

Our Readers Write

Councillor's rhetoric

from JOHNSON on page 7
 appears in print, especially if the journalist in question appears to disagree with the whip hand and has the temerity to criticize it in print.

For some time now, Milton residents have been subjected to a tiresome flow of Mr. Johnson's tasteless, red-necked rhetoric, reinforcing Milton's image outside the town as the last stron-

ghold of dinosaurs and bigots.

The only thing that has made it all bearable is the knowledge that *The Champion* reports it, editorializes it in context, and doesn't allow it to sit there and fester.

I applaud Mr. Kelly as a thorough and professional journalist who is ready to stand up and report what he sees and hears, however distasteful it may be.

Mr. Johnson's silly letter-writing

and scandalous attempted smear campaign of Mr. Kelly suggest to me the shrill carping of a pachydermatous, small-time politician with far too much time on his hands.

If Mr. Johnson wishes to avoid censure in print, it might be wise for him to consider another field of endeavour. Politics in Canada is not about suppression of opinions (which is fortunate for the opinionated Mr. Johnson). There is no Gulag Archipe-

lago in Milton for critical journalists.

I find it interesting that in spite of Mr. Johnson's professed aversion to the reporting in *The Champion*, he has no inner conflicts about flashing his pearly whites on the front page of the Friday edition. No point in passing up a good photo opportunity, is there? After all, out of sight, out of mind.

Michael Rowe
 Milton, Ont.

A few corrections about lighted fields

Dear Editor:
 I want to thank your columnist Brad Reaume for the points he made in last Friday's opinion column.

As one member of council, I am very aware of the experiences of Burlington, Mississauga and Oakville, and from what I have seen of Milton council for the past 10 years we are trying to avoid their bad experiences.

A few corrections, though. Brad Milton has seven baseball diamonds that are lighted, not zero. There are two at Drumquinn Park and one each at Ormagh, Bronte Meadows, Brian Best, Rotary and Brookville parks, with another possible now in front of Maplehurst (Correctional Centre). Also, we have two lighted soccer fields adjacent to the (soon-to-be-built) recreation centre and pool.

Also, the Steeles Avenue overpass, which you mention is inadequate, is already budgeted and due for construction through 1990-91.

Yes Brad, I as one councillor am thinking and doing something about the future. But our roads and sports fields are only two of the many factors which make up our community.

Colin Best
 Ward 2 councillor

Jamaican hospital helped by Mary Long

This letter was written to your councillor Mary Long. A copy was filed with *The Champion* for publication.

Dear Ms. Long:
 On behalf of the W.M. and Brethren of the St. Thomas Lodge, the staff and administration, the Community in St.

Thomas served by the Princess Margaret Hospital, Morant Bay, I write to express my thanks for the generous donation of \$9,000 (Cdn.) made to the hospital through the Milton District Hospital Foundation.

We are aware this donation was due to your interest and prompting and we do appreciate your efforts. We were delighted you were able to be in Jamaica at our Installation Meeting and join our ladies at the after-proceedings.

We are anxiously awaiting developments regarding the proposed sister hospital arrangement and am asking you to follow this up on our behalf. Please convey to all those involved in the organization of the function our appreciation and thanks.

John Houghton
 Secretary, St. Thomas Lodge
 Kingston, Jamaica

Manor support group boosted with interest

Dear Editor:
 Thank you for your cooperation in posting information about the Support Group for People Caring for Elderly Relatives which is offered as a community service at Halton Centennial Manor.

For your information and that of your readers, this group is being run as a six-month pilot project featuring monthly meetings — the fourth Monday of each month. All persons who provide physical care and/or emotional support to elderly persons in the community are welcome.

The focus of the group is on the needs of the caregiver as it is well recognized that such responsibility adds stress to already busy lifestyles. Topics of discussion will include stress management, changing roles and responsibilities, grief and loss, the Sandwich Generation, and community resources.

Thank you again for your support. The next meeting will be held Feb. 26 at Pettit House. For more information, feel free to call me at 878-4441, ext. 167.

Lauraine Andrews
 Social Worker
 Halton Centennial Manor

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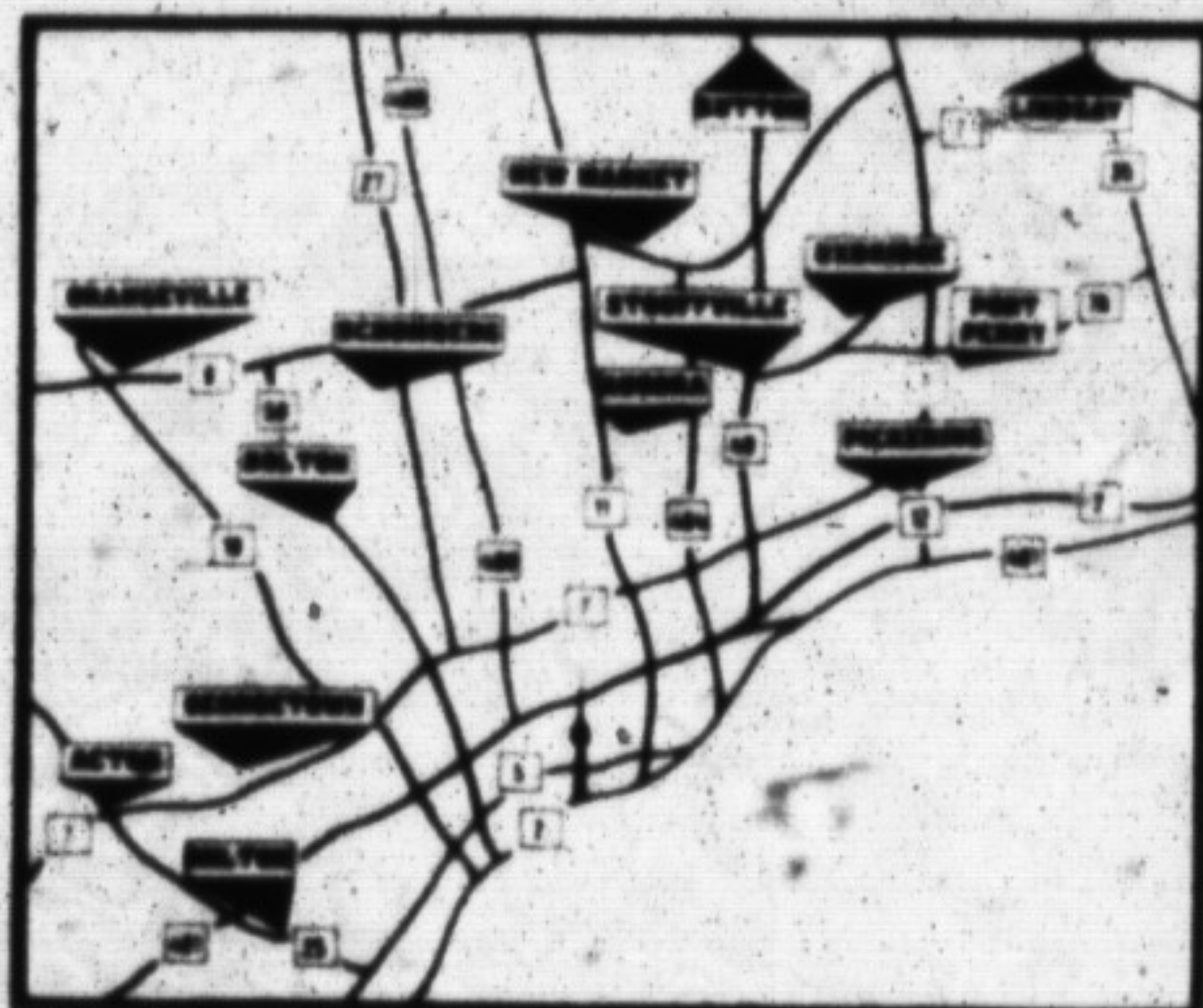
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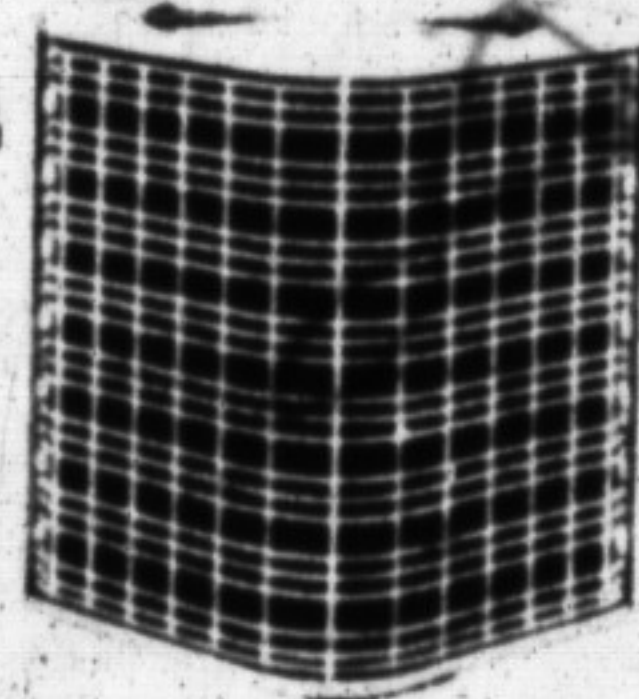
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