

Our Readers Write

Mayor should intervene in fairgrounds' dispute

Dear Editor:
I read with dismay of the position taken by Mayor Gord Krantz in your front page story of Aug. 1 headlined: *Horsemen contest fairgrounds ownership.*

According to the story, Mayor Krantz said the issue is a private matter and the Town cannot intervene.

If the Mayor is not aware then he should be enlightened to the fact that the Halton Agricultural Society is not a private club but a public body which receives their funding through government grants, public funding.

Our tax dollars are paying for their lawyers. They must also adhere to the Provincial Agricultural Act and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food scrutinizes their operation.

Are you aware, Mr. Mayor, of how much money the business community in Milton will lose if the Milton Horsemen's Association is forced out of town?

Are you not aware, Mr. Mayor, of how much money it takes to feed and equip standardbred race horses? All of the feed and veterinary supplies are purchased right here in Milton.

Our trainers live in Milton, as I do. Horse owners come to Milton from St. Catharines, London, Toronto, and elsewhere to see their horses train. While in town they shop here and eat in our restaurants.

Do you not, as Mayor, want to keep this revenue in Milton?

It appears that rather than be a conciliator in this dispute you would prefer to turn your back on the tax-paying, revenue generating residents of Milton, and by your non-intervention tacitly approve of the actions of the tax receiving fair board.

Mr. Mayor, be a mediator and not a terminator, and attempt to get both sides to the table for the betterment of our community.

You are not the only politician who is keeping his distance, Mr. Mayor. Where are you, Walt Elliot, our MPP? This issue has been discussed with you as well, don't abdicate your responsibilities.

Mr. Elliot, you tell our association members that you cannot intervene because the matter is in the hands of lawyers.

We have always been prepared to discuss the situation without lawyers.

We are asking you, (publicly this time) Mayor Krantz and Mr. Elliot, to get off the fence and help resolve this issue.

As residents in your jurisdictions we deserve your assistance and as taxpayers we feel this matter should be settled as soon as possible and with as little of the taxpayers' money wasted as possible.

An expensive court battle serves no one's interests. We horsemen are responsible for our own expenses but since the fair board has access to the public purse it can 'afford' to rely on lawyers instead of negotiating.

We, however, refuse to be intimidated into giving our land to them.

Martin Caputo
President, Milton Horsemen's Association

Show you care; join the United Way

Dear Editor:
We often hear that Milton is a bedroom community, and people have very few concerns about what goes on in their own town. We do not believe this.

We have both been involved in events in Milton for a long time. Over the years, many of you have contacted us and voiced your concerns, and we have acted on your "input." We know you care.

Milton has produced many dedicated community workers in the past. However, with cutbacks in health and social service programs at all levels of government, we, at The United Way, are having to pick up the slack and to do this we need volunteers.

Working with the United Way does not necessarily mean knocking on doors. You can assist by helping out at many fun-filled activities like barbecues, bingo and auctions. You will get the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends.

We are offering a great opportunity for learning and for personal growth. Come on and get involved in your town. Kill that myth that Milton is a

bedroom community. Call Rose at 878-2185 or Bill at 854-2366.

Rose Harrison
Bill Johnson
United Way of Milton

Spanish River holding centennial

Dear Editor:
The Township of The Spanish River, formerly known as the Townships of Salter, May and Harrow (Township 116), Township of Hallam and the unorganized Township of Victoria, and at one time included the towns of Massey, Webbwood, and Walford Station, is celebrating its centennial Jan. 1, 1993.

A book is being written about the history of the township. Anyone with pictures, stories or interesting articles to donate or lend for our endeavor would be appreciated.

Please send your submissions to: Township of The Spanish River, Birch Lake Road, Massey, Ont. POP 1PO. Attention: Patricia Stinson.

Patricia Stinson
Township of Spanish River, Ont.

Group fighting RCMP decision

Dear Editor:
The Lethbridge division of the RCMP Veterans' Association will challenge the constitutionality of the federal government's decision to allow religious symbols to be worn

as part of the RCMP uniform.

The government has removed religion from publicly funded institutions as religious symbols are offensive to some people. To make an exception doesn't show tolerance but rather displays favouritism of one religion over others. It is, therefore, a violation of our democratic rights.

It is not the opponents of turbans who are discriminators; it is the well-meaning but misguided proponents.

The largest petition ever presented in Canada (more than 210,000 signatures), which urged the government to reconsider, has been ignored. Accordingly, the decision will be challenged in court.

We will assist the Lethbridge RCMP Veterans' Association with fundraising in this matter. The financial support of all concerned Canadians will make it possible to continue with the court challenge.

Kay Mansbridge
Calgary, Alberta

Letters welcomed
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New washing machine praised by local women

Thur. April 30, 1863 Milton West - The Victoria Washing Machine, which received first prize at the Provincial Exhibition in London, is being endorsed by a group of local women.

References in Milton may be obtained from Mrs. John White, Mrs. Thomas Racey, Mrs. W.D. Lyon, Mrs. John Martin and Mrs. (Judge) Davis.

This labour-saving machine was tested by the Bureau of Agriculture and declared to be the best yet brought out. It is simple in its construction, easily worked and not liable to get out of repair.



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of the water in the machine and not by pressure of rubbing, thereby avoiding the slightest injury to the finest fabrics with much less soap than under the hand washing system.

Users have claimed that the machine is capable of saving four-fifths of the time and labour and two-thirds of the quantity of soap generally used.

The machines have recently been introduced in town and are sold at the store of W.D. and R.A. Lyon Milton. They can also be ordered from the Agent at Oakville.

A new collection of valuable receipts for treatment of common ailments is being distributed among local homes. Some examples follow:

Lemons are recommended for Dropsy in a Russian medical journal and are said to be beneficial in hopeless cases. The first day one lemon was given, after taking the peel off, and cutting it up in small pieces, in sugar. The two following days three were given and afterwards eighteen every day. For nourishment meat was given. In every case the water came off on the seventh day.

For Dysentery. Black or green tea, steeped in boiling milk and sweetened with loaf sugar is excellent.

For rattlesnake bite. Stir in salt with the yolk of a good egg until it is thick enough to spread a plaster. Apply this to the wound and the editor of the Wisconsin Farmer says he will insure your life for sixpence.

For Hydrophobia. According to Dr. Charles Kidd of England this disease can be cured by the administration of chloroform to smell, while the bite is being seared with a hot iron.

Worth knowing. Parch half a pint of rice until it is brown, then boil it as rice is usually done. Eat slowly and it will stop the most alarming cases of Diarrhea.

Neuralgia. Burdock leaf applied externally is said to be an almost infallible cure for Neuralgia and carbonate of iron in wine daily.

Corns. Wild turnip scraped and bound upon a corn, pared until it is tender, will generally cure it.

Rheumatism. Lemon juice is recommended as a certain cure for acute Rheumatism. It is given in quantities of a tablespoonful to twice the quantity of cold water, with sugar, every hour. The effect of the lemon juice was almost instantaneous in one case. In ten days the worst was cured and in seven the other was able to go out.

Remedy for a Felon. Take a pint of common soft soap and stir in it air-slacked lime till it is the consistence of glazier's putty. Make a leather thimble; fill it with this composition and insert the finger therein, change the composition once in 20 minutes and a cure is sure.

□ Sixty-seventh in a series of facts, sometimes sprinkled with imagination, to reflect Milton's past. Research assistance by Jack Charlton and Alex Cooke.
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