Letters to the Editor

'Have we lost all our land rights?'

(Following is a copy of a letter sent by Halton Hills businessman I.G. Goddard to Premier William Davis.)

Dear Premier Davis: In January of this year 1 received notice of an Ontario Municipal Board Hearing concerning the matter of an application by the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills for approval of its restricted area By-law 74-51.

I attended this hearing, at which Mr. W. T. Shrives acted as Chairman. We spent the first full day and a half listening to lawyers with poorly prepared briefs and rambling incoherent proposals. The

worst of these was John

Yaremko, who took up the whole afternoon of the meeting with a completely irrelevant matter not being dealt with by the Board. Many of the landowners and farmers, (referred to as the Public), left in another locality, has elected after the first morning

On November 27, 1974, 1 wrote a letter fo the Chief Administrator, Mr. G. W. Pritchard, of the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills and I am attaching a copy of this letter. I read this letter at the hearing, and made further comments to the Board along the lines which I am writing. It has been recognized by the

Governments that land is valued for its use on the basis of "highest and best" use, and to me this makes sense. We have a condition here in Halton Hills where a planner, trained to draw a plan of the community and in his own words, admits it is a record merely of what is existing and suggests no changes. In other words, what he is trying to do is to sterilize or freeze this property which consists of about 90 percent or more of the Town of Halton Haills, and thereby destroying its potential.

As you may be aware, a similar situation existed in

Mississauga. Through equally poor planning and vision, in my opinion, the planners sterilized or froze the centre core of the Mississauga area. In this core, land seven and eight years old, sold for approximately \$16,000.00 an acre. Now there is a hugh acreage of land available at somewhere between \$6,000.00 and \$9,000.00 an acre in this depressed location.

On the other hand, to the south west in Erin Mills and Markborough, properties were developed and the land there is selling for prices at between \$50,000,00 and \$100,000,00 I know of one parcel where the asking price is \$175,000.00 an

There is no question in any of our minds that "RU holding" zone or freezing designation has serious and far-reaching implications. One, it sterilizes the use of land, possibly permanently; two, it increases the value of other lands, thereby making housing even more expensive. It gives the Government more apportunity for involvement in our business. I am thinking of land Banking at agricultural prices and reselling at development prices. I know you will say, "Oh no, the

that," but just look at what has downers are concerned.

rights? More than a few of us to lose no matter what hapthan a completely negative,

been done by Prime Minister Trudeau with some of his measures, and in Ontario with Pickering and the insidious park belt insofar as the lan-

Have we lost all our land have our life savings invested in the future of these lands. Must we be victims of the whims of planners who have no financial interest, and nothing pens? Is this the first step in state ownership of land? Why can we not have a progressive

attitude towards growth rather Government would never do

Timbrell didn't like Reeds press statements

since I read the transcripts of

the Select Committee that you

have from time to time, made

comments and put questions

on this subject but, I repeat

ficials of the Ministry of

never once to me, nor to of-

As I indicated in a speech in

Milton on the 17th of March,

1976, the representations made

to me by the interested citizens

group led by Mr. William

Mann, have been and continue

to be taken very seriously. 1

went on to indicate that faced

with the realities of very ex-

pensive delays at the Bruce

Generating Station, I had to

between interests of people in

that immediate area, and the

interests of all Hydro con-

sumers in the Province of

Ontario. This I have tried to

attempt to strike a balance

letter sent to Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed by minister of energy. Dennis Timbrell, a copy of which has been filed by the minister's office with the Herald.

Mr. Julian Reed, M.P.P. Halton-Burlington, Dear Mr. Reed:

I received a copy of your recent Press Release of 30 March, 1976, following up on your question to me in the Legislature on that same day. I would like to, if I may, respond to the points in your Press' Release.

I believe that the second paragraph of your Press Release is most mislending. You refer to remarks made by my predecessor in the Ministry of Energy, The Honourable W. Darcy McKeough and try to leave the impression that Mr. McKeough was referring to the whole of the Bradley-Georgetown route. As I suggested to you in the House on Tuesday, I thought that your reference to Mr. McKeough's remarks was out of context and I find after reading pages 5264 and 5265 of Hansard that this is the case. Mr. McKeough was answering a question from the former Member for York Centre, Mr. Deacon, with respect to the section of the Bradley-Georgetown transmission line which travels between points

With regards to my com-

Following is a copy of a ments on your relative silence. do, recognizing that it did not I think you would have to agree fully meet the demands and-or that at no time in the more than six months that you have by Mr. Mann. been a Member of the Legislature, have you ever availed yourself of the opportunity either in the Select Committee on hydro rates, or in the Legislature of Ontario to question me on the subject of the Bradley to Georgetown transmission corridor. It was you are suggesting? to this silence that I was referring. I am well aware,

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expectations of the group led

I asked in that address and I put it to you now, are you prepared to recommend that the people of Ontario incur the hundreds of millions of dollars involved in shutting in part of the Bruce "A" Generating Sation while several years are taken with the kind of study

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Why is there not some designation such "development opportunity" or "potential lands", etc.?

"trictive control concept?

Lands which have been purchased in Halton Hills recently have been purchased at prices higher than that which make them usable for agriculture alone. We have already paid a fair price for the potential of these lands which is now being destroyed by Government activity.

Most assets, and yes, most talents that we possess, are permitted to be employed for their "highest and best" use. Who would buy a car if he were permitted to drive it only on the street where he lives?

I am sure that this land, if this By-law is passed, will end up exactly the same as the Centre Core in Misslssaugn. only worse. At a meeting in Esquesing about a year ago. there were nearly two hundred landowners in attendance and only two of them were in favour of this most unfair

Government has more than enough control & power without this By-law which is loaded with so many inaccuracles and omissions. I am hopeful that it will be

discarded so that the normal

It is not only my belief, but and reasonable development that of many others, that the of a fine community can grow and prosper, serving the people according to their true

Yours very truly, I. G. Goddard, President. Meadowlands Nursery.

\$25,692 grant for Lions

A \$25,692 grant has been received by the Georgetown Lions Club to assist in paying for the construction of the dub's outdoor swimming pool

on Mill Street. The annoucement of the grant was made last week by culture and recreation minister Robert Welch. The assistance is provided through

the Community Recreation Centres Act, administered by the ministry.

Announcing the approval of the grant, Mr. Welch said the new ministry has sincere interest in the development of local recreation opportunities and he was pleased to have a personal involvement in this Halton Hills community project.

The 7th Georgetown East Brownies Pack have been busy with test work passed, badges corned and craft work completed. Recently 12 Brownles from this pack accompanied Brown Owl and Tawny Owl on a visit to the 5th Georgetown East Girl Gulde Company as part of their test work.

Two transfer Brownies were welcomed to this pack. Carolyn and Deborah Mc-Counell, Two new Brownies were enrolled on Aprile, Vanessa Jowett and Nicole Haworth.

The following girls earned budges: Kim Nelson, Cook, Writer and Space; Kirsten Bjerkelund, Writer, Cook and Housekeeper; Cathy Beecham. Beadworker; Jackie McArthur, Cook.

The 5th Georgetown East Girl Guide Company had a mother-daughter banquet recently. The food was prepared by the girls themselves. Special thanks went to mothers Mrs. Brand and Mrs. Laughlin for helping to make the banquet a great success. The mothers were entertained by the girls.

The All Round cord was presented to Debbie Gillespie. interest badges were presented to Elizabeth Groskorth, Photographer; Lynn Cox. Collector and Laundress; Heather Wallace and Elisa Alexander, Colec-

This Guide Company recently had Brownles attend their Guide meeting to see all the things the Girl Guides do.

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Girls were tested and Kim's Game, Tenderfoot work, Flag of Canada and knots were taught.

The following interest badges were presented: Elizabeth Groskorth, Creative Craft, Skierand also Needleworker; Cindy

Halonen, Baker and Music Appreciation: Elaine Fenton, Collector and Baker; Loralea Jefferson, Baker: Shelly Foskett, Skater; Ardina Brands, Naturalist History and Thrift; Susan Murray, Naturalist, Thrift and Cook; Judy Van Clieff, Baker; Karen Kennedy, Laundress and Leather Worker; Sandra Lovegrove, Skater; Brenda Turcotte, Singer and Becky Haonen, Music Appreciation

and Baker.

This Guide Company is having a Variety Show sponsored by the Ladies Auxilairy. This will be on May 13, at Centennial Schoolat 7:30 p.m. All proceeds to charity of the Girl Guides choosing.

Everyone is welcome. The 6th Georgetown East Girl Gulde Company recently attended a fly-up from the 5th Georgetown East Brownies. Anne Macdonald is now in Girl Guldes. This company has had two craft night making sock monkeys. Interest badgeswere carned as follows: Karen and Kathy Nicholson, Baker and Hostess: Pamela Douglas. Hostess.

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Lodge Saturday.

SHELLY SMITH, 11, can't seem to make up

her mind which piece of costume jewellery to

select at the bazaar held by the Rebekah

thanks to the Acton organizers \$1,730. from Acton), which is wheelchairs, hospital beds. Branch, and canvassers, who helped still below our target of make the first house-to-house \$12,000.00. Further con-

tributions to Post Office Box To those who gave, warmest 106, Georgetown, Ont. L7G thanks. You may be assured 471, would ensure that we forming the public of the I would like to extend that what you gave will go reach our objective, so that we campaign. congratulations and thanks to mainly to help the many ac- can continue our free services At this moment we have drivers-patients, etc.), Loan of mittee, Funds last month. Special received \$10,323.41 (including Sickroom Supplies (crutches,

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etc.) and others. We would like to take this Society,

opportunity to also thank the various news media for in-

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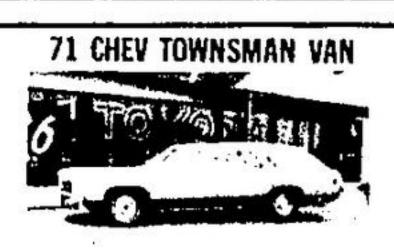
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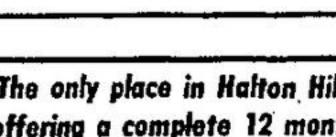
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