

Letters to the Editor

Breaking out of regional government is the answer for Milton: resident

To the editor of The Herald:
We feel in Nassagaweya that unless we move quickly and positively we are in danger of being totally erased from the map, and that a levee of one tier government will be imposed upon us by Region.

If that does happen, then we, right at the grass roots will be permanently disabled and prevented from any direct and close contact with the people who we elect to represent. We will be handed over lock, stock and barrel to the bureaucrats and our identity obliterated with no redress from exorbitant and unbalanced taxation. A harrowing notion, isn't it?

In consequence of this proba-

bility I have written the enclosed and do sincerely hope that you can find, in the goodness of your heart, a space in your paper for its publication.

Sincerely yours,
Bonnie Elva Newton.

To the citizens and taxpayers of Nassagaweya:
(at present incorporated in the Town of Milton in the Region of Halton)

At a Milton Council meeting May 3, our vascillating urban councillors, led by Rick Day, shied away and balked like a frightened horse at the last ditch of "Voting to leave Region". Instead they formed a Committee to discuss the matter at length and confer with Queen's Park.

You surely all know the saying about a Committee don't you?

"That a Camel is a Horse designed by a Committee!" So, Nassagaweyans, let us take the bit in our own teeth, like that superb little filly who won the Kentucky Derby last week, and come up the home stretch on our own - a winner! Mr. Rick Day is in danger of becoming a poor man's version of D'Arcy McKeough at Municipal level.

Our mayor and treasurer are in favor of taking Mr. Rosenberger's Thirty Pieces of Silver so that the Town of Milton can be crucified at a later date by Region, while Mr. Wells plays the role of Pontius Pilate. "He who would sup with the Devil must have a long spoon". (Chaucer)

For five years, ever since the birth of regional government, it was kept alive by a steady diet of Grants from Godfathers Davis and McKeough to hide the real costs of raising the infant. When we criticized its overweening greed and increase in size, we

were told to be patient: "Only growing pains, you know, give it time and it will outgrow these ailments".

Now, however, the Grants are being withdrawn and the brat has got to stop on its own two feet. "Fest of Clay". It is already demanding real solid food in the form of us all to keep up with the escalating and exorbitant costs of its Administration Household and Manny - The Halton Board of Education!

So Nassagaweyans, the time has come to say "This far and no further" before you get the hurrying part of your Tax bills for 1980 - before Midas Loughheed sets the Mill Rate to include our Regional Levies. To demand that they give us back our independence, our Heritage, our gravel laden and rocky fastness; and Queen's Park do not dismiss our mood too lightly. Our Mountain Men of Nassagaweya are a stubborn lot. Long after William Lyon Mackenzie, a little

known and long forgotten body of citizens from here went in concert to Parliament to rebel against an injustice that was being perpetrated against them. They won and it was redressed. Shall we prove to be any lesser Men and Women today? NO FEAR! NO WAY!

Let us take our Racetrack and GO. We were a working, viable, economic unit before we were pitchedforked into Region and Milton's eager arms by apathy and the political ambitions of our Reeve and Councillors at that time.

We shall have our own "Boston Tea party" only it will be a "Brookville Tea Party". Milton council have sold our new Town Hall to a veterinarian syndicate, but we still have our old meeting house, Brookville Hall. Built by our Pioneer Forefathers - kept in good heart by the members of our Women's Institute in spite of the filthy house - keeping of Mr. Arbic's minions, and the exorbitant fees we are charged to use it. Let us gather here - formulate our plans in an orderly manner and set our House to right. We are not preaching Sedition - we do not wish to Secede from King Billy's Ontario, it is still the greatest province (have or have-not) in the Confederation - but we do want out of Region and Milton, in that order and speedily!

DAKVILLE also wants out, for its own good reasons. If the biggest and the smallest units of this Pyramid of Power wish to leave, then surely it should occur to Queen's Park that "There is something rotten in the State of Halton" and indeed in all the restless and dissatisfied areas in the Province that have had Regional Government thrust upon them, literally down their throats!

Yours truly,
Bonnie Elva Newton,
Campbellville

GDHS student is 'disgusted' with lack of school spirit

To the editor of The Herald:
I am a grade 10 student from G.D.H.S. and am totally disgusted with my school and its spirit. This past weekend, there was a "Bump-a-thon" for Cystic Fibrosis. It was to be held in the cafeteria Saturday at 10 a.m. and was to go through until 8 p.m.

At 10 a.m., 14 out of 1,964 students from GDHS came out for our fund-raising "Bump-a-thon". The grade 8 students of

Centennial school were also invited, but none of them showed up. Three, kind grade 6 students, however, represented their school. One former graduate from GDHS also came to help us raise money for this worthy cause.

Because of the poor turn-out, the "Bump-a-thon" at GDHS was cancelled and the 17 students were driven to the Acton High School. Out of 800 students there, 150 showed up

for their "Bump-a-thon". We continued our dancing in Acton.

I would like to thank the kids and the people who did make a donation.

After this experience, I feel that GDHS should never dare to put Acton High School down. Even the teachers of Acton got involved. Five teachers completed the 10 hours as well. Now, what's wrong with the teachers of GDHS?

This lack of spirit is typical of the GDHS students. Every event is very poorly attended! This incident is so upsetting that I feel obligated to ask "What is wrong with the students and teachers of GDHS?"

Yours truly,
Andrea Milne,
Gr. 10, G.D.H.S.

VIEWPOINT

What does it mean to be a Canadian?

By GERRY LANDSBOROUGH
If ever there was a "Johnny-come-lately" backwoods tot - we're it.

Now, just before the clock strikes 12, nationalism (whatever that is) has caught the public eye, and all those Canucks who usually sit deaf, dumb and blind 365 days a year - year in and year out - are making all kinds of clucking noises about "our Canada."

If our apathy wasn't such an outrage, such a crime against ourselves and, worse still, against the heritage we have denied our children, it would be downright funny.

Our government has been reduced to a position of bribery and belly-scurrying - what else would you call the \$200 million loan to Chrysler Corp.? In 1978, before they stopped releasing the statistics, 4,882 commercial failures occurred in this country. Obviously they didn't get any assistance from the government.

The \$68 million loaned to Ford to build a new engine plant last year didn't keep them from closing the iron foundry. Nor did that \$68 million bribe keep them from going ahead with plans to open its new plastics plant in West Germany.

We began by making concessions to "big business"; the concessions became boons, the boons gifts and the gifts became nothing short of supplication.

Oh, my Canada, how dumb you are. Take Quebec, and that, by the way folks, is the general idea.

The Quebec referendum is not for the culture of the French Canadian people - not for the pride of the Quebecois - the desire to split Quebec is but another wedge in the divide and conquer plan of big business. It's strictly a matter of dollars and cents.

NO DIFFERENCE
Here's an interesting news item for you: the yes vote or the no vote won't make any difference at all.

So pathetic are we as a nation - and I use the term "nation" loosely - that when someone down in P.E.I. came up with the idea of sending a list of names to Rene Levesque of Canadians who want Quebec to stay in Canada, this is what happened.

The People to People Petition for National Unity asks for signatures for a yes Quebec stay in Canada. Some of those signatures were on I.B.M. computer cards - I.B.M. is 100 per cent American owned and Canucks all over Canada could purchase the cards at \$4 per thousand. God bless Canadian enterprise.

How often do you see the Canadian flag - you know the one with the big Maple Leaf on it, flying proudly over private residences? What does our flag

stand for? Ask any school child, or teacher for that matter, to state what it means to be a Canadian. Can I let you in on the big secret? It means absolutely NOTHING.

We allow - every piece of lousy legislation - every unopposed recommendation by the school boards - every strike that cripples the economy. We, my fellow Canadians allow it all.

Try my all Canadian quiz:
1. Do you believe what you read in the newspaper?
2. Do you believe in your representation by MP's and MPP's?
3. Do you believe you can mail anything of importance and it will arrive at its destination?
4. Do you believe in the wisdom of our government leaders?
5. Do you believe in yourself enough to stand up from the

kneeling position?

And so we learn my fellow Canadians that there are only two ways to conquer the enemy - overpower him, and if he is too big to overpower, weaken him. Divide and conquer.

We have sold and raped and ravaged a glorious land, all for the pursuit of the almighty dollar.

We have sold off what wasn't ours to sell; we have taken from our children a nation which could have stood for so much. Instead we are a national shame, demonstrating to the world what not to do.

Oh, Canada, we stand on guard for thee. Oh, my Canada, how we have failed you and, what is so much more important, we have failed ourselves.

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Readers applaud 'Dear Liar'

To the editor of The Herald:
On May 3, 1980, we had the pleasure of seeing "Dear Liar" performed by Miss O'Conner and Mr. Tarlin. It was an outstanding performance, done with touching sensitivity. I was surprised, however, at the small number of patrons, although they were quite enthusiastic. It was simply a pity that not more of Georgetown was able to enjoy this performance. Congratulations, Georgetown, on a superb play and best wishes for your Theatre Group.

Sincerely,
Irma and Andrea Teopell,
Toronto.

Commend hospital staff

To the editor of The Herald:
During the past week I was admitted to the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital for two days and nights. At a time when I might have been very sad, the staff of the hospital made me feel cheerful and very comfortable.

Georgetown is lucky to have such a super hospital. I would like to thank them for a job well done.

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Mrs. Mary Rae Main,
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