

## Our Readers Write

### PARK FOR FREE

Dear Sir:  
May I express my thanks to you for the paper's report on May 7th regarding our Council's reaction to the Mill Pond dilemma. Just think of it! We, the town of Milton cannot make up our minds on a free offer of the Mill Pond area because it may cost us money to develop it into a recreational area. Yet here we are casting around for Centennial ideas on how to permanently record this event.

The Mill Pond area could be developed and become the Milton Centennial Park. The pond itself could be cleaned out and stocked with pan-fry fish such as: rock bass, crappies, and sun-fish, so that our "little types" could have a permanent fishing spot near to home.

Milton should take a long good look at Acton and the development of Fairy Lake by that town. The popularity of that area is evident by the number of Milton people that I see there.

This "under-study" attitude adopted by our town council could very well lose us the offer made by the Robin Hood Flour Mills Ltd.

I feel that support is required to make your article mean something Mr. Dills, you certainly have mine. I sincerely hope others will follow this example.

Yours sincerely,  
D. G. Barbrook,  
417 Mountainview Dr.,  
Milton.

### MORE THOUGHTS ON NASSAGAWEYA PETITION

Dear Sir:

The Women of Nassagaweya Centennial Project Committee deserves a long round of applause for initial success of its time-limited endeavors. Many aspects not normally considered in the area of interest of the "weaker sex" have been painstakingly checked and local Council supposedly in power in the interests of the people, has surely received its first warning shot across the bows that the people who launched them can sink them if they fail to show regard for their interests.

Those taxpayers present at the meeting could not help observing the low, mumbled tones in which the business is conducted, almost as though their very presence were resented; instead of showing pleasure, the Councilors' faces showed strain. The voices of "The People" came through loud and clear and the content of their cause gave Councilors food for thought, but Council's unwillingness to discuss the women's project, despite a forewarning of the petition presentation, was confirmed by their request for a later, smaller meeting. Clearly they do not like open discussion on public affairs.

The following points may be of interest:

1. The women came up with firm figures, yet Council, who have applied for the availability of loan money, still do not know how much their building might cost. The proposed site may have been prompted by the Township's purchase of some very expensive land and their obvious doubt that the same monies could be realized were they to be faced with the re-sale of this land.

2. Council's claim that S.S. 3 is falling down is sheer panic nonsense; they are expressing layman's opinion against that of a reputable, qualified architect.

3. If S.S. 3 is so dangerous for a four or five man occupancy, perhaps we can be told why until recently as many as 80 children were permitted to attend school there. Or, conversely, why such an old building can suddenly become untenable in a three-year period of vacancy.

4. Dr. B. D. Young did not question the legality of some of the signatures: He stated some of the people were liars as they had told him personally that they were against it. Unfortunately, he chose not to name those people, only weakening his own claim, but as no pressure was applied, neither were prizes offered for those who produced names, the claim should be taken with the proverbial pinch of salt. A signature on a document is certainly more valid than a

polite conversation and I have no doubt that Council burned the midnight oil scrutinizing all the names, shocked that anyone should have the effrontery to question their actions.

5. As representatives of an old farming community, Council should show more interest in the retaining and preserving of the achievements of their forebears. Mr. Ross Gordon stated he burned his old furniture; perhaps in future he will offer it to our local museum. He clearly has no respect for old things, which makes one wonder how he will react towards, himself when he reaches that category.

6. The old school building, it was learned, will provide all the things needed in the proposed new structure, with the exception of a basement. When Council was asked to what use it proposed to put the basement no concrete plans were offered. A further indication of money wastage — and this at a time when annexations are taking place, with the distinct possibility that our community is on the list.

7. Provision for a Road Superintendent's office, also one of Council's requirements — and a reason for the new building, is feeble. For some obscure reason he must be in the same office building, yet if S.S. 3 were used he would only be two miles from the municipal offices — and a telephone could surely be provided. A point raised by the Committee was the grant of \$2,000 is available to build an office on the present garages, where presumably the Superintendent's presence is most needed when he is not out supervising the super-highways of this busy metropolis. So — is this really a legitimate reason to spend over \$30,000 of the taxpayers money?

It may be that Council is stumped because it did not see the possibilities in S.S. 3, which is

under their very noses, but no matter what the reasons are for their stand against the wishes of many of their voters — a fact they should not ignore — they should have shown themselves more receptive and appreciative of ideas. If they are truly representing our wishes, then they have now a wonderful opportunity to show this, to co-operate with the Committee and to investigate the proposal on an amicable, open-minded basis, and to remove their blinders — they went out with the horses. The women are proud of their achievement, have just cause to be, and should be encouraged to lend further their obvious talents. Because of our appreciation of rural Canadiana many of us chose this locality over big cities, so Councilors, quite apart from the economics involved, let us preserve what we have and leave the modern structures to those in the cities who like them.

In closing, Mrs. M. Newton should be complimented on her fine, spirited presentation, whilst Mr. Wm. Coulter should also be congratulated on his admirable conduct in the face of a somewhat thorny problem.

Yours very truly,  
K. Robinson,  
R.R. 1, Campbellville.

### OUR OWN FLAG

Dear Sir:

Because I am interested in a flag for Canada I have asked quite a few people about what they think it should look like and why.

It was enlightening for two reasons: 1. — Those who wanted a truly Canadian flag wanted it because they believed Canada was big enough and important enough to have a flag of her own. They did not hate the British nor the Red Ensign, but just thought it did not represent Canada. 2.—Those wanting the Red Ensign for the most part did so

because they hated, very strongly the Canadians who spoke French, and they added as a weak patriotic gesture the fact that all the servicemen fought under and some even died for the Red Ensign.

In my opinion anyone who would die for a piece of cloth is a candidate for the looney bin. It was the country and the people if anything that we fought for, and this will not change with the flag. They leave out those of us who were overseas and never saw any flag other than the Union Jack. Some even identified the Red Ensign of Bermuda as the Canadian flag which I carried around just for that purpose.

In my travels in foreign countries the Union Jack looked to me to be a piece of home, and something of which to be proud.

I dearly wish we could use the Union Jack as our flag, but it belongs to England, Ireland and Scotland and we should not try to steal some of their glory by using their flag in any form. We are a nation in our own right and should be proud of that fact. The maple leaf on parcel paper or product is recognized in many countries of the world as Canadian. Let's use it for the centre

of our flag with deep blue bars at the hoist and fly of the flag to signify "from sea to sea". Let us also use "O Canada" as our National Anthem and at the same time keep the hymn to God for the protection of our Canadian Queen, God Save Our Queen (Of Canada).

Yours truly,  
Joe Hendrick, R.R. 6, Milton.

### THE FLAG ISSUE

Dear Sirs:  
When I see that article in your paper, "Harley to Halton" I imagine I see the figures \$18,000.00 every 12 months at the top of the page.

A quick jump to increase foreign aid and a lot of palaver about Communist China to the United Nations, but a very tardy and slow movement to help those disaster victims in British Columbia.

Quite a debate over a new flag. Mr. Pearson seems to forget many of our Canadian boys died in the South African War close to poverty years ago, under the Union Jack. Many died in two wars with Germany under that same Union Jack and the Canadian Ensign.

Those Frenchmen down in Que-

bec in the last war, hid out in the bush to keep from being enlisted. A lot of them that did enlist, deserted.

Surely the veterans and the men of the various Legions scattered through cities and towns of the loyal parts of Canada, have a right to a choice of flag. Let this flag of Canada be an emblem of that freedom they fought for, not just a rag of color to please a lot of zombies who fought nothing but the lice on their own shirts. Let the government of Canada and the citizens of Canada waken up to Canada for Canadians.

Percy Woods,  
92 Main St., Acton.

### ADVANCE SIGNAL

Dear Editor:

Something has bothered me for some time. It is very hard to make a left hand turn onto Main St. when you drive east on Main St. There is never sufficient time for more than two cars to make this left turn, before the lights goes red again.

I would like to suggest that a 10-second advance green light be installed for this reason.

Yours truly,  
Lady Driver.



—Staff Photo

**AN ENJOYABLE TEA AND BAZAAR** at Halton Centennial Manor on Wednesday afternoon and evening of last week, drew a large crowd. The Manor Auxiliary sponsored the event, and reported the tea and bazaar were quite successful. Above tea conveners Mrs. Art Wilson and Mrs. Walter Hayward serve two Manor residents, Mrs. Cumming and Mrs. Harvey, at one of the tea tables.



—Staff Photo

**A VARIETY OF ARTICLES**, most of them made in the Halton Centennial Manor handicraft classes, were offered for sale or as prizes last Wednesday at the annual tea and bazaar of the Halton Manor Women's Auxiliary. Showing some of the articles offered are W.A. president Mrs. S. A. Allen, Mrs. C. S. Lockie, and handicrafts convener Mrs. Cliff Hill.

**OUR READERS WRITE**  
There are several letters to the editor in this week's issue of The Champion — more than usual. The Nassagaweya centennial project, the flag issue and the Robin Hood Park have stirred readers to put their thoughts on paper. This column is reserved for readers' opinions — good or bad. Letters are always welcome.

—The retarded children's campaign is on this week. Have you given?

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