

**OUR READERS WRITE:**

**THANKS FROM GERMAN SHEPHERDS**

Dear Mr. Downs:  
On behalf of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Canada I wish to extend to you our deep appreciation for the wonderful coverage and publicity given to our 47th annual Specialty Show in The Champion. So many of our members were so enthusiastic about it that I have had to purchase quite a number of copies to give to them.

For a "non-doggie" person, you did a tremendous job of writing up this event, and the pictures were superb. We are very grateful, and I wish to add my own personal thanks to you.

Most sincerely,  
Mrs. Mary E. Southcott,  
Show Chairman & Vice-President,  
German Shepherd Dog Club  
of Canada.

**MORE COMPLAINTS ON WATER BILLS**

I will try and answer Councillor Fay who said that it was difficult to explain about the minimum rate. I will tell the water users what you failed to tell them, that they are paying a very high service charge of \$1.72 each and every month.

Now here's an item which must be hard for you to explain, you the water committee are giving a lot of water away and at the same time you are charging the small water users and the (for want of a better word) loners top price. As an example, I paid \$2.22 for 1,000 gallons of water. I cannot afford to give money away for nothing. In return, I suggest that paying double should be refunded.

You will always have trouble with your present way of collecting water taxes. May I suggest you scrap your present system and change over to the floating system, a very fair and simple system. Once in motion it looks after itself. I feel sure someone in the council will know this system. If not I can outline the floating system for you. Give the people equality and a square deal, that's all they want.

I would like someone to explain to me how to read the water bills. I think the council as a whole should take a hand and get this straightened out. I know the difference between gross and net but cannot understand why they put 10% on the gross when there is nothing to gross. It does not state anywhere what the 10% is for. Electricity bill is the same. Is it put that way to be misleading? I think so.

Joe Higgins  
72 Commercial St.

**"DEVIOUS" BILLING OF MUNICIPAL TAXES**

Dear Sir:

As a result of a great deal of publicity the Ontario Government passed legislation last year which has become popularly known as a bill to provide "Truth in Lending." The purpose of this bill is to make it compulsory that a borrower in Ontario fully understands the true interest rate, hidden costs, etc. prior to arranging a loan.

I submit, Sir, that the Ontario Government should now extend this bill to cover municipal taxes.

The present method of presenting the municipal tax bill is confusing, misleading, and to a great extent, dishonest. Certainly no private company or individual would dare submit an invoice in such a devious manner.

The following figures are taken from the 1969 tax billing on a residence assessed at \$4,700 which is in fact typical of the many subdivision homes we have in Milton.

|                             |             |
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| Total Assessment            | \$ 4700     |
| Total Mill rate charged     | 86.68 mills |
| C. General & County Tax     | \$ 72.76    |
| SA School Tax               | \$237.90    |
| Prov. of Ont. Tax reduction | \$ 52.00    |
| Total Taxes                 | \$237.90    |

This tax bill makes no reference to the interim levy made in Feb. and it is reasonable to assume that since many taxpayers pay their taxes together with their mortgages they are being misled by this method of billing.

Surely the proper way to submit the tax bill for this property would be as follows:

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Total Assessment            | \$4700   |
| Total Mill rate charged     | 86.68    |
| Total 1969 Taxes            | \$407.40 |
| Less interim billing        | \$117.50 |
|                             | \$289.90 |
| Less Province Tax Reduction | \$ 52.00 |
| Taxes Due                   | \$237.90 |

This tells the taxpayer precisely what taxes are being charged against his property and enables him to calculate "action" mug shots to illustrate sports or local political yarns. One entry—The Richmond Review—got full marks for photos. It would appear this editor simply will not accept any "stock" shots from his photographer, and the result is tightly-cropped, would be submitted so that the taxpayer would be better informed regarding the apportionment of these costs. The tax bill as presently rendered does not clearly show these costs separately. The Review either that it carried a superlative photo-story of a little girl's drowning, by no means all of which could be called

Yours truly,  
G. Roberts  
78 Victoria St.

**THE THREE MUSKETEERS (1969)**

The Three Musketeers of Nassagaweya, Robinson, Redgrave and Newton, All for one and one for all When rogues and thieves come lootin'.

Each in his own way a very good player As it talks in very low voices, Though they've been struck out, They rise again, to fight another day.

They watch the Council wriggle and squirm Or else "Committee of the Whole" is called To disguise and hide its choices.

They want their Township whole and good, Not piecemealed out to brigandoes, Who'd carve it up and stake it out, Or sell to Quarry Diggins'.

It's odd the way the selfish ones Who put their Township last, Criticize, hate and fear them all, Because they all stand fast.

It's strange that they're all Englishmen, But, of course, with Canadian papers, Each of them did their "bit" last time That the World had a "Fit of Vapours".

Three cheers for these southearted Musketeers Who do not sit on fences, But stand to be counted each time the glove Is thrown down by the "churls" and "wenches".

A. Dumas VII.

**Fire parade**

About 70 uniformed firefighters from Halton's five fire departments will march down Lakeshore Rd. in Oakville this Sunday morning—but they won't be heading for a fire.

The firefighters will be heading for church, Knox Presbyterian Church to be exact, to join the minister Rev. Robert G. McMillan and his congregation for the 11 a.m. service. The occasion will be the annual church parade of the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau, held annually to draw attention to the county-wide observance of Fire Prevention Week.

Firefighters will form up at Oakville's Legion Hall at 10.30 a.m. and march behind the Oakville Citizens' Band to the church service. The parade is held in various towns around the county each October and the

last fire prevention parade held in Oakville was in 1966. Oakville Fire Chief J. D. Wilson is in charge of parade arrangements. Firefighters are expected to attend from Burlington, Milton, Acton and Georgetown fire departments. Georgetown Fire Chief Jack Cunningham, the 1969 chairman of Halton Fire Prevention Bureau, will head the marchers.

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**OBITUARY**

**Ugo Durante**

A Milton resident for the past 17 years died Sept. 29 at Milton District Hospital. Ugo Durante came to Canada in 1923 from Germany at the age of 12.

Son of Joseph and Elizabeth Durante, he was married June 27, 1942, and he and his wife had four children, Aldo of Hornby, Louis, Jo-Anne and Peter, who are all living at home, 27 First Line, Milton. There are also three grandchildren.

Mr. Durante is also survived by a brother Angelo of Milton. His wife Teresa Baesso and a sister, Mrs. Maris Feltrin, predeceased him.

After emigrating to Canada, Mr. Durante lived in Guelph. He came to the Milton area in 1952 and was employed at P.L. Robertson Manufacturing Ltd.

The funeral was conducted by McKersie Funeral Home. Fathers Grespan and Murphy said funeral mass at Holy Rosary Church and the interment was at Evergreen Cemetery.

Palbearers were Lindo Zanatta, Flieroto Arpa, Santo Michelon, Peter Gaeton, G. Scapinello and Bruno Pagman.

**Safety program may be coming**

Milton Lions Club members are investigating the possibility of setting up a safety education program for the town. Lion George Clements was put in charge of setting up the groundwork for the program. In other news out of the club, president Lew Sales reports Lions Club members have raised \$1,560. during the past three weeks they have been conducting their blitz for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.



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**Strikes window pheasant dies**

A beautifully colored pheasant was killed Wednesday when it flew into a large picture window at the 80 Barton St. home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Callan.

Mrs. Callan and some friends were sitting inside the house when they heard a loud bang at the window. They rushed outside to find the dead bird flopped on their lawn. Mrs. Callan couldn't figure out why the window didn't break because it made such a racket when the bird hit.

**Southcott dog best in breed**

Xania De Cloudt, a young female German Shepherd recently acquired by Mrs. Mary E. Southcott of R.R. 5 Milton, made a fine showing at her first all-breed dog show recently.

The dog, not yet two years of age, was fourth in the working group, winners bitch and best in breed at the Burlington Kennel Club's show in Burlington Arena on Sept. 27. She also took a second prize in the novice section of the specialty classes. Mrs. Southcott had just purchased the dog a week earlier.

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