

OUR READERS WRITE:

Supports NEC controls

Dear Sir:
I would like to reply to your article "Escarpment Control Chastized, Defended," in order to present both sides of the Niagara Escarpment debate.
The Niagara Escarpment is a Provincial natural resource which belongs to us all, including those people who are not represented by any of the 55 local municipalities within the escarpment area. The province has undertaken to prevent the erosion and loss of this beautiful wild landscape by the creation of the Niagara Escarpment Commission.
This natural resource is subject to pressures of growth and change which, if not properly directed, would result in its gradual deterioration and ultimate destruction. The escarpment is a resource of greater than local concern, and in keeping with the democratic principles of our society, the provincial government has given special protection to this area by Bill 129 (1973).
Since it deals with the control of land use the Act inevitably introduces conflicts of interest and philosophy. The conflict between what is a landowner's "right" and what is the right of the public, now and in the future, to enjoy, unspoiled, the scenic, natural and environmental qualities of the escarpment region.
With more than 50 municipalities all having differing views of what is an indivi-

dual's "right" in matters of land use, only a single plan, a single set of provincial guidelines can accomplish "the maintenance of the natural environment..." required by the act. The provincial plan stresses "preservation and conservation", whereas the traditional approach of municipalities is based on growth and the economics of growth.
Unless there is a substantial change in municipal attitudes and the ability to resist strong growth pressures, it is unlikely that municipal plans alone could accomplish the preservation of the escarpment.
Our Milton Councillors are naturally reacting to this restriction imposed by the provincial government. No-one likes to be told what they cannot do. I hope they will try, however, to see beyond their worries about the "control of flagpoles, birdhouses and patios..." and look forward to preserving, for the year 2000 and onwards, an escarpment environment that is predominantly wild and natural, and that will be a monument to the sanity of the planners of this century. Rose Harrison's praise for the Niagara Escarpment Commission was indeed welcome — let us hope that more councillors can take this far-sighted view.
Yours sincerely
Jan Watkins
Escarpment Landowner,
(Conservationist and High School Teacher)
R. R. 2, Milton.

Questions hardship

Dear Sir:
I read in your paper that Councillor Brad Clements is "the most outspoken of council critics" of the Niagara Escarpment Commission. He complains of the six overlays that apply to his farm and yet in the last year he has managed to obtain one land severance and one barn extension on escarpment lands; so I wonder why he still

has these nightmares of repression that he describes at Niagara Escarpment meetings?
And aren't councillors supposed to represent their electors first, and not their own interests?
Yours truly
M. Crow
R. R. 2, Milton.

Raps 'gutless unionism'

Mr. Dennis McDermott, President, Canadian Labor Congress.
I read with interest your statements reported in the Aug. 30 edition of the Georgetown Independent newspaper regarding the possible support of unionism for the N.D.P. party in the forthcoming federal election, presumably to be held sometime this fall.
You make the statement that "The Canadian labor movement must and will become more involved in the democratic political process than it has ever been before."
You voice strong support for the NDP on the basis that this party is the only one that has consistently worked on behalf of all Canadians.
I subscribe to this assessment of that party in its work for the past 25 years or more, but I would suggest that you do not hold your breath waiting for union support for the NDP.
Gutless unionism has proved in the past that according to the voting at elections its membership has side-stepped its support of the NDP in favor of government's whose only interests are of making millionaires in

big business, banking and government while seeking to curtail reasonable benefits for the labor force. In fact some ministerial opposition has been recently shown to the unionization of labor in a western Ontario industry.
To our federal and Ontario government heads I have maintained that labor in this country has been behind the eight ball for over 100 years and there has been no government intervention on their behalf.
It will mean the eventual phasing out and the ultimate death of unionism if its voters fail to support those to whom it is obligated for all the benefits secured for the labor forces ever since unionism became a recognized fact in Canada.
This is not to assume that we want to see big unionism supplant big business or big government, nor little business usurp the place of big business either. An preponderance of any group would be disastrous to the country.
Yours truly,
Ed A. Peters
31 Byron St.
Georgetown.

Legion Notes

First general meet

By M. Greenfield
Public Relations Officer
September is here, and things are starting to get underway in Branch 136. First of all, our first general meeting to get the new session under way is on Monday, Sept. 11 at 8 p.m. sharp. There are important things to be decided upon, and if you have things to add, we'd all like to hear about it so plan to attend.

Our branch has been honored throughout the summer with visitors from other parts of the world. On Thursday night a plaque and a letter from the Royal British Legion Club, Ltd., Nicol Rd., Chalfont, St. Peter was presented to the president of Branch 136 by Mr. and Mrs. Tye, visitors from England. Mrs. Tye is a veteran of the Women's Royal Naval Service, and Mr. Tye is a veteran of the Royal Marines. These nice people are visiting relatives in Milton, and brought the plaque and letter from their Legion.

There also have been visitors from Wales, the Grimsby area, and from Eppingham, also from Scotland and Ireland. It's always nice to welcome visitors from abroad and also from other parts of Canada to our Branch.

Our golf team which qualified a while ago to go on to the district tournament lost out by a very narrow margin. These four golfers represented our branch very well, and although they didn't reach their goal this year, we do congratulate them and say, well done men!

Saturday night dances are being well attended and everyone is enjoying the night out to the music by Harry Allen, our entertainment chairman. Come on down and enjoy the music, and companionship.

The summer bingo that the branch looks after has been well organized and run by an associate member, Ron

Shannon this year, and he has been assisted by a hard-working crew of Branch 136 members, including Ordinary, Associate and Honorary and Fraternal. This is a job that takes quite a bit of summer time and a big thank you is in order for all these people. The Ladies Auxiliary now takes charge for the next 10 months and we wish them well.

Leave water alone

Dear Sir:
I am writing this letter about fluoridating our good water supply. We older citizens of Milton and our fathers before us paid to have this wonderful water system put into being and it is the best in the world, so why do we have someone from Oakville and Burlington dictate to us on the issue?
I know one man who takes water from Milton to Burlington so that his family have good water to drink. If Mr. C. wants fluoride, let him install his own system in his home.
By the way, how could one letter spark such a controversy when 75 per cent of the

voters said "no" in 1971? Both sides of the fluoride story should be made available to the people of Milton (the bad effects and the good, if there are any) by medical doctors, then the citizens of Milton can decide whether or not they and their children should drink this toxic pollutant.
So I urge the citizens of Milton to speak up before they pollute the only good water supply there is. What do you have to lose? — your good supply of non-polluted water.

Yours sincerely
A. J. Higgins
256 Thomas St., Milton

Congratulates Champion

Dear Sirs:
Once again, I must congratulate the Canadian Milton Champion for receiving first prize plaques at the Canadian Community Newspapers Association convention.
Congratulations to all members of your staff who have contributed in making your

weekly the best, not only in Ontario but also in Canada.
Please allow me to extend my best wishes for continued success.
Yours sincerely,
Dr. Frank A. Philbrook
Member of Parliament
Halton



Justine Filipowski-Howarth Jane Filipowski

Mrs. Susan Jacobs of Oakville is pleased to announce the graduation of her daughters, Justine and Jane, from the University of Toronto in June, 1978. Justine received a Master's Degree from the U of T faculty of social work and has accepted the position of Co-Ordinator of the Durham Region Development Foundation. Jane graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography and is presently employed with the Town of Oakville Planning Department. She will be returning to U of T for postgraduate studies. Both are former students of Milton District High School.

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Hees speaks

Election of executive officers for the Milton Federal Progressive Conservative Association has been postponed until next week.
Only seven members turned out to a scheduled meeting at the Bayrischer-Hof Restaurant on Wednesday evening, Aug. 30 to elect officers.
The Milton chapter has approximately 150 members.
Election of officers for the entire Halton riding will be held Thursday evening, Sept. 14 at 8 p.m. in the Wyldewood Golf and Country Club.
George Hees, a veteran Tory MP will be speaking at the meeting.
—Milton Fair is Sept. 22-23 24 this year.

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