

**OUR READERS WRITE:**

**Citizens want meeting**

The following letter was sent to Mayor Gordon with copies to The Champion, and councillors Jim Kerr and Jim Watson.

Dear Mr. Mayor:  
Subject: Extension of Bell Street

Following a June meeting with residents of Bell and Meadowbrook Streets, and a representative of the developer for the subdivision bounded by Derry and Bronte Streets, the article in The Canadian Champion, following an interview with yourself, reported that each individual who had shown either written or vocal concerns for the extension of Bell Street and the changes in the proposed subdivision would

be contacted by the Town so that the town's plans and our concerns could be reviewed. I have since learned that representatives of the Town and the developer have met at the foot of Bell Street to discuss the proposed extension of the Street.

It is requested that you in some way advise us the residents who have shown either written or verbal concern, how you propose to have the town's plans explained and our concerns heard. I am suggesting that we plan to do so in early September, at our mutual convenience.

We shall await your reply in this matter.  
Jack A. Seeney  
362 Bell St.

**Canada, unity and you**

Dear Editor:

Your two correspondents are each representative of our French and English founding cultures. They have spent some 25 years in as many foreign countries with those excruciating problems arising from politics, poverty and social adjustments which only too often result in revolution.

When presenting our observations on our distant and beloved country, we know that we reflect the feelings of thousands of our compatriots who, like us, are engaged in diverse professional activities abroad.

We are also fully conscious of the many regional, economic and cultural problems which tend to divide our nation, but we firmly believe that in reality Canada is not by any means a dying country. To the contrary, we are convinced that Canada is on the way to its own Renaissance. As distance does not allow us to participate directly in this awakening, we have wanted to make our contribution by sending this letter to the 950 English and French language newspapers in Canada.

We simply refuse to believe that Canadians are less intelligent than other people. Surely Canadians realize that a united Canada is a strong Canada and that a divided Canada can only be a weak country which projects among its foreign friends and customers a feeling of skepticism, uncertainty and confusion. The disunity of a country, of any country, only invites lack of respect abroad for that country. A divided Canada clearly risks being absorbed and disappearing completely in the big American melting pot. It is axiomatic that the unity of a country is intimately linked to its identity and image abroad.

The common experience of your two correspondents demonstrates clearly and abundantly that acts of goodwill and joint efforts by the conflicting parties can only lead to a better mutual understanding and respect, even to friendship, with all the advantages this implies. How else could one explain the durable and numerous friendships that we ourselves have developed in so many countries speaking such different

languages?

It seems to us that the starting point towards unity is a real and drastic change of attitude towards languages and a simple appreciation and recognition of the advantages which the knowledge of languages carries in Canada or anywhere else. A second language is a recognized necessity for an educated and cultured person, most particularly when such languages are as universally used as are English and French. If the Chinese, the Russians, the Germans, the Americans to be sure, and many other nations had that same "linguistic" opportunity as have Canadians, you would see how quickly and efficiently they would exploit it to their very best advantage.

It is a matter of meeting the challenge. Here are a few of the small and simple means within the reach of all of us:

1. Post notices at appropriate places reading: "On parle francais" or "English spoken".
2. Write individually or collectively to your editor, Member of Parliament, school board (or all three) requesting that both English and French be effectively taught and used in the first grades of schools. Our famous Dr. Penfield has demonstrated that the ability to learn languages is greatest in young pupils.
3. Organize and or support inter-provincial visits.
4. Promote the interchange of language teachers.
5. Increase communication by organizing pen-pal clubs through newspapers or schools.

We who live overseas have made a first gesture by writing this letter. It is up to you to ensure its success through your individual or collective efforts. When the stake is the survival of the country, nobody can refuse to answer the call or to make an effort. Long live Canada!

H. E. Lemieux,  
Madrid, Spain.  
M. F. Rodman,  
Santiago de los Caballeros,  
Dominican Republic.

All about / **People**

Bill "Wicked Willie" Johnson, a keen observer of the municipal scene, called up the other day to express his happiness with the resignation of Ontario Treasurer Darcy McKeough. "They should declare a national holiday," quoth Willie. He claims McKeough was the instrument of regional government in this area, and regionalization has done a lot of harm to the rural areas. "That's one down, and 20 more to go," chuckled Bill—who's also known as an N.D.P.

Glad to see local NHL officials Bruce Hood and Leon Stickle taking such an active role in the NHL Officials softball team which played two games in town on the weekend. Both are good sports, and not even half-bad softball players — when they aren't clowning around on the field with their fellow whistle-tooters.

After Sunday night's game, all the NHL crew were heading over to Stickle's home for an elbow-bending session. Hood admitted the only way they can keep the referees and linesmen coming out to play ball with the group, was to promise them a party afterward.

Hats off also to umpires Dave Smith and Bill Presniak, announcers Kevin Hood and Dave Brush and the Robert Newman Stags team who contributed so much to the night of fun and frivolity.

There are many local people active at the Canadian National Exhibition again this year, but one of the busiest is Sherwood Hume of Main St. E. who is operating a display of steam powered antique farming equipment in front of the Coliseum's east entrance. It's a pretty good display, arranged partly to help salute the CNE's 100th birthday and partly to promote the Steam-Era reunion in Milton this labor day weekend.

One group of people in this town deserving a hearty pat on the back this summer is a group too large to name individually here — we're talking about the merchants of Milton who have been exceedingly generous in their support of muscular dystrophy carnivals being staged by local children.

Within an hour of each other one day this week we heard from two very happy parents, whose children are involved in MD carnivals. They just couldn't believe the generosity of our local merchants who, when approached to donate prizes for the carnivals, were really helpful. It's kind of heartwarming to hear of such wonderful prizes coming from the store owners, some of whom are already having a hard time making ends meet due to the current economical situation. Congratulations to all of you!



OVER 80,000 PEOPLE were in Olympic Stadium in Montreal on the weekend for the closing assembly of the "Victorious Faith" International Convention of Jehovah's Witnesses, including about 20 to 25 from the Milton congregation. Presiding Minister of the Milton group, Derreck Hornsby, said it was a five-day family affair and many of the delegates, who repre-

sented 53 different countries, camped out in a trailer city that held about 20,000. Sessions were translated into seven languages for delegates. Mr. Hornsby said highlights included the baptism of 831 new Witnesses at Olympic Pool, and the main address by Frederick W. Franz, president of the Watch Tower Society.

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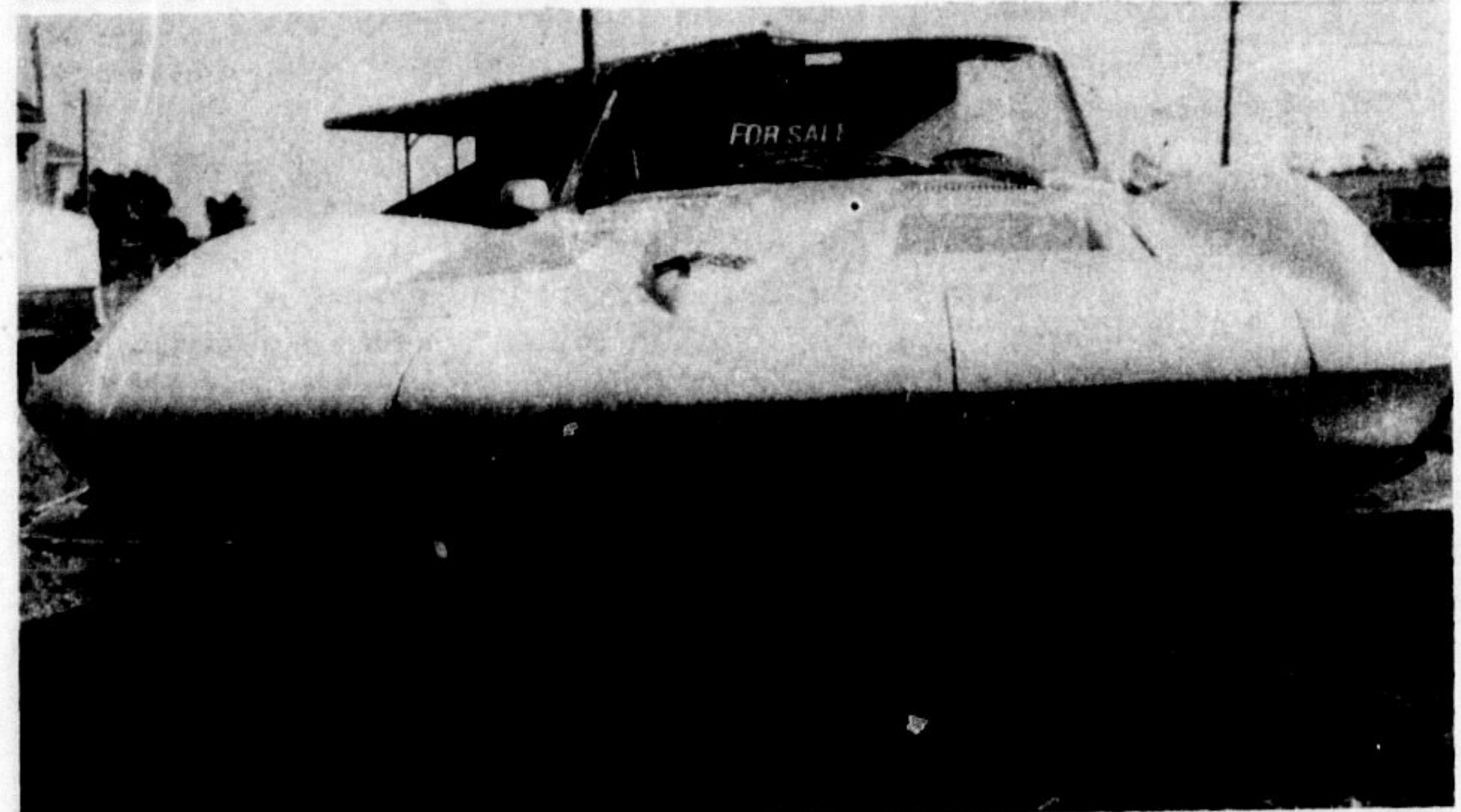
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