regan Court,
Gentlemen:
I would greatly appreciate it if you could publish attached letter.

To the Council of the Town of Georgetown:
Dear Representatives (of whom?)

Some time ago I had the audacity to suggest to you that perhaps you had made a mistake in passing a by-law giving the Georgetown Tennis Club (whoever they are) authority to rule with an 'iron fist' over public property, to wit, the municipal tennis courts located at Joseph Gibbons park. I will admit that I flew off the handle too fast — after all it is only the taxpayers' money that paid for the land, the paving, the fences, the nets and so on and on.

I am certain that Council agrees in a self satisfied manner that should some poor mortgage laden, taxpaying shooook not be able to pay the 'Club-fees' for himself and his runny-nosed kids, he should not have the privilege to play tennis. Is it not a fact councillors (at least in your minds) that those city slickers are not particularly wanted unless of course they keep their mouth shut and let the 'old locals' run the show. Therefore if the poor jerk can not pay the fees let's kick him off his own property. What do I mean by his 'own property'? Let's face it, George, Jerry or whatever your names may be, you properly elected representatives, this tennis court is in fact owned by the taxpayers because they pay for it, maintain it and should therefore be able to use it without further charge.

You know I can actually hear Council members' discussion going something like this:
George: "What . . . are we supposed to look after the interest of those . . . taxpayers between elections?"
Margret: "Yeah, but you know George, it's their money."
Joe: "So what. If they don't like it send the . . . back to the city."
Margret: "Yeah, but you know this may be illegal."
Joe: "Legal, schmegal, who cares. I am the king of Georgetown and my word is the ultimate in wisdom."
Jack: "Hey, why don't we just send the whole mess to the department of parks."
Margret: "That is called 'Passing the Buck'."
Joe: "Who cares?"
Jack: Hey the Dept. of Parks can even sell memberships."
Margret: "Who are those 'Tennis Club Founders' anyway? Are you sure they are not just a bunch of frustrated egocentrics who never made the 'grade' in private life and who are now finally seeing their chance to become executives, (tennis club, that is.)"
Joe: "Who cares?"
I care and so do many other taxpayers when we see our tax money being frivolously flushed down the drain because you don't care. Perhaps there are not too many people that worry about the injustice being done in regards to the tennis courts, but they sure are worried about other things such as the snowmobile problem, etc., etc.

All I would like to know, Councillors: When are you going to get off your butts and do what you said you would do when you requested to be elected.

— W. Bosch.

WAS BEST HOLY CROSS ORATOR



COLLEEN MALLISON

Colleen Mallison, judged best public speaker at Holy Cross School, with the trophy donated by Georgetown Knights of Columbus. Colleen a Grade 8 student, won out over 250 students of Grade 6, 7, and 8, in Ontario Public Speaking Contest.

She went on to represent her school at the Halton County Separate School finals, which was won by Oakville.

SMITH IS CAPTAIN WITHOUT A CREW

Mayor Bill Smith didn't get too much support from council Thursday night, when he asked for a first mate and a crewman to help him uphold the honour of the town in the Jaycee's Crazy Boat Race. The date of the race has been changed to Saturday, April 10.

He said he had invited all the mayors and councillors in Halton County to take part. So far he has had no answers. He didn't get any firm answers from council, either.

UCW Women Gave Help To Alberta Indians

The March meeting of the Hillcrest United Church Women was held in the fellowship room on Wednesday, March 24, with 12 members and two visitors present. The president, Mrs. Ward Brownridge, read a poem, "Not what I do believe," which was followed by prayer. The Starlight Unit was in charge of the program.

Mrs. Tom Bousfield, spoke on brotherhood and Easter. This was followed by a worship service and a poem "His Easter Gift". Mrs. H. Coulton, who is the president of the Milton U.C.W. gave a paper on Life Beginning at Easter. "We must never give up and be discouraged. We have God as our guide. He surrounds us with his love," she said. "Let us think this Easter of the renewal of life and a new beginning."

Mrs. Johnston Neelands, Mrs.

Leslie King and Mrs. Tom Bousfield presented a skit and four questions were asked concerning it with some well thought out answers.

Two Easter hymns were sung "When I survey the Wondrous Cross" and "Rejoice the Lord is King," with Mrs. Jim Carney at the piano. Easter thank-offering envelopes were collected and the devotional closed with an Easter thought, "He died that we might live." Mrs. John McNabb extended courtesies. The minutes of all meetings held since November were read by Mrs. John Wallace the secretary and were approved as read. A thankyou letter was read and also a letter from Mrs. W. Coulton (who is working at the Indian Reserve in Alberta) by Mrs. Tom Bousfield in appreciation for money received at Christmas time from the

Starlight Unit. They were told that there were 80 people on the reserve. Sewing classes were held to get the women to help themselves. Wednesday evening church services were being held with films shown. They were trying to form an A.A. group. Mr. Coulton is in his fifth year of ordination and has one more year to go before he is ordained.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Leslie King. A report was given on the Daffodil Luncheon which will be held on April 22. Mrs. Verne Picket reported for the banquet committee, Mrs. W. Brownridge for Friendship and Visitation in the absence of Mrs. F. Ruddell. Mrs. Roy Wilson, representing the Manse Committee told them a rug had been purchased for the dining area at the manse. Each unit reported and a letter had been received from Angola for supply articles received.

Mrs. Cliff Wrigglesworth gave a report of the Stewards meet-

ing held in February on the 22nd at Hillcrest and the official board meeting held at Bethel on the 2nd of March. Any one wishing to dispose of their Christmas cards could contact Mrs. W. Brownridge or supply committee for an address to which they could be sent. Used stamps, used men's white shirts and ladies large dresses are also needed.

Two representatives for the World Day of Prayer for next year were appointed — Mrs. John McNabb and Mrs. Jim Carney. A discussion on entertaining a bus load of needy children this year was finally left to the social action committee. It was moved and seconded that the membership fee for this year be dropped as it no longer has to be sent into headquarters — thus all church members are U.C.W. members.

It was felt that the downstairs church floors needed cleaning so a motion was made that a donation towards floor cleaning be given to the Stew-

ards for this purpose. Rev. Lynn Adams closed the meeting with the benediction.

After grace an Easter lunch of egg, ham and cheese biscuits, hot cross buns, tea biscuits — cheese and marmalade was served by Mrs. Cliff Wrigglesworth and Mrs. Roy Wilson.

— Mrs. Jim Hamilton

Crafts Survey Nearing End

The Sheridan College sponsored arts and crafts survey which started mid-February, will soon come to a close.

The results of the survey will be tabulated to determine the need for craft instruction in Halton and Peel counties and what programs should be set up to meet these needs.

Wants Own Choice For Charity Donations

28 Rosefield Drive,
Dear Sirs:

I cannot express my disgust strongly enough at the reported discussions of the Halton County Council, relevant to county grants to charities and other organizations.

Reeve Morrow and his ally Maason of Oakville obviously put up a staunch fight (according to the report carried in last week's Herald) to reduce this spending, and to my mind it is unfortunate that they were not successful in their stand.

I suspect that the majority of taxpayers in this county were, like myself, unaware that over \$50,000 of our money is given to charity and other organizations.

Since, in essence, the taxpayer is responsible for these 'donations' I feel it is only proper that the Halton County Council provide each and every taxpayer with a receipt for income tax purposes!

We all have our own list of worthwhile charities, I am sure and I think it is grossly presumptuous of anybody such as the Halton County council to tell me that part of my tax dollar is being given to a charity, or other organization in which I personally have no interest.

Some of the recipients named in your paper last week, were no doubt bona fide charities. I would be the last person to deny a donation, for example, to Muscular Dystrophy — on a personal basis — but can someone please explain to me why the Lorne Scots regiment needs \$1,000 or the Plowmen's Association needs \$1,550. In fact, I have never even heard of the latter, yet I am — through the H. C.C. — partly responsible for its upkeep. What a ludicrous situation.

In order to have all the facts before us, maybe one of your reporters would look into the situation and give us a complete list of the organizations to which we are all donating, and the amounts of these donations.

Finally, maybe in the future we can look forward to county council meetings without the type of unprofessional retorts quoted by this paper last week as coming from Reeve Hill. Let's stick to business gentlemen — that's why you were elected.

Yours truly,
M. D. Burgoyne

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Catholic Teachers Object to UI Plan

Halton members of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association have met in Ottawa with Halton MP Rud Whiting and Halton-Wentworth MP John Morison to protest sections of the government's new unemployment insurance bill.

Last fall elementary and secondary school teachers with the Halton Board of Education held a rally, attended by Whiting and Morison, to protest the unemployment bill.

BOARDS PAY

The bill requires \$9 million in provincial education taxes from Ontario school boards as payment to Ottawa of the employers' premium for teachers' unemployment insurance fund.

One result of these payments would be an increase in municipal taxes levied on home-owners, teachers claim.