

OUR READERS WRITE:

SWIM POOL NEEDS MEETING HALL

May I suggest to the people of Milton, our council and the various service clubs that our next project be the construction of a building over the Rotary Park swimming pool. It seems such a waste to have these facilities available for only two months of the year when such a great deal of effort and money went into the building of the pool.

Aside from year round use of the pool for adults and children, a room above could be available for Youth on the Move, social evenings or afternoons for senior citizens and various other events.

Mrs. C. Beeton.

PUBLIC SHOULD ATTEND HOSPITAL ANNUAL TONIGHT

Dear Mr. Editor:

Everyone in this community must be aware of the valuable services rendered to us by the Milton District Hospital. When illness or accidents strike suddenly what a blessing to have hospital services so readily available.

Many of us were shocked at hearing of recent events at our hospital. There has never been any question raised as to the quality of the nursing care given at M.D.H. Yet, it would appear to me that those responsible for this excellent care are being dealt with most unfairly. What exactly are the charges laid against them?

There has been appalling public apathy to this situation, perhaps because the public has not been fully informed. It is time that the general public showed a more active interest in the affairs of our hospital. A notice in last week's Champion informed us of the annual meeting to be held at the hospital on Wednesday, March 25 at 8 p.m., to which "a cordial invitation is extended to all".

May I suggest that everyone who is interested in the efficient operation of this valuable institution be present at this meeting.

Yours very truly,
"A Concerned Miltonian"

"INSIGNIFICANT HANDFUL" MAKES HIM BOIL

Dear Sir:

In regard to your March 18 edition, I take exception to the opinion expressed by the last gentleman in your Jetport survey.

(To the gentleman concerned): As a resident and taxpayer of the Township of Esquesing, I do not consider my fellow ratepayers an insignificant "handful".

After all, what constitutes a "handful"? Milton can be considered a handful in comparison to the city of Toronto. But surely the people of Milton do not consider themselves a handful. SO WHY SHOULD WE?

Therefore, you are either ignorant of our pride and quality or you are simply prejudiced against the Township of Esquesing.

From a significant ratepayer,
Donald Fogg,
R.R. 3, Georgetown,
Lot 5 Concession 6,
No. 5 Sideroad, Esquesing Tnsip.

SO-CALLED PROGRESS NO GOOD IF YOU'RE DEAD

Dear Sir:

We are strongly opposed to a Jetport few people in the vicinity would ever use. Not only would the monsters dump thousands of pounds of pollution into our atmosphere with each take-off, but also the disturbing noise factor is given too little consideration. Studies show noise levels contribute to certain types of ill health. All our property values would take a serious nose dive.

Too many industries and projects like the Jetport have already been forced on the public under the guise of progress. It is time for careful evaluation of so-called progress, in so doing we are confident we will find many industries and things we have accepted as necessities at a price we can no longer afford. A dead or dying population can hardly take much comfort from a higher standard of living. Anything that is harmful to our environment is a regressive step.

The present state of our air and waters was inherited from the past and largely because of public complacency. Small wonder why so many young people have little respect for the older generation, their institutions and ways. They see and are very aware of the serious problems the older generation created, and will leave for them to solve. They also see that they spend more time creating new problems than solving old ones.

Some examples: A higher smoke stack for the Toronto Hydro plant so we can share their pollution. We may be unfortunate enough to have two auto race tracks in Esquesing Township this would raise our pollution level drastically on race days, plus hours of traffic congestion like at Mosport, and lots of dust on side roads. Plenty of inconvenience for residents, hazards for children. No official township plan to protect residents and keep out the riff raff. Phosphates, improperly treated and untreated sewage. Uncontrolled blasting by quarries, and now a Jetport yet! What else have YOU done for our children lately?

Yours truly,
Gail - Wilf Fortowsky.

MOFFAT SUBDIVISION AWAITING APPROVAL

Dear Sir,

With reference to the article that appeared in your paper on March 18, 1970 under the heading "O.K. rezoning at Brookville" I would like to point out that I was erroneously quoted.

I would like to place on record that my statement should have read "The Draft Plan of approval was pending Health Unit approval."

I trust that you will correct the misinformation in both your Milton and Acton papers.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I remain,

Yours truly,
Michael P. Brodigan
Representing Moffat Estates

QUESTIONS BOARD SALE OF SCHOOL PLAY AREA

Dear Mr. Dills:

It is hoped you will find the attached letter of sufficient public interest to publish because it involves the sale of school property heretofore considered too valuable to lose; transfer of ownership without due consideration to the future and what it will mean to the J.M. Denyes school area in particular and to the whole Town of Milton.

Mr. John Noble,
School Trustee,
Halton County School Board.

Dear Mr. Noble:

You have been approached before by the undersigned, on behalf of the Home and School Association, J. M. Denyes School, regarding the Halton County School Board's decision to sell to Focus Development Ltd., part of the southerly boundary of the school property. Not as an official spokesman, but nevertheless voicing the collective thoughts of many of the people in that school area and of the Town of Milton, I am now writing to ask you and the School Board some questions for which we would like the answers.

After attending last night's Committee of Adjustment meeting regarding this proposed sale, along with about 20 other perturbed citizens of the school area (only a few of whom are actual neighbors to the school) I am abundantly aware we ought first to have more forcefully approached the School Board with our objections. I might say we overwhelmed the representative for Focus Development by the number of very strong objections we hold to the sale.

It appears that originally the representative for Focus Development Ltd., made two offers to the School Board, either to sell to the Board, "Block B" as it is known or buy from the Board, a piece of school property to increase the depth of said piece of Heslop Rd. frontage. These are valid ways to make usable a formerly narrow strip of land.

However, we have many reasons for asking that reconsideration be given to the proposal to sell and we ask you:

1. Why, even though you told me the school grounds presently exceed the minimum required area, do you plan to deprive pupils of a safe play area during school hours, evenings, weekends and all summer long?

2. In view of the addition to the school, proposed for this year (a fact professed not to be known by some of the Planning Board, or the representative for Focus Development) are the pupils not immediately faced with a reduced play area which on fine days, allows the whole school ample room for healthy exercise?

3. Is there not far more possibility of the school population increasing in the very near future, than ever decreasing, especially if houses are built thereon, and on properties already slated for development such as that on Bronte St., (also in our school area)?

4. Will this sale benefit the School Board financially, enough to make fit for use the reduced playground area, part of which is now too wet to be used for most of the year? And in future will we, the taxpayers, not pay far, far more to replace or establish a green belt or a recreational area where it is already so greatly needed?

5. Why, when Milton School Board refused for years to lose this potential open area, has the Halton County Board so willingly offered to let it be sold?

6. Most important perhaps, why was this apparently surplus land not made available first to the Town of Milton, publicly advertised, or allowed the opportunity of becoming beneficial to the whole community?

As our school trustee and representative to the Halton County School Board, I feel we can expect to have this matter immediately given the attention it deserves and I propose to send a copy of this letter to the Chairman of your Board. If possible, when this is placed on your agenda, perhaps we could be notified so that personal representation might be made, or we would welcome a public meeting called in Milton to further discuss this matter. Had the School Board been represented at the meeting last night, you would be well aware, I am sure, that I am but one of many more concerned citizens.

Yours truly,
(Mrs.) Audrey E. Lyle,
3231 Main St. W.,
R.R. 6, Milton.

ASSISTING I.O.D.E. WITH MANY COMMITMENTS

Dear Sir:

The John Milton Chapter I.O.D.E. wishes again to give you and your staff our thanks for your coverage of our organization during 1969. May I quote Gordon Sinclair from a recent broadcast following comments on the order in his noontime news?

"One of Canada's most honorable institutions, the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire. Unlike many an organization that has sprung up with enthusiasm and then gradually slowed down to a walk, the I.O.D.E. is stronger now and held in stronger regard now than ever before. The I.O.D.E. raises and disburses about a million dollars a year, helps many new and old causes, and above all keeps abreast of the times."

We have many commitments in the John Milton Chapter to meet each year, and you are very kind to lend a hand in letting the public know what we are doing. Sincerely,
(Mrs. G.C.) Lillian Gowland,
Press secretary.

PRESSING FOR CHANGES BEFORE WHITE PAPER PASSES

(Editor's Note - Recently Champion editor Roy Downs wrote Halton MP Rud Whiting a letter, expressing his personal concern over some of the proposed tax policies in Federal Minister of Finance Edgar Benson's White Paper on Taxation. With the permission of Mr. Whiting, his reply is reprinted below:

Dear Roy:

Thank you for your letter expressing your views on the White Paper on Tax Reform.

I have received literally hundreds of letters from constituents on this subject. Unfortunately, it has become impossible for me to write an individual reply to each one. I would, however, like to assure you that I have read your letter very carefully and noted its contents.

The White Paper contains proposals as to how tax reform might be brought about. The Hon. Mr. Benson has stated on numerous occasions that the Government is open to suggestions with respect to making changes in the White Paper and indeed some have already been made.

The great majority of my letters are primarily concerned with the deemed realization of capital gains every five years on equity ownership of widely held corporations and elimination of the preferred tax rate on the first \$35,000. of corporate earnings. These were two areas which caused me much concern. I was, therefore, very pleased when the Minister of Finance, Mr. Benson, recently announced that the proposal dealing with deemed realization had already revealed some administrative problems, and would have to be re-examined. In addition he indicated concern for the small corporation and asked the Parliamentary Committee currently studying the White Paper for their comments and suggestions on this matter.

Some of the letters also indicated concern about the proposed capital gains tax on the appreciation in the value of homes which exceeds the sum of \$1000. per year of occupancy plus costs of repairs. Mr. Benson has stated that this proposal will not produce a large revenue. I believe a total exemption from capital gains tax should be recommended as long as the owner has held it for a specified length of time - say a year or two. For the other personal possessions, the exemption could be raised from the proposed \$500 to several thousand dollars with no serious loss to the Treasury.

Another area of the White paper proposals is the personal taxation of those earning from \$10,000. to \$20,000. per year. These Canadians already are taxed very heavily by all levels of government and the proposed added tax could have an adverse effect on their incentives and their desire to remain in Canada.

At this point I would like to state that I feel the White Paper is a worthwhile document and while there are certainly some provisions which should be carefully examined, and in my opinion changed, the overall proposal is a worthwhile one. However, may I emphasize that without substantial changes (which I feel will be made) I could not support the White Paper in its present form.

I wish to assure you that my interests are those of my constituents and I will work to help bring in legislation on taxation which is equitable and in the best interests of the Canadian people.

In closing my I again thank you for writing me on this subject. I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Mr. Gaston Clermont, M.P., Chairman of the Standing Committee of the House of Commons on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs, so that he, and the members of this Committee, may be made aware of your constructive comments on the White Paper.

Yours sincerely,
Rud L. Whiting, M.P.,
HALTON.

Improvements planned at ARC Workshop

The monthly executive meeting of the Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded was held on March 3 at A.R.C. Workshop, Hornby, with 20 of the 21 executive members present.

This year the Association has involved itself heavily in the improvement of the A.R.C. workshop. They expect to have a new roof and eavestroughing and other repairs, in order to keep the building in first class condition for the continued use of retarded adults. The workshop provides these people with the employment and mental stimulation which are both necessary so that they may take their places, insofar as is possible, as useful and happy members of the community.

The residential committee is continuing to inspect suitable parcels of land for the proposed residence.

The Association extends to all members of the community an invitation to join them in working for the retarded persons both adult and children, in our communities. "In serving others, we help ourselves."

Dutch committee to expand Legion cenotaph at cemetery

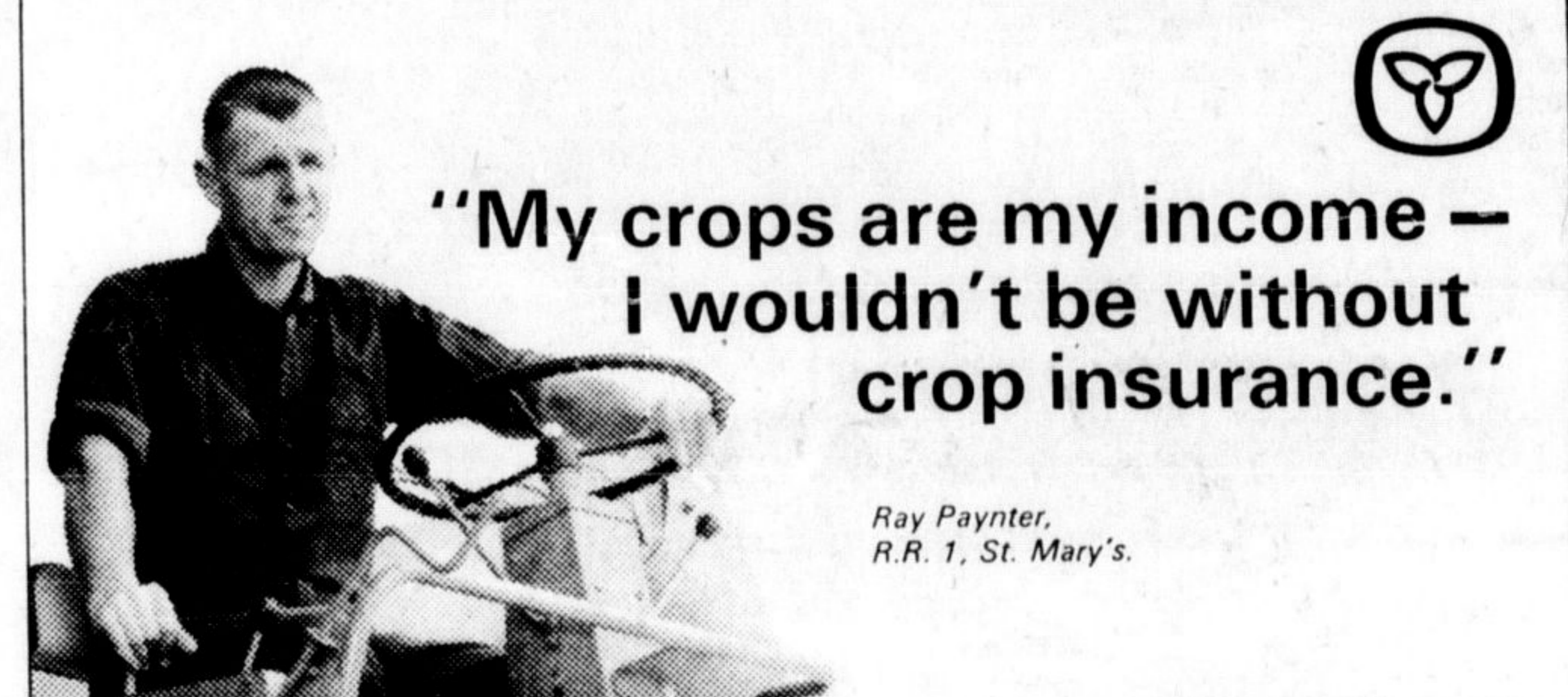
When the Dutch people of Milton and district present something to the town later this year to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the liberation of Holland by Canadian armed forces, it will be something symbolic.

Marinus' Traas of Campbellville, who is heading up the fund-raising campaign in Milton and district for the national committee, announced this week the local committee will be financing new wings for the Royal Canadian Legion's cairn at Evergreen Cemetery, where the names of local veterans can be placed for posterity. Names of veterans buried there will be inscribed on the cairn's new wings and as more veterans pass away, their names will be added.

The gift, to be designed and completed by Legion officials, is expected to cost the Dutch committee close to \$300. Mr. Traas said. Part of the funds collected locally from an estimated 150 Dutch families will be going toward the local gift. The remainder to the national fund which will present a new concert organ to the National Arts Centre in Ottawa.

Collections began Monday of this week across the nation. While the national presentation ceremony will take place in May, the local gift will be held back for presentation on or about November 11 - Armistice Day in Canada. The national and local gifts from the Dutch people are part of a tribute the former residents of Holland are planning to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their liberation in 1945. "We

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