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Manor must remain here

A meeting was held Monday to consider what to do about Halton Centennial Manor.

The meeting was called to look over several pages of deficiencies discovered by an engineering consultant's report. Basically, the deficiencies were small, but they were numerous. They involved wooden doors throughout instead of the metal doors need to comply with today's fire regulations. Fire extinguishers hang on walls instead of sitting in those cabinets. There are also areas such as the sprinkler system, which, while not a danger, did cause concern to the consultant.

What it boils down to is the Manor, and Pettit House in particular, is more than 30 years old. The structure has served its purpose well but the decision now is to refurbish the Manor or put that money into building a new Manor. Which is the most cost efficient in the long run is the question. But another question is if a new Manor is to be built, then where?

There is some agitation (mostly in Burlington) for the money earmarked for Halton Centennial Manor to be used for another seniors' home in the south, probably Burlington. It is said Burlington has the most population in the region and thus the most seniors. So any new home should be built there so the seniors are closer to familiar surroundings. It is a sound argument.

And while it would be nice to go along with such an logic, it fails because the region already owns the land on which the Manor is situated and has a land surplus upon which new facilities, if required, can be built. Building lots in Burlington are pricey. To find enough land to build a facility to house more than 500-600 seniors by the year 2000 would not be easy. Such a facility could not be built from scratch in Burlington in time to meet the demand of the baby-boomer-seniors in time.

It is much wiser to build on a solid foundation already in existence. We have that in Milton. Now we just need the money and the approval to start building for the future.

Fair time

The 133rd annual Milton Fall Fair promises to be every bit a success as its 132 predecessors. All the favourite events, shows and rides will return to Milton Fair Grounds Friday for the three-day event.

It almost always rains for the fall fair, at least it seems that way. And yet, the fair continues to bring out thousands of visitors who partake in the wide variety of activities.

We don't need much sunshine. In fact, we'll even take a little rain, if we must. But the fall fair traditionally has been one of the highlights of the year, something residents — new and old — can enjoy. See you there.



Viewpoint

with JANE MULLER

Something for us all



Big boys don't cry. Well, they should and no doubt do, but it certainly isn't encouraged. It's not mainly emotionalism is not a masculine trait. It's reserved for women and usually has a negative connotation.

Men claiming to be emotionally handicapped are at the centre of a new men's movement. They want to be liberated from the machismo image and be able show a tender side. Small groups of men have formed associations based on their need to be emotional and to speak openly about their feelings.

Several have sprung up in Toronto, with members saying they envy women for their strength in communicating their feelings. They stress they are not gay men. Members of these groups say they can't talk to their regular crowd about their most intimate problems. Women, they claim, are better at this kind of discussion with their peers.

During their meetings, held at a member's house, they touch on topics such as father-son relationships and marriage breakdown. They say things to each other that they have never been able to say to anyone before. They develop a supportive relationship which is exemplified by the big bear-hugs they give each other at the end of the meetings.

It is society's image of men which has created the need for them to be liberated. They are obviously feeling the restrictions of their masculinity. The shoe is on the other foot, with men becoming conscious of the negative effects of stereotyping based on gender. It's interesting that men want something that women have got.

They likely don't need much training when it comes to showing their emotions. It's the conditioning they must overcome. They are more apt to hold back and must feel comfortable in letting go.

A dark movie theatre can be a training ground. The feature must be a tear-jerker. The trainee must allow his eyes to become red and puffy, and has to be able to leave the theatre with head held high. No sun-glasses allowed.

The experience of going to a movie with a man is so much more enjoyable when you hear your date sniffing along with you and wiping away tears after the sad scenes. This guy has feelings and he doesn't feel he has to hide the fact. Other men sitting in other rows with

other people might be just as moved by the scene but won't dare to let the tears flow.

The emergence of the men's movement comes at a time when their sexual liberation is at hand. Scientists have tested what they feel is a foolproof-oral contraceptive for men. It won't increase their breast size or cause hair loss as its predecessors have. It won't cause sterility like the one tested in Japan a few years ago did. Its inventors are promising it will be available in two years.

The development of a reliable contraceptive for women in the early '60s aided in their liberation. They gained sexual freedom.

The male pill is not expected to be largely used. Women aren't likely to believe that a guy is using an oral contraceptive and she stands to suffer the consequences if he is lying. In long term relationships and those in which the partners trust each other, the new pill may find a place.

It is also anticipated that men may feel their masculinity is compromised by their inability — however temporary — to reproduce. I doubt that women ever feared the method of birth control they used could make them feel any less womanly or feminine.

The formation of these self-support groups for men points to a change in attitude. Can we assume the men of the '80s are going to be more sensitive? Are they going to act more like women?

I have to wonder if giving little boys dolls to play with is going to help the coming generation of men. Will it be a lesson in emotionalism?

The fact that a guy doesn't cry over sad movies doesn't really matter that much I suppose. But there are some serious effects which can develop from an inability to express certain emotions. Many abusive husbands are emotionally handicapped. This is only one of the causes of spousal abuse but it warrants comment.

Barb Pressman, a marriage and family therapist in this province, says, "abusers express all emotions as anger. When they are sad, they get angry, when they are hurt, they get angry. Society has done men a great injustice by not allowing them to express the full range of human emotions. Abusers are out of touch with their own feelings."

Men shouldn't be surprised if women join their movement. It sounds like there is something in it for all of us.

Pages of the Past

One Year Ago

From the Sept. 25, 1985 issue
• Milton will be told tomorrow (Thursday) at 9 a.m. if it will be the home of Ontario's toxic-waste treatment, incineration, landfill site or sites. The Ontario Waste Management Corporation (OWMC) will hold a press conference for the media in the Royal Connaught Hotel and for elected officials in the Hamilton Holiday Inn at which time OWMC president Dr. Donald Chant will announce one of the most controversial decisions in Ontario history. There are seven possible locations. The seven were selected as candidate sites from an original 152 in the Golden Horseshoe area. There had been eight, but the eighth (in Mississauga) was eliminated earlier this year.
• Emmanuel Baptist pastor Ken Campbell says "it's not a good day for Milton." He is referring to a decision by Milton council Monday night which in effect prevents the pastor's Halton Heritage School from operating on the grounds of the church. The council's resolution allows for the Town to engage the services of a law firm should the school not leave the premises within 21 days. Milton Mayor Gord Krantz explained the resolution saying council members said they felt his school contravened the zoning code for the area.

20 Years Ago

From the Sept. 28, 1966 issue
• Threatening skies and cool temperatures took their toll at the gates Saturday as attendance dropped slightly at the annual fall fair. An estimated crowd of 10,000, about 2,000 under expectations, was treated to a fun-filled fair.
• Halton MPP told fairgoers that Miltonians can expect a provincial announcement in about four months probably saying a provincial museum will be built on land near Kelso. Mr. Kerr declined to say exactly what a museum was planned but hinted one was in the offing.
• Miltonians will be voting on whether Sunday movies will be permitted if present plans are followed. Virginia Mule, owner of the Roxy theatre, asked Milton Council Monday if the Town would hold a plebiscite providing the theatre paid the costs involved.
• The Milton detachment of the OPP will move to its new office building today at the corner of Highway 25 and Base Line Rd. at Milton's northern entrance. The new \$50,000 building was completed this week. All 10,000 in readiness for "operation shift" which began early Wednesday at the present Bronte Street headquarters of the 26-man police force.

50 Years Ago

From the Sept. 24, 1936 issue
• Mrs. Lloyd, who resides with her sister Mrs. McKenna, 8th Line, Trafalgar township, received severe injuries and shock when attacked by an angry bull pasturing on an adjoining farm a few days ago. Mrs. Lloyd noticed a gate open and went to close it. Before she succeeded in doing so she was knocked down by the bull and badly bruised. Her escape from worse injuries was miraculous.
• A farmer in Trafalgar township received a shock recently when he found that two loads of hay had been removed from one of his stacks without his knowledge. It was later discovered that a recent purchaser of the adjoining land had mistaken the boundary line and thought the hay was on his property. A new survey was made and everything settled to the satisfaction of both parties.
• The Meeting Place of Friends is a title well merited by Milton Fair because of the large number from far and near who make it a meeting place every year. So also the quantity and quality of exhibits every year have justified the slogan "The Show Window of Halton county."

120 Years Ago

From the Sept. 27, 1866 issue
• The following graphic description of Count Bismarck is obtained from an English contemporary: He is six feet two inches in height and weighs not less than 250 pounds. He is entirely Prussian in physiognomy, and his port and strength are feudal in their imperiousness.
Seated in an office chamber in the great Schloss or King's palace, with clerks in the ante-rooms, couriers in spurs at the hall, and others ready to carry out his orders, his office has a table before him filled with blanks, reports and newspapers.
The light from the screened windows falls on his seated figure and you behold in common dress a man who might pass for fifty years of age, half bald, smooth of face and heavy moustache of greyish brown. That quite overlooks the hardshut, ponderous mouth and nose of significant length, but broad and proud nostrils.
His flesh is in excess so that around the eyes is puffy and creased. His short, stony and undimpled chin drops a huge double fold upon his breast. His eyebrows are jagged. If they were heavier over those blood-shot eyes, he would be terrible.

Our Readers Write

Reset record straight

Dear Sir:
It is amazing that the letter from Mr. Carbert in last week's issue of The Champion is a misrepresentation of the facts involved in the Halton Heritage Academy. I agree with you Mr. Carbert, let's set the record straight.
It may have been apparent to Mr. Carbert back in September of 1985 that the church was in "obvious" violation of the relative zoning bylaw. It was not obvious to the church. The church had been on Commercial Street long before the R3 zoning was put into effect and it had always been assumed the church, like others in Milton, was zoned institutional.
The church has never paid property taxes as would be required in a residential zoning. Privately, the town has admitted someone made a mistake when zoning the church R3. At the council meeting Sept. 8, the town administrator further added that in rezoning, a church would normally always be zoned "institutional".
The assumption was further strengthened when we considered that from 1976-1978 the Montessori School operated at the same location with the permission of the church. No one complained and the school wasn't forced to close.
In this context is it any wonder the "serious question" was asked: "are they out to get us because it's a Christian school?" No, Mr. Carbert, those responsible did not blunder ahead with no regard for the statutes of the town, but have been responsible and considerate to all concerned. The Champion failed to report that we have publicly endorsed your right to object to the school operating in this

zoning and at no time has there been any "single-minded intentions" towards the civic administration or the neighbours involved.
On the contrary, we have tried by every means to solve this dispute but have been blocked at every turn by those opposed.
The scurrilous letters Mr. Carbert mentions in his letter published last week was an offer for the neighbours to meet with the church to resolve the situation. This offer was refused as was the offer put forward by the church solicitor for the school to relocate. There was no bending from those opposed, hence the need for the whole matter to be brought before the Ontario Supreme Court. This case is still before the Supreme Court so I will make no comment as to the outcome, save to say that even with this the town administration has "bungled".
Yes, Mr. Carbert, it is frustrating! I and all other parents whose children attend the school are taxpayers to the Town of Milton and whether it is the Halton Heritage Christian Academy or the "Crazy Horse". I expect those responsible for administering the town to be accurate when it comes to details on which council decisions are based.
The following extracts from a letter written by Mr. Main, the town administrator, may explain why the parents have become so frustrated and how this matter has been handled.
This letter is to advise that Milton Council recently considered your request on behalf of the church to allow the continued use of the school at the Commercial Street location. Milton Council was made aware of the conditions which you were suggesting for the use to continue while the pursuit of the Derry Rd. property was undertaken. At the same time council dealt with the matter of the extended period

for filing an appeal with the Honourable Mr. Justice Grange.
"With respect to the extension of the period for filing an appeal, it is my recent understanding that you have an appearance before Justice Grange on Aug. 13 in order to determine whether an extension for filing the appeal would be granted. I have given instruction to Mr. J. Wigley to oppose any granting of an extension."
This letter was dated Aug. 7 and is three months, seven days inaccurate! At the instruction of Mr. Justice Grange, our appeal was filed April 30 and perfected May 1, yet Mr. Main is so out of touch that he informs town council that we are asking for more time to do something which had been done three months previous! Even when this was pointed out to him he still insisted, as quoted in The Champion, on blaming the church lawyer for being on holiday for the month of May.
This is yet another blunder in a series of blunders which we have been faced with, and although Mr. Carbert may clearly understand that the town has not "bungled" this affair, I expect better service from the town administration. I also expect better service from The Champion in the content of reporting and delegations have to appear before town council.
In conclusion, let me draw attention to perhaps the real issue.
Mr. Carbert states that measures must be taken in the public interest that defaulters conform. Conform to mistakes? The law has not been broken, nor statutes violated by the church or the school. It has not operated in violation of any injunction and has every reason to believe that The Supreme Court will uphold the appeal

soon to be heard, but we will never conform to Mr. Carbert's "normal church activities."
Normal church activities to us do include opting to have our children educated in a system where the Deity of God is not a prime target for attack, opposing Dr. Morgentaler's killing of the unborn, and getting involved in all aspects of the community in which we live.
I believe this community has been well served by what has taken place, if it now realizes that it is no longer a small town where power-holds and non-accountability from town administration and the news media will be tolerated.
Milton is a town on the move, a community we can be proud to call home. Growing pains can be expected from diverse areas. I just hope the town administration realizes there is only so far they will be allowed to push the taxpayers of this town, whatever the cause.
SID JONES
Spokesman
Halton Heritage Christian Academy

Your letters are welcome

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