

# OUR READERS WRITE:

## SNOW FESTIVAL '71

Dear Jim:

We have all slowed down a bit after the rigors of the above, but before it all becomes "history" may I, on behalf of the Milton Community Service Clubs Committee, thank you very much indeed for the fantastic coverage provided in The Champion.

We received many comments, both from Miltonians and outsiders, on what a fine job you had done. I can tell you, Jim, the Committee as a whole appreciated it and respect you for it.

Our committee, the townspeople, the merchants, and in fact, the whole of Milton and district could not hope for better cooperation from anyone. Again, our sincere thanks.

Jim Seager,  
Chairman,  
Milton Community  
Service Clubs

## STUDENT AGAINST CLOSING OF SCHOOL

Dear Sirs:

I read in one of your articles that they might be closing Campbellville School! Personally I feel that it shouldn't. Campbellville school has produced fine students and it shall produce more. I can tell you reassuringly most parents in the village (and kids too) would like to see it stay. But if it must be closed, why not tear it down and build a new one? The older generation went to it and feel it's sort of history.

And what of the fine teachers who taught there, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Watson, Mrs. Black, Mr. Wright and Mr. Dods? I'm sure they feel the school should remain. If there's any way we can fight the Board of Education, then let's pick up our weapons and go!

Ellen Gadd,  
Campbellville.

## PACKS OF DOGS WORRY SHEEP FARMER

Dear Editor:

How about roast lamb for Easter dinner—Ontario spring lamb with red currant jelly, peas and new potatoes? Does the cost give you pause to think — about dogs?

Southern Ontario is well suited to all forms of livestock. The relatively light snowfall means that sheep, active and outdoor-type animals, can be exercised outside daily until they lamb down in mid-winter for the spring lamb crop.

Hunting breeds of dogs (although to sheep all dogs are the same) seldom bother sheep. The worst offenders are Collie and German Shepherd or Alsatian, developed by generations of shepherds. Sheep are attractive to these breeds.

Dogs vary — some seek carrion to 'balance' their diets. Others hunt to kill, disturbing nesting birds, and chasing rabbits throughout the spring and summer. Owners leave them loose weekends when they depart for the cottage. The dog wanders off and starts trouble.

Often lightly fed, they chase bigger game. Small lambs are much the size of rabbits and more easily caught. Eventually sheep and calves may be tackled. It is 'natural' for sheep and cattle to be 'hunted' by packs of wild dogs.

To a shepherd a dog's bark in the middle of the night means trouble. A dog that runs off as soon as he sees you is trouble. The law is necessarily lenient to a flock-owner, even though the job is a 24 hour day, seven days a week, with only the flock owner the loser of sleep, and sheep. The flock owner is also the recipient of frustration and bitterness from his neighbor deprived of the company of a dog that was at home as seldom as his master.

Good protection for a flock of sheep is a

busy highway — sooner or later the wandering dog gets hit.

Second best protection is to shoot all strange dogs in the sheep pens on sight — if he has dogged the sheep you have him — if you wait to check the sheep he will be gone, to return when you are away.

Anyone who has seen sheep only lightly cut by a dog's teeth, when the infection has set in about three days later, will have sympathy for the sheep rather than the dog.

All sheep are small and fragile and it is unfortunate that the local shepherd has to act as an un-paid dogcatcher for his neighborhood, but of all livestock owners he is the most vulnerable and therefore first attacked.

Enjoy your Easter lamb, it is worth every cent it cost you.

Shepherd

## DISCRIMINATION AT MILTON TOWN HALL

Sir:

Having lived on the outskirts of Milton 18 years, I at times felt "town discrimination" existed. For example,

1. Water and sewer lines passed over property the better part of these years but were not available at times by temperamental councils, the rate being 2½ to 3 times town rate.

2. Children attended Milton schools, although school tax was paid to Oakville, but I believe Milton was compensated by some arrangement. Also my business assessment and my commercial assessment went directly to the town but we were asked to pay a higher rate than town fees for hockey.

3. Having a business on Main St. in Milton, further signs prevail. While my assessment rose 500 per cent from residential to commercial, I find two members of council hold commercial land — one assessed at \$18 per foot and one at \$10 per foot less than mine (more or less). I also believe there is one 30 foot lot assessed at \$10 per foot. After three years I confess I got my assessment down to \$44 per foot. (Equalization would be appreciated.)

4. Planning having taken place in the south end of the town of Milton, the Town Hall has seen fit to change roads and building restrictions for A—a member of Council; B—a member on Planning Board who have property in this area. So why was this rezoning from low to medium density not continued on down to 10 Sideroad, instead of stopping short on the north side of my boundary line? If for nothing else, a matter of courtesy and logical reasoning.

On Monday of last week I contacted the secretary of the planning board at town hall to be brought up to date, was brought up to date on some facts but council had overruled them on some issues. A meeting was taking place Wednesday night. I immediately enquired if this was an open or closed meeting; he suggested I check with the town clerk, this I did and was referred directly to the mayor. This I did by phone and was informed it was an open meeting in council chambers. I informed his worship I had certain issues about same, and would attend.

My wife and I attended the meeting to listen to pros and cons of this area, but were not recognized as being there from the chair until the gavel sounded to close discussion. At this point I may have rudely interrupted his worship to throw my two cents' worth in, but to me this action from the chair was like having a door slammed in one's face.

Stanley Gibbons,  
Bronte St., Milton.

E. M. Robinson,  
R.R. 1, Campbellville.



OFF TO DISNEYLAND. . . Anne Runnalls, aged 10 of R. R. 1 Milton has won herself and her family an all-expense paid trip to Disneyland in California, through a Walt Disney Music of Canada Ltd. competition recently featured on "Shreddies" cereal packages. Jim Rayburn, right, director of

marketing for Disney Music, last week presented the plane tickets and information on the six-day "trip of a lifetime" to Anne, her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ross Runnalls and brothers Craig 5, and Ian 8, at the First Line home south of town.

## LICENSE TO KILL

Dear Sir:

A child living in a village in Ontario has a puppy, keeps it, looks after it, loves it — the dog grows up, a member of the family, and one night when the dog is let out for a final run before bed-time he wanders off his 50 x 100 ft. lot and ANYONE MAY KILL THAT DOG. That doesn't mean shoot it because it is doing any harm; it means KILL IT, by any means, simply because it is walking down a public highway, road or street after dark.

This couldn't be so in Canada? That's what you think!

In the mail on Tuesday we were reminded by the Township Office of Nassagaweya that we were entitled by the Dog Tax and Livestock and Poultry Protection Act, revised Statutes of Ontario, 1960, Chpt. III, to kill any dog walking down any road or in a public place after dark.

Everyone can understand a law allowing a farmer to kill a dog molesting his livestock, but is not license to kill a dog simply because it is on a public road or place after dark a little drastic even for non-animal lovers?

Undoubtedly the law makers would deny that such a cruel act would ever be committed—but if that is so, why then do we need a law to grant permission for such an act?

Many people complain about the slaughter of baby seals; please let us all complain by every means in our power about this barbaric law!

—School holiday next week, drive carefully Mr. Motorist. —Many of the hockey teams are into the playoffs.

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## Space heater causes alarm

A flooded space heater is assumed the cause of a fire at the home of Brian Brush of R.R. 1 Moffat, south of Highway 401 on First Line Nassagaweya Sunday evening. Milton Fire Department answered the alarm.

Residents of the house extinguished the blaze before firemen arrived and minor smoke damage was reported to the house.

The house is owned by Rev. B. Eaton.

—One local resident reported seeing eight robins in her back yard Monday morning.

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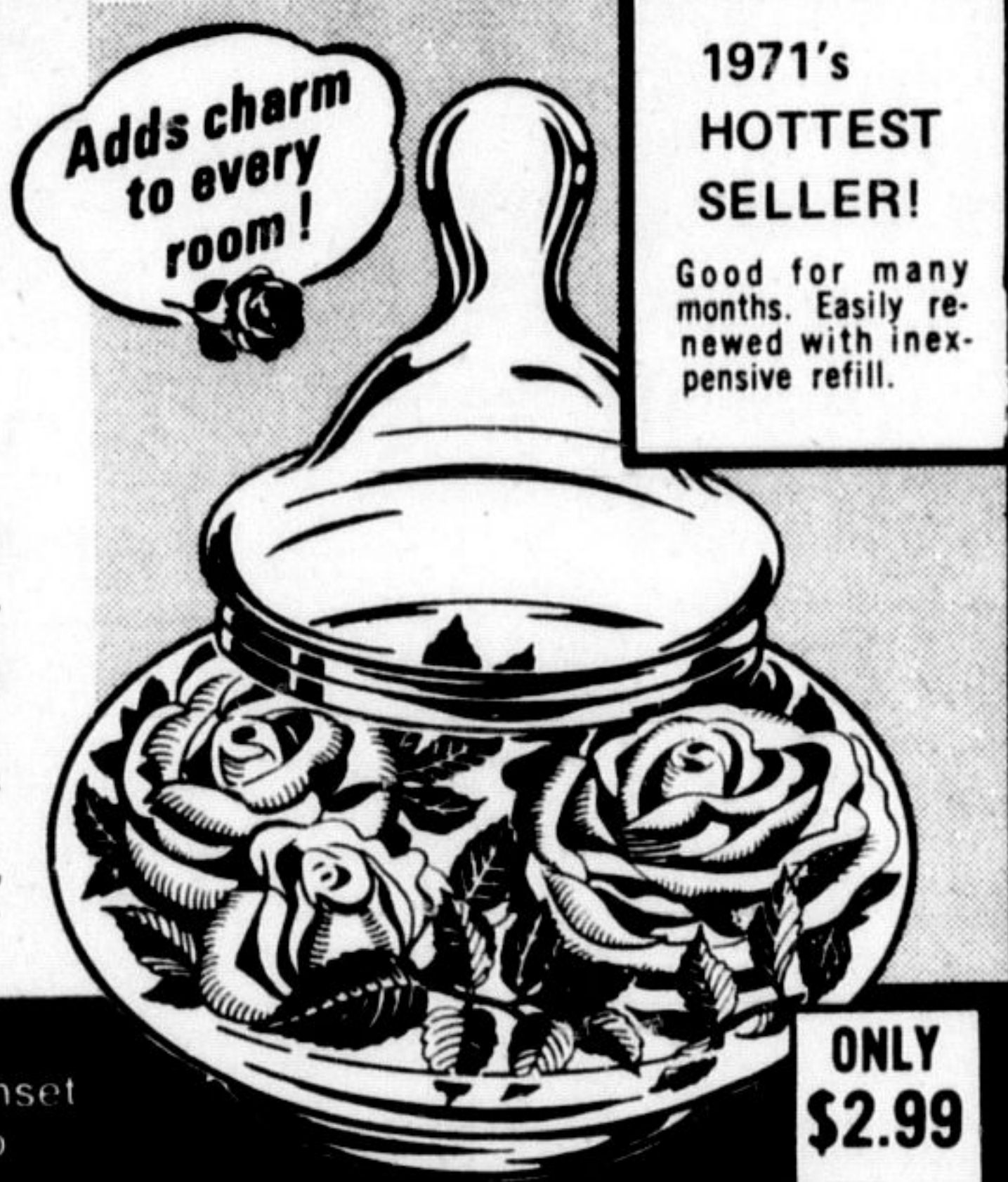
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