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Reach then a soaring quill,
that I may write
As with a Jacob's staff
to take a height

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BRASS TACKS – Editorial

Rural communities fading

The age old problem of urban expansion into the rural district has once again been brought to our attention with the recently proposed development of a sports park in Halton Hills.

The 400 hectares of agriculturally sanctioned land, at the corner of Trafalgar Road and 17 Sideroad, may be overtaken and made over for the benefit of Halton Hills residents.

But will everyone in Halton Hills really benefit from the change? What about those residents who are quite content living a quiet rural life without the constant commotion a sports park will cause?

Similar situations are occurring across Southern Ontario daily.

Everywhere you look the rural landscape is changing. Subdivisions

are springing up everywhere. Just across the road from the Compass' office, commercial buildings are being erected at this very moment.

It's hard to imagine the village of Campbellville or any of the other small villages in Halton and Esquering County, transformed into cities but it seems we're well on our way.

Though it seems urban expansion is inevitable, that's not to say we must also let the country way of life slip away too. Country life is about knowing your neighbours, having a sense of community and always being ready to lend a hand.

With the recent closure of two long time community organizations - The Campbellville Lions Club and The Nassagaweya Women's Institute - it's plain to see the rural mentality is slipping away.

It's a gloomy day when fundamental community groups are closed for lack of interest and support.

Our ancestors developed our communities from nothing and not to benefit themselves but to benefit us - their descendants. Are we going to let these rural communities disintegrate at the threat of a few new developments? I should hope not.

With all the conveniences of the twenty-first century, there should be enough time to have a career, have a family and be an integral part of the community, no matter how it changes. A community is only as good as the people that belong to it.

As the developers map out the area and plan for a rewarding future so should we map out our plans for the future of our rural communities.

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Dear Editor,

In the Milton Council Briefs (Compass, August 2001, page 8), in the item titled "Railway Crossing Lights," the statement is made that "since this crossing does not qualify for barrier arms, train whistles must continue."

I am aware of no basis of law for this statement. It is nothing more than an argument of the issue of noise pollution caused by unnecessary blowing of train horns.

I challenge any of those using such an argument, to prove any increase in accidents at locations where this noisy practice has finally

been put to rest.

Let us not forget it was once a law in some towns, for motor vehicles to blow their horns at all intersections and before that, for a man with a red flag to precede the passage of a motor vehicle through the town.

Yours Sincerely,
Keith Rasmussen

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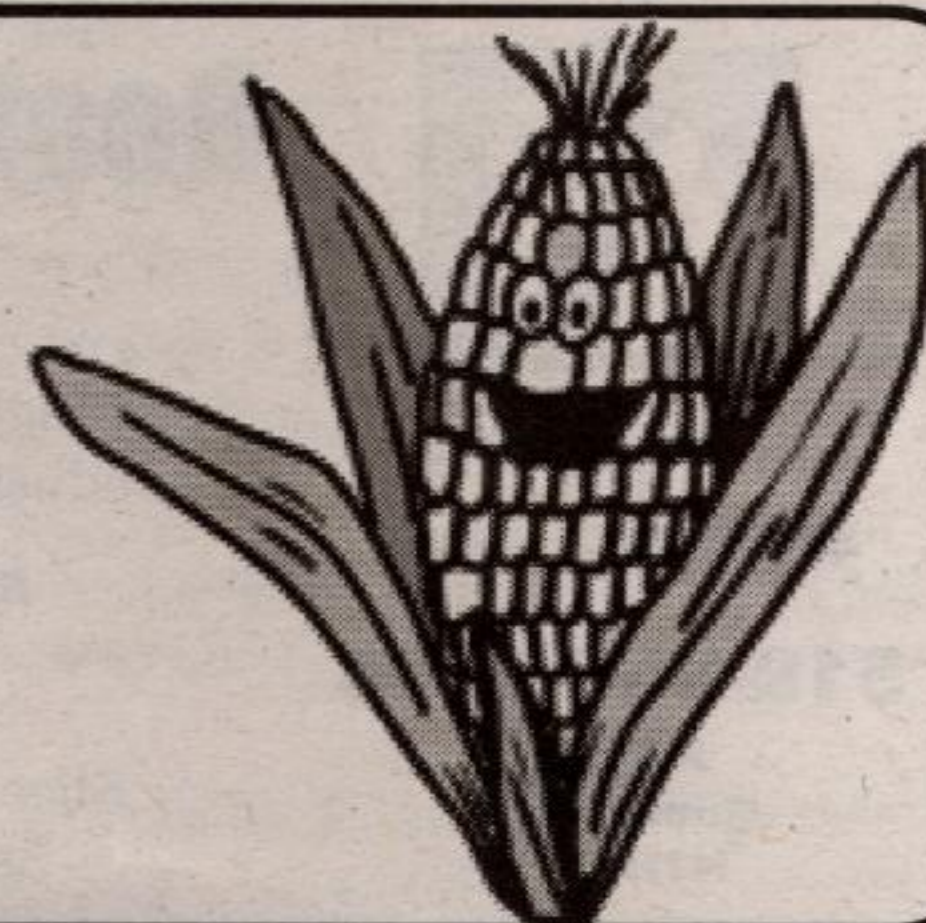
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