

**OUR READERS WRITE:**

**PARKING A PROBLEM NOT FUNNY, ROMANTIC**

Dear Sir:  
I am writing you about your column in the July 15 issue of The Canadian Champion.

Our home is situated at the end of one of those dead end roads and I can assure you that it certainly isn't fully or the romantic deal that you paint in your column.

Before you write anything like this again, I hope you will put yourself in the position of the people who have to put up with all these annoyances.

Would you care to have them in front of your home? Would you like to have to pick up all the distasteful garbage they leave? Would you like to have somebody parked in front of your house in the dark of night by the hour and God only knowing what they are doing or maybe intend doing to you? Would you approve of having your daughter parked down in one of those dark out-of-way spots with perhaps all the windows rolled up and the motor going? Do people not have homes any more at which they can entertain their friends?

I do not think you are using the news media to the best of the public's interest when you write such articles. Parents and the public have enough trouble with age-old problems without any more encouragement on anybody's part.

Yours very truly  
Edgar S. Oliphant  
R. R. 2 Hornby.

**SOME GOOD THINGS HAPPEN IN MEXICO**

Dear Sirs:

I am getting sick and tired of all those complaints about the country of Mexico. A year and a half ago, my family and I had the pleasure of touring this country from coast to coast, not excluding the so-called "bad" places. We never found any rude or impolite people. It was quite the contrary. We were always greeted with smiling faces and very

helpful people. Generally speaking, the Mexican people are neat and clean. Let me briefly give you some examples of the type of people who make up Mexico.

One storekeeper on a busy Mexico City street recruited a policeman from the street to look after his coffee retail shop, which the policeman did with a smiling face. The shop owner then drove us with his own car to the other side of this beautiful city. He even bought postcards and souvenirs for us. He would not accept one peso.

In Mazatlan my daughter stepped on a sea urchin, a type of porcupine of the sea. She was helped by friendly natives. When I came to thank them, I was invited to have a bottle of fine Mexican beer as a matter of fact, I was treated to six. I was not able to return this favor because these people made it quite clear, even though communicating was difficult, that they would be insulted and offended.

On another occasion I had trouble with my Volkswagen van. I went to two garages. One was a VW dealer-garage, but none of the staff was able to help me because I HAD INSTALLED a Porche engine. However, after spending three hours trying to locate and repair my trouble, they refused to accept any money whatsoever.

I could tell you at least another dozen good stories, but it would take a lot of time and space. However, I know these people going to Mexico without their families and wives are looking for something else than the true Mexico.

Therefore it does not surprise me of the bad experiences these people have. They would probably find the same bad experiences in downtown Toronto, but I'd bet you they would not talk about it because it is too close to home.

I would be gladly willing to answer any question put up against me. I hope you do not hesitate to put this letter in print, because I think the Other Side has had enough coverage.

Yours truly,  
Fred Reinke

**Township's choice - - potholes or dust**

"I've been driving on some of the roads in our township and they are in pretty bad shape," noted Esquering Township Councillor W. Leslie. "Darn poor shape," added Deputy-Reeve Tom Hill as the council this week discussed the dilemma they faced.

Roads superintendent Bud Snow told the meeting his crew was hampered by a lack of material. He explained it took about two weeks in good conditions to cover all the township roads with the graders.

He said that grading could be done one day and if the same road was checked following a rain the next day, it would be just as bad. He explained there just wasn't enough money budgeted for gravel and calcium.

He said the budget for calcium was just about exhausted already and there wasn't nearly enough money for gravel to treat all of the roads. If gravel is spread on the roads without calcium there would be dust and if gravel wasn't put down there would be holes. "You have a choice—

either holes or dust," he said. After some discussion it was agreed to let tenders out for a third grader at a cost of approximately \$30,000. Councillor Ken Marshall wasn't in favor of the purchase and felt a second shift on the graders they have now would be better.

Mr. Snow explained some roads like the Chinguacousy Town Line had been left because the county was expected to take it over soon. He reminded council of instructions to take care of the roads that would remain in the township first.

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LITTER STREWN ABOUT KELSO was picked up by Operation Survival members and numerous volunteers last Tuesday. In the top photo volunteer Karen Thomas, Base Line Rd., is the first to discover even underwear was part of the litter thrown about the park. Second photo shows Keith Burton and daughter Michelle, Heslop Rd., carrying three full garbage bags back to the collection pile atop the hill overlooking Kelso beach area. Keith is the husband of Operation Survival president Joyce Burton. A smashed picnic table in the third photo is also the work of vandals or careless campers. Halton Region Conservation Authority workers Bob Hadley (left), Bob Vardy (centre), and Doug Adams (right) recovered the table at the bottom of a steep hill and towed it up the grade with a tractor.

—(Staff Photos)

—Bob Martin, supervisor at Rotary Park pool, announced yesterday that all 60 crests being awarded to students of the first swimming classes have now arrived. All students are urged to pick them up at Rotary Park Pool.

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**Wants county lands subject to town tax**

An old problem—the inability to tax government properties and buildings—reared its head during a meeting of Milton Council last week.

City of Barrie is petitioning Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough, the Ontario Municipal Association, the Association of Ontario Mayors and Reeves and all municipalities in Ontario in hopes of getting new legislation to help towns and cities where universities and community colleges own land. Under special acts they are now exempt from municipal taxation.

Milton Councillors agreed with the petition and most of them felt county-owned properties should also be taxable. It was pointed out Milton has \$13,000,000 in assessment but only \$6,500,000 of that is taxable—the rest belongs to federal or provincial

government, county government, churches, railroads and Ontario Hydro. Some government agencies do pay a grant in lieu of taxes, some don't.

A resolution was passed, endorsing the Barrie petition and adding Milton's request to have county lands taxable.

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