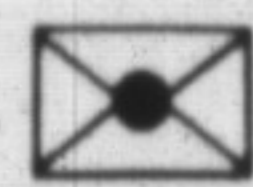


# Our Readers Write



## Truck story misleading

Dear Editor:

In regard to the article in The Weekend Champion, Friday, Feb. 24 *All dressed up and somewhere to go*, I could not believe the false impression given about the restored mail truck.

Dennis Rowley, the man featured in the article, bought that truck from a young man from Milton in "mint" condition! The way the truck looked in the picture in the newspaper is the way it looked when it was purchased by Mr. Rowley.

He did not buy it rusty, dirty, green and covered with mud. He bought it in immaculate condition! Those who know where that truck came from view the story as a publicity stunt and not factual.

To top it off, "Step 66" was in Motion '86 so this isn't the first time it will be included in the Motion show as was stated by Mr. Rowley.

I know it's not the writer's fault as this is what she believed was the truth. I couldn't let Mr. Rowley get away with this. The glory should go to Derrick Neelands, the young man who sold "Step 66" to Mr. Rowley, he's the one who deserves the credit for restoring the truck.

Joanne Seeds  
Milton, Ont.

## Apologies to Derrick

Dear Editor:

The following information should have been included in the article concerning "The Mail Runner" published in The Weekend Champion, Friday Feb. 24:

Derrick Neelands purchased the vehicle first from Mr. Brownridge. I purchased the truck from Mr. Neelands. Since purchasing the truck from Mr. Neelands, I have totally restored the vehicle to my satisfaction, installing two new doors, fenders, sand-blasting the frame, new paint, new seats, new motor, drive train, complete new front end and all new disc brakes.

I have done this work since buying the truck two years ago.

My apologies to Derrick Neelands for the misunderstanding. The initial work he did should have been mentioned. It was he who bought the rusty, green, mud-covered truck.

Dennis Rowley  
Milton, Ont.

## Alumni association starting at Conestoga

Dear Editor:

Conestoga College of Applied Arts and Technology is now establishing its first formal alumni association, to welcome back to the Conestoga College community all of our

graduates of the past 20 years.

We are seeking information on any and all graduates. Graduates are asked to contact the Alumni Office to update their address. If you know the whereabouts of other graduates, please pass the word along to them.

Please write to: Alumni Officer, Conestoga College, 299 Doon Valley Drive, Kitchener, Ont., N2G 4M4; or call (519) 748-5220, Ext. 463.

Mary Wright  
Alumni Officer  
Conestoga College

## Conservation authorities are in danger: Tory

Dear Editor:

For over four decades, conservation authorities have made Ontario a better place to live. They have played a significant role in establishing standards for conservation practices and resource management. Guardians of huge natural preserves, their responsibilities have included the protection of lives and property through flood an erosion control; forest, fish, and wildlife management; and outdoor recreation and public education services. Their contribution to the quality of life in Ontario cannot be understated.

Yet our conservation authorities are in danger. A recently released government

report, *A Review of the Conservation Authorities Program*, proposes reforms which, if implemented, will dramatically alter their current structure and financing. Local autonomy in program and administrative structure would be lost; and services we have come to take for granted jeopardized.

The Ontario Progressive Conservative caucus is greatly concerned that bureaucratic convenience is being given precedence over the individual needs of conservation authorities.

Your readers should be made aware of this review, and how changes to the Conservation Authorities Program could affect their lifestyle.

In working towards a sustainable society, conservation authorities are our first effort at linking conservation of the natural environment with responsible economic development. Proposals to change such a successful system must be brought before the citizens of Ontario for consultation and approval; we cannot afford the repercussions of hasty amendments.

I urge all of your readers to join with me in ensuring the quality of our Conservation Authorities Program is maintained; so that in the future, our children will see the Nature that we enjoy today.

Jim Pollock, MPP  
Hastings-Peterborough

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