

## OUR READERS WRITE:

### "WICKED WILLIE" PLUGS GARBAGE COALITION

Dear Sir,

In last week's Champion my opposition to the dumping of garbage in the Milton Brick quarry was quite clear, and the reporting was accurate except for one significant item. At that meeting, and at the previous meeting, I did not just represent G.U.A.R.D., I was in fact representing the Ontario Garbage Coalition, of which I am an executive committee member specializing in land-use or land mis-use. The Ontario Garbage Coalition is a coalition of some 50 groups and ratepayers associations, who are concerned about ecology, conservation, recycling, quarries, airports, garbage, high rise, consumer affairs, etc., etc.

One of our functions is to supply speakers on matters of specific interest to concerned groups. The coalition is opposed to all LONG TERM landfill sites. Garbage is an epidemic and when you have an epidemic you just do not dig more graves, you attack the source. With garbage the sources are non-returnables, over packaging, etc., so the logical immediate action is to ban non-returnables, make it illegal to put re-cyclables such as glass, tin, paper out with household garbage. These recyclables should be taken to depots and recycled. Markets exist for these materials and the demand is increasing daily. What is left would be of little consequence and would require minimal landfilling.

In the same issue of The Champion was a letter from Vaughan Crippen. This letter will join my bulging file of complaints against garbage dumps. Inadvertently Mr. Crippen gave Milton Heights Ratepayers every reason why they should oppose the Milton Brick quarry becoming Milton's garbage dump. I am sorry for the people living in the Williams Ave. area. Their problems are just beginning.

When the dump closes and the source of sustenance is cut off from the vermin, the rodents will most likely forge into nearby homes. My files show complaints of methane gas in basements, explosions and in some cases instances where vegetation will not grow on so called re-claimed garbage dumps.

The charge by the Mayor that I am supplying ammunition to people opposing garbage dump locations is very gratifying to me, and I will continue to oppose the location of dumps on water courses, in areas of bad drainage, or for any period in excess of five years.

Councillor Watson is correct in stating that I am pressuring for a meaningful recycling program, and the nearest arms I can twist are those of my elected representatives. The environment must be protected, our resources must be conserved. This is the heritage of Canadians yet unborn.

Wm. A. Johnson,  
R. R. 2, Rockwood.

### THANKS GORDON STRAIN FOR LIBRARY CORNERSTONE

Dear Sir,

The library board publicly thanks Gordon Strain of Creative Memorials for his kind offer to provide a cornerstone for Milton's new public library building.

It is gratifying to see the interest and enthusiasm of such public spirited citizens grow as construction of the library continues.

To many of us, real progress in our community means improvement in the quality and cultural aspect of our community lifestyle; therefore, the cornerstone laying for Milton's new expanded public library service will truly be a mark of progress for our new Milton.

Sincerely,  
Don Lambert  
for the  
Milton Public Library Board

### OBJECTS TO BAN ON SNOWMOBILES

The following letter was submitted to Halton Region Conservation Authority and a copy was filed with this newspaper for publication:

Dear Sirs:

It is regretful that the Halton Region Conservation Authority have seen fit to forbid snowmobiling in all the conservation areas, other than Kelso.

Most of the snowmobiles using conservation land are owned by local people, who directly or indirectly pay taxes for the public ownership of this land, and like all other taxpayers would like to have the use of these facilities for their choice of recreation.

It can be argued by the conservation authority that damage has been done to young trees, etc. by these machines. This we do not dispute, there will be irresponsible operators. However, would it not be wise to mark the trails and give the snow machine operators the opportunity to make use of the facilities and perhaps weed out the operators who abuse the right to operate their machines on this land.

Other people have also abused the facilities provided by the conservation authorities. Elk have been shot, tables destroyed and many other acts of vandalism.

Recently on a Saturday afternoon trip from the buffalo compound on the Bruce Trail to Campbellville we passed several hikers walking on the trail. On the return journey we had to stop and lift seven logs which were strewn across the pathway by those nature loving conservationists; they seem to forget the snowmobile makes the trail fit for walking by packing the snow. This also is beneficial to the wildlife during winter by enabling them to move easily from one area to another.

The snowmobile owner has an average of \$1,400 invested in his machine, he pays an average of \$55 for insurance and buys a licence from the province for \$10 to operate his machine. He pays road tax on all his gas, he has quite an investment in clothing, all of which creates work and income for Canadians and all he asks in return is the opportunity to operate his machine in a live and let live environment.

The news media have taken a delight in giving full and prominent coverage to snowmobile accidents and the "in" thing to do now is to have them banned. I trust the Halton Conservation Authority will reconsider the source taken by them and look for alternate methods of controlling these machines.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. Brown,  
R.R. 2,  
Milton.

### URGES CHANGES IN SCHOOL BUS LAW

Dear Sir:

Like many citizens I have, for years, been under the impression that the regulations required that:

- School buses must have flashing lights operating when children are being loaded or unloaded.
- School buses must have a sign or lettering, indicating "DO NOT PASS WHEN SIGNALS FLASHING."
- Motorists approaching from either direction must come to a full stop until the flashing lights stop.

Did you realize that in areas where speed limits are not more than 35 miles per hour none of these regulations are requirements? Indeed, the Highway Traffic Act allows the council of any city to exempt highways under its jurisdiction where speed limits may be more than 35 miles per hour.

As a father and citizen, I submit to you that the protection provided a child in a 36 mile per hour or over zone, is just as vital to a child in a 35 mile or under zone.

Being hit by a car at any speed could indeed cost the precious life of a youngster. This week I have written all members of our Provincial Parliament asking for introduction of a bill amending these inconsistencies in the Highway Traffic Act.

Respectfully,  
Hugh A. Crothers,  
Toronto.



WINNING SPEAKERS of Holy Rosary contest are from left: Karen Devlin, Kathy Cheeseman, Teresa Kovachik, Patty Kovachik, Christopher Crozier and Marian Gies. (Photos by J. Beaton)



GUEST SPEAKERS at the Oral Communications Festival for Holy Rosary School were the winners of the senior division. Here with their trophies from left are: Theresa Gies, Tory Duignan, Mary-Anne Poland and Matthew Bradley.

### Inscription on Bibles

Halton Hills councillors will have a permanent memento of the inaugural meeting of the first council of the amalgamated towns of Georgetown, Acton and the township of Esquesing.

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## Prizes awarded for oral communications

The children of Holy Rosary School took part in an Oral Communications Festival Wednesday evening. Speeches given were all written by the contestants and delivered in a clear, effective way. The audience was treated to such topics as Women's Liberation; The Energy Crisis, a comic look at how it affects our homes; The Problems of a Newspaper Carrier; and Safety, it's not the machines but the people who are dangerous.

Kovachik, first; Marian Gies, second; and Christopher Crozier, third. In the grades 5 and 6 division Teresa Kovachik was first; Karen Devlin, second; and Kathy Cheeseman, third. Guest speakers for the evening were the winners of the senior division competition held previously. Troy Duignan placed first, Mary-Anne Poland second, and Theresa Gies and Matthew Bradley tied for third.

Three judges Judges were Sister Mary Ambrose, principal of Cathedral Girls' High School

in Hamilton; Mrs. Molly Fitzsimmons, Family Life Consultant with the Halton Separate School Board; and John MacInnis, principal of St. Paul's School in Burlington. The Catholic Women's League of Holy Rosary Parish donated the 10 cups which went to the winning speakers. Awards were presented by T. A. Hennelly, Assistant School Superintendent with the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board; Father J. Murphy, Pastor of Holy Rosary Church; and Mrs. Y. McCann, president of the Catholic Women's League.

## Mustangs squelch O-T Milton romps to victory

by Steven Dills  
John Volpe and Kerry Kitchen each netted two goals to give Milton Mustangs an 8-1 win over Oakville-Trafalgar Red Devils in playoff final high school hockey Monday. The next game in the best of three series will be held today (Wednesday) in Oakville.

Milton started early in the first period with Volpe opening the scoring at the 3:45 mark. Tony Pedulla assisted on the goal. Nine minutes later Kitchen scored on his shot from the point. Mark Grenke fed the puck to Kitchen after receiving it from Bob Langridge.

Milton entered the second period two up on O-T. After Milton had dominated the second period for most of eight minutes, Wade Bakar scored from the face-off. As Bakar's shot was sliding towards the net someone in the crowd yelled "look out." But the goalie missed anyway. The puck just slid by.

Jeer goalie  
A minute later Steve McCann skated down the ice and scored the fourth goal after deking the goalie. The crowd then began to jeer the O-T goalie. McCann was assisted by Bob Haggart on his goal.

After four minutes of play a face-off was again called in the O-T end. Steve McCann received the draw and fed it back to John Volpe who put a

slap shot past the O-T goalie. Oakville-Trafalgar's Bill Morgan scored their lone goal at 18:55 of the second period. He skated in from the side and let a shot go which just flew over the top of Kevin Hood's glove and in the top corner.

The score entering the third period was Milton 5, Oakville-Trafalgar 1. At the 4:20 mark in the third period Steve McCann skated in on goal but fell just before reaching his objective although managing to get a shot at the goal while sliding along the ice. The shot was stopped but Bob Langridge picked up the rebound and shot it over the sprawling goalie.

Scores while short  
Rick McTrach bulged the twine with one of his shots after skating in on a one man break while Milton was a player short. McTrach's goal

was unassisted. Eight minutes later Kerry Kitchen scored another, unassisted. Hitting the post with his shot, the puck bounced in.

The Mustangs picked up twelve minor penalties while O-T players received eight minors and two majors. The majors were both handed out to players sitting on the O-T bench.

Coach Leonard congratulated Kevin Hood for his good game in goal. He said the team was hampered by "too many penalties."

Leonard commented "the team was playing up to par, scoring when they had to. They were playing good hockey. The boys want the cup and are going after it... they have a good psychological attitude." He also praised the fan and staff support received by the team.



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# Off-track betting. How you can help.

The Ontario Task Force on Off-Track Betting stated, in its report to the Government of Ontario in 1972, that the objectives of an off-track betting system should be to:

- suppress or, at least, reduce illegal bookmaking
- provide a service to the public
- assist the horse racing industry
- provide government revenue

The Horse Racing Industry Committee for Off-Track Betting\* agrees with the Ontario Task Force and believes that a good system of off-track betting would:

- substantially reduce illegal bookmaking on horse racing
- give the public a service that it wants
- give Ontario the best thoroughbred and standardbred horse racing in the world
- benefit the residents of Ontario by providing the provincial government with millions of dollars in additional tax revenue

The announced policy of the Government of Ontario is to introduce such an off-track

betting system and Ontario has requested the co-operation of the federal government in passing legislation to facilitate the implementation of this policy.

If you would like to see federal legislation passed to permit Ontario to have a properly supervised system of off-track betting, please complete the coupon which appears below and send it to the Committee at this address: **The Horse Racing Industry Committee for Off-Track Betting, P.O. Box 6750, Station A, Toronto, Ontario M5W 1X5**

\*The Committee consists of the following persons:

- Mr. Leslie Ehrlick, President, Ontario Harness Horsemen's Association
- Mr. Larry Regan, President, Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association
- Mr. Phil Sherwood, President, Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society
- Mr. Aime DesRosiers, Chairman of the Board, Windsor Raceway
- Mr. John J. Mooney, President, The Ontario Jockey Club

The Committee will see that your views are made known to both the federal and provincial governments.

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