

OUR READERS WRITE:

USED POSTAGE STAMPS FINANCE MISSION WORK

Dear Friends:

Especially at Christmastime, I think of all the cancelled postage stamps that are needlessly discarded. These seemingly worthless articles, from any country, are sold in bulk to stamp dealers by the Scarborough Fathers, to help finance mission projects in many parts of the world.

In 10 months I have received over 120 lbs. of cancelled postage stamps, in small quantities and in very large quantities, from banks, schools, service clubs, companies, individuals, etc. They add up quickly if everyone collects them for me.

It hardly takes a second to rip the cancelled postage stamp off an envelope, leaving a bit of paper around it.

Thank you, everyone, for all the cancelled postage stamps you've sent me. Sorry I cannot answer each note individually because of time and return postage involved.

Please send by Third Class mail, or bring all cancelled postage stamps, any time of the year, to:

Mrs. R. M. Chmay,
230 Jarvis Street,
Fort Erie, Ontario.

HERE'S ONE VOTE FOR TOWN BUS SUBSIDY

Dear Sir:

I was confused when I read a letter from R. Colbeck in The Champion about the proposed bus service. He is presumably trying to say that it is cheaper to ride in his taxis than to take Mr. Lewis' bus. Well I for one can say it is not.

I had to use the taxi to go out one afternoon, as it was raining, and it cost me 85 cents to go from my home to James St. I could have taken the bus one way for 25 and stayed as long as I liked. If the taxi has to sit and wait, the meter is running all the time. I also went to the hospital and it cost me \$1.20, while I could have gone for 50 cents on the bus.

I think Mr. Lewis' bus service is a good mode of transportation for senior citizens, old age pensioners, people who can't drive themselves and mothers who must shop and tote their kiddies with them.

I hope the bus service will be voted in as a permanent means of getting around town. Old age pensioners can't afford the luxury of taxi transportation.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Edith Sharpe,
429 Pearl St.

REGIONAL GOVT., HYDRO LINES BIG ISSUES

Dear Sir,

Dec 4th is, in my opinion, one of the most important dates in the histories of local municipalities. The successful candidates, as incumbents will be in prime positions to compete to stand as candidates to represent you and I in regional government.

I attended an all candidates' meeting in Nassagaweya and have closely watched issues in other local municipalities, and in my opinion the two most devastating issues are regional government and the proposed hydro line.

What surprises me is the fact that regional government and the hydro line are the brain children of the Conservative government at Queens Park and yet the people who openly and not so openly supported the Government during the last Provincial election dare to run for office at the municipal level, knowing that regional government will mean at least a thirty per cent increase in taxes and a hydro line that will carve up farm acreage and create havoc in its path.

I would just love to hear one candidate say "To hell with Regional Government and Queen's Park" I am sure his or her voice would be heard and a movement would start that would force Queens Park to change its mind.

WM. A. Johnson

EMERGENCY TEAM AT HOSPITAL HELPFUL

Dear Sir,

Recently, my nine month old daughter got into a toilet deodorizer. Because this form of deodorizer breaks up into small chunks at the slightest touch, I had no idea how much my daughter had swallowed.

Within minutes after my initial call to Milton District Hospital, the nurses had contacted Poison Control and had called me back to tell me what symptoms to look for and what to do for my baby until a doctor could be reached. From that time until we left for the hospital shortly afterwards, the nurses were in constant contact with me to check on my baby's progress.

When we reached the hospital we were met at the door by an ambulance attendant who helped me to undress the baby for the doctor's examination. Again the nurses questioned me carefully about symptoms and reactions. Fortunately my daughter suffered no ill effects and we were able to take her home with us.

My reasons for recounting this story are twofold. First, I wish to give the emergency team at the hospital a most deserved pat on the back for being able to take such quick and knowledgeable action. My second reason is to inform other parents that we, in Milton, have access to Poison Control. I hope that this knowledge will help other people when they, too, have an emergency on their hands.

Yours truly
Jenny Strain
198 Wakefield Rd., Milton.

ROADS STUDY SHOULD INCLUDE TREE PRESERVATION

We refer to the Roads Study ordered by the Milton Council.

We have every confidence that the terms of reference for the study specifically include the preservation of our beautiful large old trees when road widening is considered, and also concepts of traffic slow-down for safety and promotion of non-speedways.

Have'n't we?

Sincerely,
Marcelle Lambert
79 Martin St. Milton

SEEK SUPPORT HERE FOR BAN ON DISPOSABLE CONTAINERS

Dear Editor,

Pollution Probe Oakville has asked for and obtained a resolution from the Oakville Town Council requesting that the Province of Ontario ban the sale of disposable soft drink containers. This resolution will be sent to all Ontario municipalities in towns of population over 100,000 for their endorsement before going to Queen's Park.

We had hoped that it would be sent to all municipalities, but our council limited it to those of population over 100,000 because of a heavy work-load and expense.

However, if you and the citizens of your town could persuade your own council to send a similar resolution to the Provincial Government, it would reinforce our effort and increase the likelihood of a ban on soft drink containers actually being imposed.

We hope that any interested people will make their views known to their council or to our group.

Yours truly,
Douglas H. Harding M.D.,
President, Pollution Probe,
373 Ninth Line, Oakville.

PARKS, HIGHRISES, SECRET MEETINGS AND CHANNELIZATION

On Dec. 4 I wonder if Milton voters are going to be able to vote on the real issues in this election. Indeed they probably do not know what they are. So many important matters are never brought to our attention, either in press or otherwise, until it is too late to do anything about it.

For example: how many people are we going to cram into highrises right in the centre of the town? Have we become so denuded by progress in the form of large brick and stone hives that we forget parks? Where will the apartment dwellers find grass to walk on and trees to sit under?

I must become extremely personal for the sake of generations to come. My late husband and I hoped that as our family grew up and we older, the town would acquire our six acres of property which border and overlook the millpond. This would give all Milton people a park to enjoy, a place to stroll or picnic right in the centre of town. For many years this area was called Livingstone Park, the scene of many family picnics from all around the county. The park has not changed much and really neither have people. I am sure we have not lost the faculty of enjoying the pastoral beauty of towering trees and wild flowers beside the tranquil waters of the mill pond.

I have offered to sell this property to the town (all or part) and council has declined. This is their right, but I wonder why it has been kept so secret? Should not the people know what is going on so that they may form their own opinion and so advise their representatives? Perhaps Milton people would like to retain this scenic historical property as a park, (just as they wished to retain the Bruce St. School) rather than have another highrise development.

Certainly Council must make decisions, but should so many important ones be made without the public or press being informed? (I wrote you earlier about this matter of excluding the press from Council). We must vote for those who will re-instate open meetings.

Another example of handing the voter an accomplished fact is the matter of channelization. Certainly we must provide adequate drainage for new developments; but should it not be done in such a way that we do not spoil all the little creeks which meander through Milton? It is pretty drastic to put an expensive cement canal system through the town to collect and direct the flow of what is normally a very small amount of water. This will kill off a lot of plant and marine life, which is a source of innocent pleasure to many of us. Concerned citizens learned too late of this decision taken by our representatives. (My late husband wrote you on this matter.)

Meetings held this year by interested groups were attended by council members and two of these expressed their desire to seek other acceptable methods of control. These are the type of people we should elect on Dec. 4; those who will consider each issue as it arises, putting the welfare of our community and the wishes of the Milton people ahead of any personal ambitions no matter what their decisions may ultimately cost them.

(Mrs.) Muriel M. Kernighan,
Margaret St., Milton

REPLY TO RACEWAY ON SUNDAY RACING

(Editor's note: A copy of this letter, addressed to D. E. Elliott who represented the Ontario Jockey Club and Mohawk Raceway at a Nassagaweya meet-the-candidates night last week, has been filed with this

newspaper for publication.)

Dear Mr. Elliott:

The Ontario Jockey Club has historically improved and upgraded racing in the province of Ontario, and I'm grateful the various tracks you operate reflect successful management.

On Friday night's gathering to meet the candidates, held at Brookville Hall in the heart of Nassagaweya, as the representative of the Jockey Club, you were given the opportunity to express the case for Sunday racing on behalf of the Mohawk Raceway. The sum total of what you said, as I interpreted it, "Sunday racing is a necessity for further growth. If Sunday racing is permitted, consideration will be given to increase the grandstand seating capacity." This in turn providing further tax benefits to Nassagaweya Township.

It could be considered to be old fashioned, but I do maintain that there should be dignity in the meaning of Sunday. God only knows our basic values are eroding, we are being pushed into a concept of Sunday being just another day.

You expressed a veiled statement of the future prospects of Mohawk, if Sunday racing is not allowed. I say, it is unfortunate. May I suggest that the directors be inspired by the day of rest to generate some constructive concepts to keep the track open for all types of events, for at least the major part of the year.

Please, Mr. Elliott, relate my thoughts and suggestions to your good organization, zero in on the 38 - 40 weeks you are now closed, forget about Sunday. I am sure that the native Canadian initiative displayed by your predecessors in their past successes, will again come to the forefront, to solve your financial problems in your Mohawk Raceway future.

Best wishes,
A. L. Goutouski,
Nassagaweya Tax Contributor.

ANOTHER AGNEW

Dear Sir:

In your edition of November 22 on pages 4 and B3, you printed a paid political announcement, or should I say advertisement which read thus: "Elect Agnew Reeve Nassagaweya." This advertisement has caused me some aggravation, for the "Agnew, Nassagaweya" assumes that he is the only Agnew in Nassagaweya.

Since the advertisement appeared it has been a source of aggravation to me, because I have been asked countless times about my political ambitions!!! May I add that most of the enquiries are from newcomers to the municipality, to whom my name is very familiar.

Through the medium of your Editor's Column, I would like to state that I have no political ambitions whatsoever, and that the political advertisement which you accepted does not apply to this AGNEW OF NASSAGAWEYA, and there are others.

Yours truly,
Douglas M. Agnew,
Postmaster,
Campbellville, Ont.

QUALITY, ENJOYMENT OF LIFE...OR "PROGRESS"?

Dear Sirs,

I would like to comment on our choice of mayors in the upcoming municipal elections, namely Brian Best and Ron Harris. Mayor Brian Best has measured the "progress" of Milton in terms of the value of building permits issued, that is, the cost of building construction.

Mayor candidate Ron Harris also feels that "progress" means expansion and growth.

Perhaps these two gentlemen may be shocked to realize that likely most of the voters in the town of Milton measure progress in terms of the QUALITY of our lifestyle and the ENJOYMENT of our non-urban living environment.

Could Mr. Best or Mr. Harris explain how the construction of buildings, be it monstrous factories or highrises or crowded dwelling surveys, contribute to the QUALITY and ENJOYMENT of the lifestyle of us Milton townfolk?

Sincerely,
Don Lambert,
72 Martin St.
Milton, Ont.

J. R. Currie O.D.

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(SEE PAGE B12)

Piano recital features local students, guests

Music students of the nine teachers in the Milton and District Music Teachers' Association presented a piano recital Thursday at Martin St. School auditorium.

Guest artists were Tommy Perrott who sang several solos and accordion soloist Anita Provaznik.

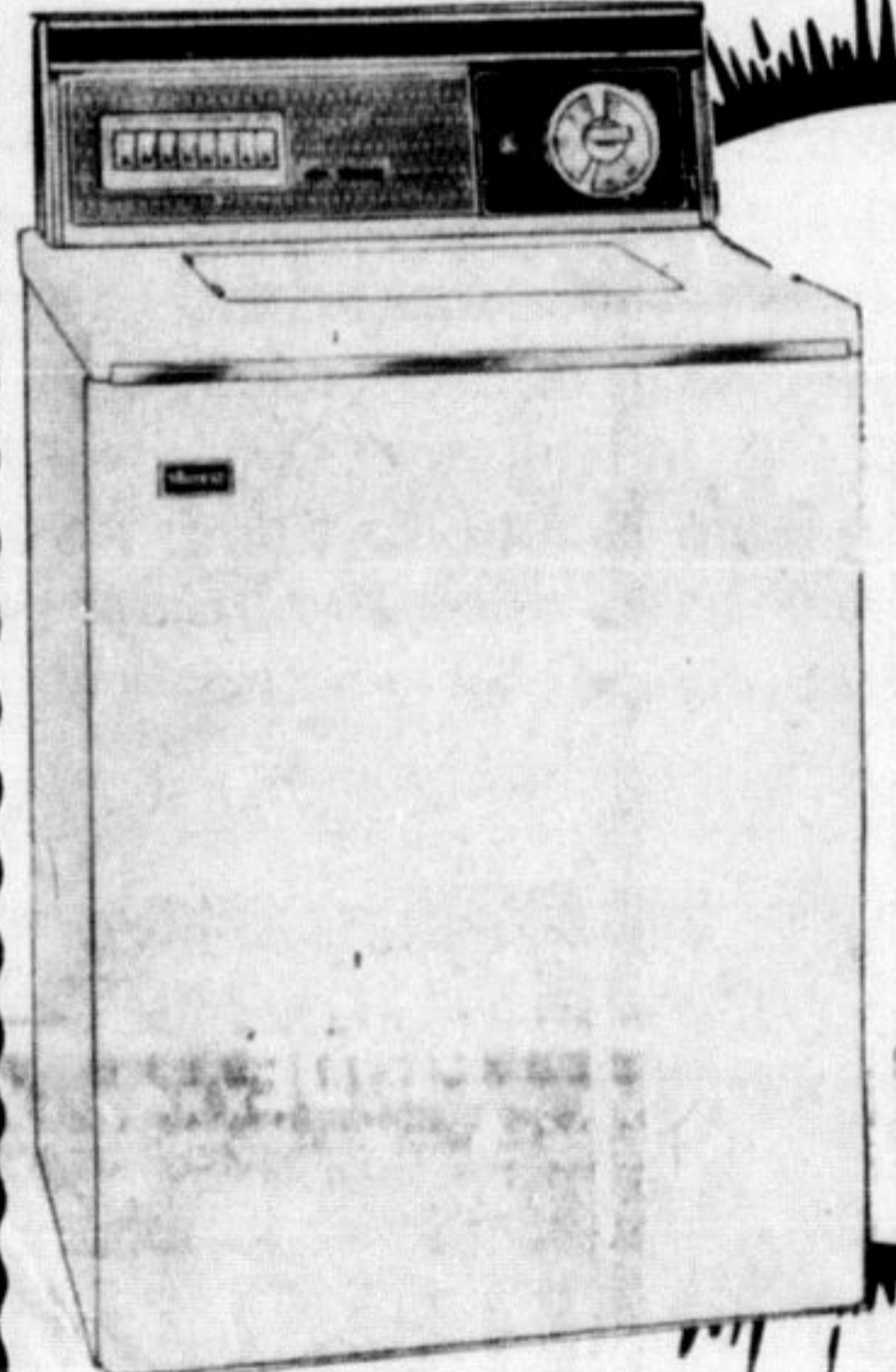
Susan and Debra Sheridan, Kelly Corp and Janette Draper presented piano duets. Solo artists were Nancy Brodie, Evelyn Thompson, Debbie Phillips, Catherine Dills, Debbie Haines, Mary Ann Neilson,

Janice Phillips, Connie Gail Roberts, Kimberly Trenwith, Tim Leriche, Patrick Thompson, Betty Ann Shannon, Barbara Pearce, Paul Wilson, Karen Morton, Nancy Brodie, Mary Clare Stinson, Wendy Coulson and Janet Brodie.

Teachers of students participating included Mrs. Helen Foster, Mrs. L. McLaughlin, Mrs. Helen McNeil, Mrs. Joyce Hayward, Mrs. Dawn Brodie, Mrs. Judy Hunter, Mrs. Susan Phillips, Mrs. Madeline Falkenstein and Mrs. Noreen Hurren.

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