

# Our Readers Write

## Refreshing greetings

Dear Editor:

Congratulations are certainly in order for your publication of "Christmas Greetings" in your Dec. 20 issue.

The members of your staff should realize that their work again resulted in an interesting and thought-provoking part of the Christmas Season. My wife and I enjoyed and appreciated all the letters you were able to publish.

The many wishes, desires and truthful comments of the contributors should be a lesson to us all of what the "younger generation" is thinking. Our thanks also to the many advertisers who made it possible — reading their inserts reminds us of how many and how diversified our industry is, in and around Milton.

With kind personal regards to you and your staff,

Marion and Bruce MacNab  
Milton

## Key issue for school board

Dear Editor:

At the Jan. 15 Halton Board of Education meeting, the trustees will be voting on a "key" issue, the secret administrative committee, called the "Key Communicators."

The special people that belong to this committee have been selected by the administration and must demonstrate "positive support for the board." Who would consider joining a committee that eliminates the right of a person to decide what they can or cannot support?

The public does not know who they are, cannot find out who they are, and the trustees did not at any time, vote to implement or support this committee.

If one trustee, can find any defence for this outrageous and undemocratic administrative idea of public representation, they should be thrown out of public office at once.

Recorded votes at the January 15 board meeting!

Mrs. L. Godefroy  
Oakville, Ontario

## High taxes tax his sleep

Dear Editor:

It is 2:30 a.m. and I can't sleep. I am writing because I feel so helpless and frustrated. We are being told we're in a worldwide recession that is not our government's fault.

A year ago we were told by a very arrogant man that the country was in debt, so I am going to tax you more. The only solution that politicians seem to come up with.

Immediately after that news, companies started leaving and people started losing their jobs.

This Christmas I asked clerks in stores where I shop how business was, and without exception was told it was slow.

I hear and read where old established companies are going out of business. I keep asking myself why?

So I took a look at my own situation. My pay is strictly commission and I am not making any money.

I am living and paying my bills out of my old age savings account.

I am only buying necessary items. When I pick up something in a store, read the price and then add 15 per cent, in most cases I put the item back down.

Now when I put it back the store does not make a sale, therefore, the store does not have to replace that item, so that means the manufacturer does not have to make another one. Then the manufacturer has to lay people off because there is no work for them. The employee then goes on unemployment insurance.

Now the unemployment insurance fund needs more money, so what is the government's solution, raise more taxes.

Then I will buy less than what I am presently buying, causing more people to lose their jobs and the whole vicious circle starts all over again, only this time you have less people to tax.

In my uneducated way of thinking it seems to me that if we were taxed less we would have more to spend and if we buy more it will put more people to work, then the more people that work, the more to collect taxes from.

Of course when we spend more money the government tells us we have to stop spending money because we are living too good, so they put interest rates up to stop us from buying and when we stop buying, it starts all over again.

Interest rates are the lowest they have been in many years, but what good is that if you are out of work?

If they keep thinking the way they do we will become a Third World country and there will be no taxes to collect.

Now we have a very arrogant man going around handing out money to other countries and forgiving countries for the money they already owe in Canada. I always thought charity began at home.

But of course, we are told Free Trade with the United States and Mexico will make jobs, and they want us to believe it. It will make new jobs in the United States and Mexico.

Les Bunker  
RR 1 Campbellville

## Cool spending for truckers

This letter was written to the federal Finance Minister, Don Mazankowski, and Transport Minister, Jean Corbiel and a copy was filed with *The Champion* for publication.

Dear Honourable Minister:

December 7, in history has since 1941 not been one of my good days. Perhaps best forgotten, but I'm afraid that it's not easy.

However, *Toronto Star* Business Today dated, Dec. 7, 1991 certainly changes my attitude for the better.

The article: Truckers receive relief package from Ottawa, is certainly good news for the industry, but it won't help many of the 650 transport companies that have gone bankrupt. Not many, but some of these so-called bankrupt companies and individuals have made millions deceiving the public, industry, government and anyone you can think of.

I'm proud that I'm co-founder of Peter Hodge Transport Limited. A company in its 21st year. Built by the hard work and dedication of my son-in-law Peter Hodge, my daughter Beverley Hodge and my son, Robert Shaw.

We appreciate the:

1. Fuel tax, or price rebate,
2. The increase in capital cost allowance, and federal money which if I'm not wrong is to assist in establishing co-operative,
3. Purchasing co-operative for owners, operators and buyers.

Number three in my opinion is a total waste of Canadian government money. This cost is the complete responsibility of the individual owner operator, the transport operator, the contractor or whoever wants to make a purchase of any kind. How will a co-operative benefit anyone but the fast buck artist?

Every purchaser would wish to purchase all types of equipment, tires and many other items to his own specifications.

I would like the opportunity to challenge in open debate anyone that believes in this approach. The \$3 million cash injection to start a trucking research institute, over five years, I can't comment, but with all due respect, if it doesn't get back to common sense: G.V.W.R., axle loading maximums, maximum five axles, etc. vehicle length, width, safety, pandemonium could break loose. I could go on forever but I can not ig-

nore vehicle speed, controllability, gross weights, an equal playing field, recommended gross weights, 80,000 to 90,000 lbs or 40,000 kg max are the important factors to consider, not more government money.

We can compete, operate legally, and safely, pay our bills, without Ottawa's money, why can't other worthwhile businesses do the same?

By far the bulk haul load brokers are the real problem in the industry. Salesmen with few or no trucks, no trailers, everything to gain, nothing to lose are allowed to bid on contracts or annual hauling for hundreds of companies in all provinces. The lowest bidder gets the contract.

He hires owner operators to do the work at say, 90 per cent of the bid price, which is too low to begin with, what chance for success?

Load too heavy? Bypass scales? Up the horse power? Drive too fast? Burn excess fuel? Become the best of the worst and still go broke after the accident, or illness caused by driving 10-12 hours a day and repairing or servicing his vehicle all night.

Charles A. Shaw  
Bell Street, Milton



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

## Crystal clear

Josephine Clark was one of a dozen exhibitors at the Milton Psychic Fair over the weekend. While the Martin Street resident sold crystals and astrology books, others gave visitors a psychic reading with tarot cards or personal objects. The three-day event took place at the Muddy Duck Banquet Hall.

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