

OUR READERS WRITE:

Leave a sour note

Dear Sir:
In recent issues of The Canadian Champion you gave a lot of time to the supposed sale of Campbellville Lions Hall to Milton ("Milton Bails out Campbellville Lions Club—Will Buy Clubhouse for Community Centre", "MacArthur Blasts", "Cloak of Secrecy").

The Campbellville and District Lions have tried very hard to raise money to have this hall for the betterment of the community. It is called Campbellville and District Hall. It would be of human interest if you would print both sides of the story.

- Where to start—
1. Why these men formed their club?
 2. What they have already raised money-wise and invested into their building.
 3. What it will provide our growing community with when it is completed.

- Some points to recognize:
1. It houses a very good branch of the Milton Library.
 2. Brownies, Guides, and Cubs and Scouts.
 3. Four meetings monthly of Lions.
 4. Local weddings, anniversary and shower presentations.
 5. Recreational time for gym work-outs.
 6. Thursday night card club.

7. Meetings of other associations, etc.
You can see it is already used as a community centre.
Today there is too much negative thinking and not enough positive. Could this be why people do not want to get involved in community affairs and sports?
Most people that read your articles with your headlines felt the headlines said it all, and didn't read any further, forming a negative opinion.
The men of Campbellville and District Lions are trying to make our community a better place to live and play and encourage new people into taking an active part.
What a sour note your articles have left in many minds and mouths.

Sincerely,
One wife of one HARD working LION.
Doreen Bill.
P.S. The Lions' Motto—"We Serve!"

(Editor's Note—The Champion, as stated in last week's editorial, has no quarrel with the Lions Club or council's proposed purchase of the Lions Hall, only the fact it was felt necessary to hold such discussions in secret).

Think something smells

To the editor:
This is a letter I have written to Mr. Snow, in regard to the appraisal done on my farm and I would appreciate it if you would publish the same in the paper.

August 8, 1975.
James Snow, M.P.P.
No. R.R. 2, Georgetown.

Dear Sir:
This is concerning two lots I have been trying to sever and the sale of my farm to the Credit Valley Conservation Authorities for the past year.

I am getting very tired of the runaround I am getting. Our mayor Tom Hill finally got the C.V.C.A. to do an appraisal on the property. This appraisal was done by R. Hillon & Associates; the appraiser was William Bissinger. They appraised my property at 80 acres for \$1,200 per acre. This seems very strange when land around me within two miles is selling from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per acre, for vacant land.

The C.V.C.A. bought 25 acres for \$2,000 per acre in 1973 or 1974 in the same area as my property, another 100 acre farm was

bought for \$1,200 per acre and is nothing but red clay hills and hawthorn trees. My farm, 20 acres ravine land and 80 acres good farm land, that produces 100 bushels of corn per acre, and they say it is worth the same as scrub land. Something is wrong.

When the manager of C.V.C.A. offered me \$96,000 for 80 acres, he said he could increase it 10 per cent. He said my property is not worth as much now because the Niagara Escarpment Commission has control of the land. The C.V.C.A. has been trying to buy this land since 1970.

I think something stinks, and it is time I got an answer. Either they buy this property at a reasonable price or take me out of Special Area No. 1 and let me do what I want to. If the government can pay \$600,000 for 250 acres at Cheltenham, they can pay me the same.

When I said to the manager of the C.V.C.A. I was going to get an appraisal of my own, he said if that was the way I felt, that he might as well start expropriation papers now. This is a great way to do business. Something stinks and I intend to find out just what is going on.

The C.V.C.A. is buying a parcel of land that is not even in the acquisition area for Silver Creek Park, 40.8 acres for \$63,000 at Lot 32, Con. 5. The C.V.C.A. has tried to purchase 12 acres at Lot 30, Con. 10; the appraised value was \$73,000 for 12 acres and the C.V.C.A. offered this lawyer, who owns the property, \$100,000, and the offer was refused.

How much of an increase is this? A lot more than 10 per cent. I guess it makes a difference if you are just a little guy or a lawyer. They didn't say they were going to expropriate him.

An Unfortunate Escarpment
Property Owner
Douglas Starret

Right spirit

Dear Mr. Downs:
I wish to thank you for the excellent coverage given to the official opening and open house of the Maplehurst Correctional Centre.

I was most favorably impressed with the way your reporters conveyed the spirit of what we are trying to do in the new facility, and am sure that The Canadian Champion's articles have done much to reassure the community.

Yours very truly,
John L. Main, B.A., M.S.W.,
Superintendent.

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Jim Coulson now captain

Jim Coulson, a 15-year veteran of the Milton Fire Department, has been promoted to the rank of captain from lieutenant.

Milton Council made the decision last Tuesday night.

Fire Chief A. E. (Babe) Clement, who had recommended the move, told council in a letter that the firefighter has been successful in several courses at the Ontario

Fire College. Captain Coulson, 35, is married with one daughter and resides on Thomas St. Besides Chief Clement, he is the only full time firefighter

on the 35-man fire department. He has been with the department on a full time basis for two years. Prior to that he spent 13 years as a part time firefighter.

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Keep an eye on town hall

To the Editor:
Maybe it is time Milton taxpayers paid some attention to the Monday night get-together at the town hall.

Two recent incidents demonstrate the dangerous direction our council is taking. 1. Councillor Watson and his swimming pool caper. Possibly a lot of us agree with Mr. Watson's feelings concerning the N.E.C. but surely he knows his approach was wrong. If everyone built without a building permit the town of Milton would certainly be surprised by the number of overnight apartment buildings.

- I trust the councillor does not advise everyone to ignore the law.
2. Mayor MacArthur says secret is not secret. Is the mayor trying to confuse us

with her footwork? In-camera meetings are secret and our mayor has too many of them. I know one councillor who agrees with me.

Mayor MacArthur was quoted in The Champion as demanding "I want it in the paper and I want it on the front page." This kind of arrogance by an elected representative cannot be tolerated and I hope the mayor read the editorial on Aug. 13.

The Champion has not only the right but also the duty to report to its readers all the facts. Keep up the good work.

Yours truly,
Neil Johnson,
152 Britannia Rd.,
R.R. 1, Hornby.

Ministry garbage not roses

Dear Sir,
Ministry of the Environment's propoganda in local media last week, (a three quarter page ad on garbage) "Garbage is coming up roses" was just that—a load of garbage.

As one who has devoted much energy and time, and some money, into the study of solid waste, I would point out that Ontario's much publicized world first plans for handling Ontario's solid waste, are at least a decade behind the plans of the city of St. Louis and Hempstead, Long Island. Ontario's solid waste plants will have a capacity to handle from 200 to 1,000 tons of municipal garbage per day. That garbage that cannot be reclaimed, will be landfilled. There is also a vague promise of some incineration in the distant future.

As I pointed out at Hope Township, Milton Heights, Georgetown, Kilbride, Brampton, at Halton Region, Esquesing, etc. etc. etc. if garbage is shredded, baled, or dipped in 11 different herbs and spices, it is still garbage, and when landfilled, it still pollutes.

St. Louis has very definite plans for solid waste. The garbage from a 4,500 sq mile area (8,000 tons per day) will be recycled. The non-reclaimables will be incinerated smokelessly and will produce power. This facility will be operating by 1977. Initial plans were announced in early 1974.

Hempstead, Long Island's plant, will process 100 percent of that city's municipal waste (3,000 tons per day). After reclamation, the remainder will be incinerated (smokelessly), and will provide 250,000,000 kilowatt hrs. per day of new power to that city.

This method of solid waste disposal (incineration for power after reclamation) is the accepted method in many countries around the world. Landfilling is no longer accepted and no amount of public money spent on ads telling us otherwise will make it acceptable.

William A. Johnson
R.R. 2, Rockwood

—Local organizers are busy planning the 1975 Steam-Era steam and antique reunion, the 15th annual, in Milton fair grounds.

—Sheridan College graduated its first class of nursing students August 1, two years after it acquired the Credit Valley School of Nursing. There were no Milton grads.

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