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Roller Coaster

One doesn't need to be a skilled person to know the stretch of Bronte Street north of Derry Road just isn't right. A drive along the street results in numerous vibrations until Heslop Road when it gets back to normal.

An official from the provincial Ministry of Transportation and Communications says the road is fine. But we know better. The road isn't fine. And it's not going to get better.

Certainly, it's at best tolerable. But that's all. Among the reasons we tolerate it is that it involves a relatively short (600 metres) section of the road. If the entire length of the road had been finished in the same way, we would not tolerate it at all.

This town paid good money and we deserve a good road. The paving company made an error, an honest error at that, but an error nonetheless. It should be made to correct, even if it needs to completely repave that stretch of road.

This town doesn't accept second-rate buildings. It doesn't accept second-rate bridges. And it shouldn't accept second-rate roads.

A 'good kid'

Every year youngsters, who have given outstanding achievements in acts of courage, initiative, and community involvement, are honored by the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Award.

This past weekend The Champion watched as 11 received the award. The recipients ranged from three brothers who assist with the care of 30 foster children to an entire school which pitched in to aid a fellow student paralyzed in a hockey game.

A recent winner from Milton was Ryan Leworthy who is a triumph of determination over a handicap. Anyone aged 6 to 18 can be nominated. He or she has to have shown selfless service to others, resourcefulness, performed a worthwhile community service or overcome a disabling physical or psychological handicap. A person selected is honored by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association (OCNA) and his or her contribution for other people will be announced at a special OCNA event in Toronto where Ontario Junior Citizen Awards will be presented by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

The Canadian Champion feels the program is vital to the youth of this province. In Milton, we already have Ryan as an example to look up to. But we know of others in town who warrant this award. All it takes is for a reader to come to The Champion, at 191 Main St., and we will be pleased to give that reader a nomination form. There is plenty of time. Nominations close in October.

NEWS ITEM:

TOWN, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT SAY BRONTE ST. IS IN FINE CONDITION.



Viewpoint

with JANE MULLER

Boys in training



Pick up after yourself — your mother doesn't live here.

That is the message on a sign I saw recently. The advice could apply to males and females but I am willing to bet that men have heard it more often. Despite the strides which have taken some men into the realm of dish-washing and toilet scrubbing, the majority remain steadfast.

They are behind the times, spoiled by pampering and sadly lacking certain skills. Did anyone teach them how to make a bed, put the cap back on the toothpaste, boil water for that matter? And why should they teach themselves when matrimony brings them surrogate mothers?

There are exceptions. Don't get me wrong. Some can even be trained, even "toilet" trained. You know how many male chauvinists it takes to clean a toilet if you've heard the joke. The punch line is — none, it's women's work. Ha, ha. And here I thought jokes were supposed to be funny.

There is nothing funny about a woman who does the full-time job of a homemaker after she gets home from her paying job. Her evenings are filled with food preparation, dish-washing, some catch-up cleaning, maybe a load of laundry — all this while hubby visits with the television or steps out for a while. Not all households operate this way but who doesn't know of at least one which does.

Even the full-time homemaker should not be expected to look after all household chores. Kids can make their own beds, husbands can direct dirty clothes toward the laundry hamper and rinse their whiskers out of the bathroom sink.

I've heard women lament that their husbands do nothing around the house. They won't cook a meal and have their wives believing they are incapable of doing so. Perhaps these poor guys have never learned to boil noodles, brown meat, open a can of tomato sauce or make a salad. They aren't even expected to know how to find their way around a kitchen.

Some men will argue that women don't know their way around a garage. That's true of most of us but when the car needs a oil change we are willing to pay for this service. If a guy volunteers to save us a few bucks and do the dirty deed himself, few women will turn down the offer.

Dropping the car off at a service station does not

usually become an issue but mention that you'd like to have a cleaning service for the house and you've got yourself an issue. If couples working outside the home don't share housework, they've got a lopsided relationship. The monotonous task of cleaning dishes, floors and toilets is part of life, not part of a woman's life.

There was a time, I suppose, when the home and the upkeep it entailed, was the domain of women. Boys didn't have to help wash dishes. Their mothers and sisters did that along with washing his clothes, dusting his bedroom furniture and picking up after him. It amazes me that women, who complain about husbands who act like their arms are painted on when someone suggests they wash a dish, are raising sons in that image.

Judging by their age, these are modern moms. Those who know that women have the right to equal opportunity — the right to a husband who is equipped to fend for himself in the home if necessary. Mothers who don't give their sons equal opportunity to learn the basics for themselves, aren't doing a good job. The boys they are raising won't satisfy the girls who will grow up expecting more from a man than their mothers did.

These girls should expect that their husbands can cook dinner, handle a vacuum cleaner and oh yes, even a toilet brush. We like to see our children share and as adults they should be able to do the same. I'm not talking about splitting the last beer in the refrigerator. I'm talking about who is going to fetch it and wash the glass it is served in.

When women marry or cohabit, they usually don't want to have children right away. Many however, find themselves in the motherhood role. If they don't expect any more from a man than they get what they deserve. They will likely complain after a while, realizing that while they are up to their elbows in dish water, their partners are doing little more than warming a spot on the couch. And we thought slavery was abolished.

Give me a man who can read the fabric care symbols on his clothes and follow through with the instructions. One who doesn't feel he's compromising his masculinity when he washes a floor. One who knows his way around a grocery store and a laundrymat. One whose mother helped make him the kind of man a woman doesn't have to "mother".

Welcome to the '80s boys and girls.

Our Readers Write

Company responsibility

Dear Sir:
 It is the incident of apparent cyanide poisoning of Tylenol capsules in New York that I find it necessary to write this letter. This issue raises many important and fundamental questions regarding how much responsibility a company assumes when it decides to produce and market a product.

Four years ago, Chicago (and indeed North America) was shocked at the prospect that a pain-preventing medicine used by millions of consumers had been tampered with, and directly caused the death of a number of individuals.

This incident was the force behind the greater emphasis on safety seals and tamper-proof packaging. Through the use of creative marketing, Tylenol was able to regain, and indeed improve, its share of the market.

All seemed quiet on the medicine front until this week. Suddenly, in New York a young woman died, apparently from the ingestion of cyanide in a Tylenol capsule. While this may be an isolated incident, the shock waves again reverberated across North America. Despite

the attempt to produce a tamper-proof package, something had gone wrong.

What most disturbs me is that this isolated incident may cause the demise of a product which obviously reduces pain in those who take the product.

Is this fair to the manufacturer? Johnson and Johnson spent millions of dollars to produce a safe and effective product since 1982.

While the company has no responsibility after the product leaves the plant, they nonetheless must take the consequences of an individual who decides independently to kill someone.

While this may be a fact of the industry, is it equitable? This incident and those such as it may be beneficial to advertising firms who have the contracts for this and other companies, however, it produces many anxious boardroom meetings of executives reacting to a problem over which they have no control.

The solution is not simple or apparent. Perhaps, a solution doesn't exist. Perhaps, it is the nature of the business.

PAUL DEONI
 Steeles Ave., Milton

Free speech

Dear Sir:

There seems to be a growing intolerance toward official spokesmen of the apartheid regime speaking their views to the Canadian public.

Isn't this self-defeating?

If Canadians ever wish to have a positive influence toward the abolition of apartheid, we must understand the mentality of white South Africans, especially those in power.

If we can understand them better, we may be able to find more effective ways of altering their current mentality.

We may not agree with their views but just as understanding the Soviet Union is essential toward world peace, understanding white South Africa is essential if we wish to bring about racial harmony within that region.

PETER PACAK
 RR 4, Milton

Exporting water

Dear Sir:

The plan to turn James Bay into a fresh-water reservoir so that we might export pure fresh water to our southern neighbours is an

idea that is long overdue.

What better way to show our appreciation to a "close friend" than to send them a vital resource which is vital to human survival — especially when this "good friend" has not only abused and overused their supply to the point of exhaustion, but have contaminated our water supply.

Add to this the damage done to our environment by acid precipitation originating from their backyard and the case for giving them fresh water from this same environment becomes even stronger.

Yes, let us not delay any longer and begin building the dams and pipelines immediately. Just think of the jobs to be had, the untold damage to our pristine northern environment and, of course, a great opportunity to show our appreciation to our southern neighbours.

Along the way, let's get rid of all those nasty persistent chemicals which keep cropping up in the strangest of places (the bottoms of rivers, tap water, etc.) by pumping them into the pipeline along its long winding route. Remember dilution is the solution.

And if our good friends to the south feel threatened by this insignificant act, we can refer the matter to a government committee to study what, if any, the effects shall be on the environment and people of the U.S.A.

DOUG BROWN
 Main St., Milton

Errors of omission

Dear Sir:

Several weeks ago, I submitted a very clear report concerning Masters Swimming. Unfortunately, there were several items omitted by The Champion.

The results of Ron Armstrong and Tom Logan were omitted. The other item omitted was the fact that we have meets coming up in Burlington and Ancaster where many of our swimmers will be competing.

Please, if you cannot print an article in its entirety, I would appreciate it if you didn't print it at all.

If anyone is interested in the Masters Swimming Program, please contact Carole Murray at 878-7021.

MARY TIMBERS
 Churchill Ave., Milton

Pud



Pages of the Past

One Year Ago

From the Feb. 20, 1985 issue
 • Four Hamilton men were sentenced Monday to penitentiary terms for their parts in the contract murder of Domenic Racco whose bullet-ridden body was discovered on a railway spur in Milton Dec. 10, 1983.

In the Supreme Court, held in Milton, Mr. Justice Coulter Osborne called the contract a despicable act and the worst form of crime. He said it was his view the four men were involved with the conspiracy of murder Mr. Racco, a reputed gangland kingpin, but that "the conspiracy originated with others not before the court." Three of the four had been charged with first degree murder but this was dropped when they pleaded guilty Monday to the crime of conspiracy to commit murder.

• Anyone looking for Milton Sports Centre on July 20 won't find it anywhere in the Town of Milton. Instead, a sign on the front entrance will read the John Tonelli Sports Centre, in honour of the New York Islanders star and former Milton resident.

The move reverses an in-camera decision the council made in October against renaming the arena for Mr. Tonelli, who had just been named the top player in the Canada Cup international hockey series. The final vote, 7-3, reflected the controversy generated with a relatively simple name change.

20 Years Ago

From the Feb. 16, 1966 issue
 • Milton Council endorsed a Bell Telephone proposal to provide toll-free calling from the Milton exchange to Burlington, Oakville and Georgetown by November, 1967.

• Acceptance of a \$4,800 tender by Milton Council signalled the beginning of physical work on the town's Centennial Mill Pond project.

• Milton District Hospital Women's Auxiliary pledged \$10,000 worth of equipment to the hospital during 1966.

• Oakville will pay 43.85 per cent of the cost of running Halton County this year. Halton County Council approved the distribution which sees Burlington contribute 39.64 per cent; Georgetown 5.53 per cent; Esquesing 3.57 per cent; Milton 3.37 per cent; Acton 2.52 per cent; and Nassagaweya 1.49 per cent.

• Only 12 days remain but more than half of Milton's motor vehicles don't have 1966 licence plates yet. Of the 4,700 vehicles expected to be licenced, only 2,000 sets of plates have been picked up. The deadline is Feb. 28 at midnight.

50 Years Ago

From the Feb. 20, 1936 issue
 • A tea company which peddled baking powder in Orangeville was fined \$25 and costs on Friday. The company had a licence only for selling tea and hot baking powder.

• An announcement of much interest to local radio fans, is that the first radio/television station to be erected in Canada is to be situated in Toronto. The station will operate on a 5,000-watt capacity and will have a radius of 100 miles. Reports from Europe state that television is proving highly successful, and it will be interesting to watch the success of the new Canadian venture.

• The council of Ridgeway is starting an era of economy. The first to suffer is the town constable. That useful personage was paid \$52 a year, \$1 a week, for his service. "We have more use for the \$32 than a policeman," stated the reeve. And the constable was fired, but not entirely cut off. In future he receive \$5 a year as weed inspector. Great are the ways of municipal councillors.

• All persons shoveling snow are requested not to pile snow around the fire hydrants when shovelling the walks. This would mean a serious handicap in case of fire.

• Apparently the quints are creeping into service station parlance. A motorist pulling up to a gas pump was heard to say to the attendant "Dionne" which of course meant "five gals."

120 Years Ago

From the Feb. 15, 1866 issue
 • On Monday last as a son of Thomas Dent, Esq., was chopping, the axe struck a limb above his head which changed the direction of the stroke. It caused the axe to strike the middle of his foot, burying itself to the depth of several inches and severing the bones of the foot. Dr. Wine attended to his injuries and we are told the lad is progressing well.

• A soiree will be held in the United Presbyterian Church in Esquesing, on the 22nd of the month. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Burns, of Toronto, among an array of speakers.

• A letter from Berlin says: Although Richard Wagner has been obliged to leave Munich, the young King is by no means without a favourite, Joseph Volk, the groom who attends the King on his rides, is at present a happy man.

A little while ago he was impertinent to the master of the horse who accordingly put him under arrest. As soon as the King heard of it he ordered his favourite's release and dismissed his master of the horse. Whether this little incident promises a very wise reign in Bavaria may perhaps be in doubt.

• Much alarm has been caused among the bon vivants of Paris by the announcement that in the winter time, when there is snow on the ground, the poachers of Languedoc get their supplies of game by strewing corn soaked in nuxvomica which is eagerly devoured by, and stupefies, if it does not kill the birds.