

Letters

Parliament a tight little clique

To the Editor:

I am a senior citizen. I am in my 80s and I have seen a lot of elections and even more politicians come and go. So it is no surprise to me to see the smear campaign on TV which the Tories have launched against the Reform Party. To watch these ads you would think that Reformers would wipe out old age pensions en masse. The Tories must think that because we

are old, we are stupid.

Preston Manning has made it clear that he would not touch the Canada Pension Plan. The thing he would change is the Old Age Assistance payments to those pensioners whose family income is over \$54,000. They would not get this assistance anymore. Is that so bad?

The other thing I just found out is that the Tories, Liberals and NDPs have a neat little arrangement regarding TV

advertising. These parties get the bulk of the free and paid advertising time. It's handed out according to their seats in parliament. The Tories, naturally get the most and any new parties who dare to challenge them get the crumbs. That's why we won't see many Reform Party ads.

What a tight little clique our parliament is!

**Ethel Jenkins
Bolton**

Ban trucks on Maple Ave.!

To the Editor:

Several residents of Georgetown and a visitor from the U.S.A. have written to your paper, voicing not only concern, but dismay that heavy truck traffic is allowed free reign on Maple Ave.

Both my wife and I are so angry that this is, if not condoned by our elected officials, seems to be accepted as inevitable that we spent many hours preparing a petition and have personally taken it "Door-to-Door" throughout the Maple Ave. area.

The response is an overwhelming indication of dissatisfaction on the part of residents with regional councillors who seem reluctant to take affirmative action, choosing instead to take the position that since it is a regional road, little can be done.

The signatures on this petition represent the view of voters and taxpayers who are directly affected by this issue, many of whom have long memories when the Autumn of 1994 comes around.

Many residents have at various times registered their concern and pointed out the potential for disaster when heavy trucks come barreling down the Maple Ave. hill and run the signals at Main St.

Given the fact that in the area of the Maple Ave. and Main St. intersection there are two schools, two churches and a seniors residential complex, when are our regional councillors going to recognize the extreme safety hazard that speeding trucks pose and put a stop to this insanity?

While it may seem only a trivial point, it is now virtu-

ally impossible to sleep past 6 a.m. due to the crashing and banging of dump trucks and semi-trailers, roaring along Maple Ave., trying to be first to reach the 4th Line gravel pits.

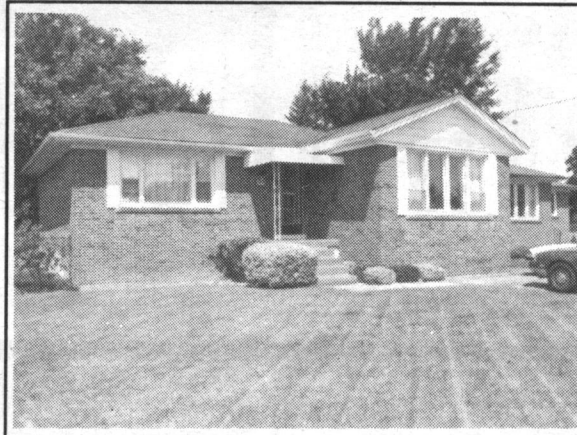
Finally, to say that little can be done is totally unacceptable.

The petition that will be shortly presented to our town council, contains the signatures, not of fanatics, but those of residents with a genuine concern for a safe neighborhood.

For our children, our seniors and indeed, all citizens.

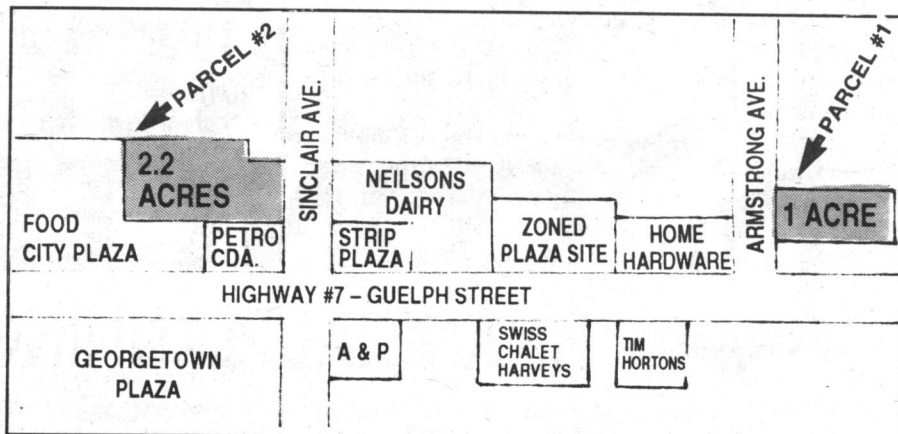
I would leave our elected officials with a final thought! "Consider the consequences of inaction on this issue if a child or a senior gets killed by a speeding truck running a signal!

**W. Hawthorne
Georgetown**



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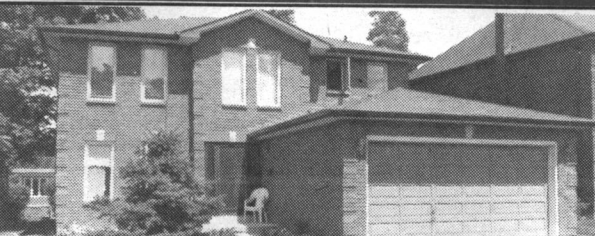
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