

# Our Readers Write

## A vote for Fran

Dear Sir:  
I find it incredibly hard to believe that what I have read in The Champion this week was written by responsible adults.  
I refer first to your editorial which suggests we return Bill Davis to power, but locally we shouldn't vote for Fran Baines. May I ask just how this would be accomplished if all voters were given such inane advice?  
Also in the same edition of The Champion were statements issued by declared Conservatives that they have refused to work for this election and will not be voting P.C. this time! This is loyalty?  
How childish and petty, we all deplore the events as they occurred at the nomination meeting and af-

terwards, but surely as mature adults we can rise above this, at least I know I can.  
I am doing what I can to help re-elect a Conservative government and that means putting an X beside the PC candidate on my voting ballot. Unfortunately, both federally and provincially we do ourselves more damage from inside the party: let us show a united front to the riding and keep the arguments for association meetings.  
My principles are far too high to declare myself a Conservative and then vote for the opposition.  
So my vote, for what it is worth, goes to Fran Baines and good luck to her!  
True Blue  
Peggy Treahy,  
341 Wilson Dr., Milton

## Dislikes partisan tag

Dear Sir:  
I have just read your front page report on last week's all candidate meeting. I was one of the few interested electors who asked a question, and object strenuously to being identified as one of "only partisan party supporters asking questions amenable to one camp or the other."  
If that is your way of reporting such a meeting it certainly does very little to

help democracy along in this town. I think it is a shame that there should be only a single all candidates meeting run along very rigid lines so that there could be no public dialogue between the candidates and the voters on the issues of real concern to those who bother to attend.  
D. J. Hodge,  
419 George St., Milton

## Cutler responds

Dear Sir:  
I would like to reply to the editorial of Wednesday, March the 11th in which it was stated that despite his publicly expressed confidence, (Cutler) knows he can't win.  
I continue to be confident both publicly and privately. I have stated and continue to emphasize that Chris Cutler and the New Democrats are the only alternative to the incumbent.

We have run the kind of campaign necessary to answer the needs and questions of the people of Halton-Burlington.  
For that reason I am confident the voters of Halton-Burlington will elect me as their member of the legislature.  
Chris Cutler  
NDP Candidate  
Halton-Burlington

## Council slowing down Timberlea expansion

A fear that local schools may burst at their seams prompted Milton Council to refer a by-law which would allow the completion of the Timberlea subdivision back to staff for further consideration.  
The final phase of the development allows for the construction of a public school on Coxie Blvd. and although the Halton Board of Education has set aside funds for the new school in its 1982 capital expenditures, there is concern that tightened budgets will see plans for the school squelched.  
Bill Lawson, Chairman of Halton Board of Education was present at Monday night's council meeting and suggested the board doesn't want to find itself in an overbuilt situation and hopes to

cope with rising student population with portable classrooms.  
He said Milton over the next few days will be short of permanent student space but the problem should only exist over a short term.  
Expressing a personal opinion regarding the Ministry of Education, Mr. Lawson said, "while funds were difficult to obtain before the election they will be more difficult to get now. They're talking restraint all down the line."  
Sam Sherratt school, included in initial subdivision phasing, opened last September and is only 30 students short of its effective capacity. Mr. Lawson suggested three portables will have to be added to Sam Sherratt in September and possibly two more before the end of the term.

Harrison said by approving phases three and four of the subdivision which includes just over 100 houses, council was doing no one a favor.  
"What good is a house when you've got nowhere, to send your kids," she asked.  
Mr. Lawson told members of council the final decision as to whether there should be an additional school is not up to the board.  
The possibility of bussing students to rural schools where a declining enrolment is being felt was suggested by Councillor Colin Best, but Mr. Lawson said such a proposal would create great problems.  
Mr. Lawson said it is difficult to convince parents that rural schools offer equal education opportunities compared with urban institutions.

## Euchre is successful

Halton Chapter Order of the Eastern Star held a successful euchre party at Ligny Hall Thursday, March 12 with the following prize winners:  
Ethel MacIntosh, Isobel Thompson, Ken Giles, Phil Landry; door prizes, Eliza Lawson and Gordon MacIntosh; travelling prizes, Doreen Wilson, Bill Green.

The problem does not stop at the elementary level, however. While the student population at Milton District High School is to decline to 1,100, down from its maximum rating of 1,200, the newly constructed E. C. Drury high school is expected to require portable classrooms unless its neighboring school for the hearing handicapped experiences a decline in occupancy.  
Councillor Rose

# Surprise presentation for 40 years in Kiwanis

Art Johnson thought he was taking his friend, Maplehurst Chaplain Arnold Bethune, to be guest speaker at Wednesday's meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Milton.  
But to Art's surprise, on his arrival, he discovered that he — Art Johnson — was the guest of honor and all his friends from Milton and neighboring clubs had gathered to honor him on his 41 years of service to the club.  
And on his 27 continuous years of perfect club attendance.  
The testimonial, which at times also sounded like a roast, became evident when Art and Mr. Bethune arrived, to a chorus of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and a standing ovation.  
Looking around the upstairs dining room at The Dickens, Art soon recognized friends from his own Hamilton East Kiwanis Club, plus Milton, Brampton and Toronto members.  
Later in the evening, Milton president Phil McGowan and Lt. Gov.

Jack Simpson presented Art with a Legion of Honor award, in honor of 40 years of service, plus a pin for 27 years of perfect attendance.  
Speakers included former Hamilton Mayor Jack McDonald, a 25-year member of Hamilton East Kiwanis, who called Art "one of our beloved members — a marvellous person, so full of life and so prepared to share it with everyone."  
Lt. Gov. Simpson suggested "it has to be a love" when a man gives up so much time to serve his club and his community.  
"He made a tremendous contribution to our Hamilton East club, especially in service and fellowship," said George Force. "He's a man of great wit and deep conviction. We are proud of you — Kiwanis has been lucky to have you as one of its leaders."  
Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz presented a town of Milton certificate of service. A gift from the



40 years a Kiwanian. Local optometrist Art Johnson was the victim of a surprise roast and presentation Wednesday, when the Kiwanis Club of Milton and friends from other clubs honored him for over 40 years of work with the club. Mayor Gordon Krantz (left) presented a town certificate to Art (second from left). On the right are Lt. Gov. Jack Simpson and Milton club president Phil McGowan who also made presentations.

## Region rescues Sheridan Home

The financially troubled Sheridan Youth Association will be bailed out by Halton Region.  
Members of the Health and Social Services Committee voted last week to give the short term detention home \$10,000, to smooth troubled financial waters.  
John Cox, executive director of the Milton based facility told committee members that the agency is still having financial problems with the provincial government, which led to the Halton grant request.  
He explained that of the \$330,000 that would be required to operate the facility for the next year, only \$302,000 could be provided by the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

and go back to the lock and key system. That would be a terribly archaic way of dealing with 80 per cent of the kids in this region who are before the courts.  
He also noted that the association has a 45 per cent repeat rate, children who get into trouble again after being processed through the court system.  
That problem, he said, was the fault of the lack of support services in the community.

The balance was being sought through two \$14,000 grants from Halton and Peel Regions.  
Sheridan Youth Association operates a temporary care facility for children between the ages of 12 and 10 who are waiting for a long term placement by the family court of Children's Aid Society.

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Last year the agency was faced with similar financial problems after the provincial government provided a smaller budget than had been requested.  
Brian Clark, vice chairman of the agency board of directors, said the financial problems of the agency have been caused largely "by a lack of communication and a lack of willingness by the province to consider the implications of a reduction of staff."  
Mr. Clark explained that the home has a capacity for 10 children, most of which are committed there by the courts. Round the clock supervision is required, he said.  
"Unless we can negotiate further money with the ministry we will not be able to operate the facility on the money they have provided," he said.  
Under questioning from committee members Cox said it would be difficult if not impossible, for the association to collect money from the parents of its residents.  
"It's like a juvenile jail. Since the court is ordering them into our care, we can't expect them to pay for what the court has ordered," he said.  
Mr. Cox added that if he ceded to the Ministry's budget he would have to cut the staff used on the night and afternoon shifts.  
"It would mean we would have to hire guards

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