

OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

How much was our tractor?

Dear Editor:

In the April 15, 1992 issue of *The Champion* there was a picture and article regarding the Ontario Agricultural Museum's recent purchase of an antique tractor.

The acquisition of this piece of rural history is indeed an important addition to the collection at the museum.

The museum has become a major tourist attraction as well as being an excellent tool for educating school children about our rural past.

I was, however, disappointed that the curator "would not disclose how much cash the museum put out for the antique machine, but he did say it was a lot of money." "It was an expensive purchase," he said.

Curator Peter Ledwith should be aware that this attitude of secrecy is not acceptable to the owners of the Agricultural Museum, namely the citizens of Ontario.

For too many years, successive governments have allowed runaway unaccountable spending by such agencies as Ontario Hydro and others until we have the massive debt our future generations will inherit.

We've now been presented with yet another budget taxing our incomes even further.

I don't think I'm alone in asking that the people who pay the bills be made aware of how many of our dollars are being spent.

M. McMeekin
RR 3 Milton

Canada needs leadership

Dear Editor:

As Canada lurches toward its 125th anniversary as a nation, it appears to be taking on the aspect of a giant lunatic asylum with the inmates in charge.

Does any one of us have a clear idea or understanding of what is going on in our fair land, or where we are heading? I think not.

No one seems to be in control; the right hand doesn't seem to know what the left hand is up to, and even our judiciary seems to be in a quan-

dary as to what is legal and what isn't.

I recall a man of some wisdom once telling me: "plan your work and work your plan". It was sage advice then, and it still is. Yet I see little sign of any such logic by our so-called leaders who seem to hop from one perch to another, straddle the fence, stumble from one pitfall into another, or just mumble unintelligible answers to questions of concern.

They only seem to be capable of imposing more and more taxes on an already overburdened so-called "middle class" which is gradually becoming a demoralized and disillusioned segment of society.

I realize that much of the world is also in a mixed-up mess, but that shouldn't mean that we have to follow along on the same path.

What Canada needs is strong leadership and a bold strategy of positive action aimed at putting the country on an arrow-straight road to social and economic well being.

Unfortunately, our current political masters don't seem to have the talents or the will to carry this out.

How do we regain our balance? How do we recapture our sense of well-being, our pride of country and of its beginnings, our sense of humour?

Certainly not by sending in the clowns. They've been master minding our destiny for too long already.

John Grimshaw
RR 1, Campbellville

Helping the battle against cancer

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Milton unit of the Canadian Cancer Society, I would like to thank you and your staff for the coverage of our campaign start. The excellent colour photo of Kim Thomas and her daughter was a delight to see.

Cancer will always be the dreaded disease and we must continue our efforts to fight the battle to beat it. It is reassuring to see, in this little girl's case, that our efforts are very worthwhile.

We are making a difference.

Carol Kerr
Canadian Cancer Society
Milton and District Unit

Memories of Bruce St. School

Dear Editor:

Anticipation of this Saturday's Bruce Street School Reunion has brought many memories back. I was at the closing of the school back in 1972. The old building is long gone but the memories remain.

I've been thinking about Angus (Gussie) Morrison and the playground across the street from the school. I can see him running across that playground, striped shirt, rolled-up pants and running shoes, the big school bell giving its last peal as he made it to the end of the line-up just in time.

Mr. Foster our principal will be there. He taught me

not to ask 'Can I go upstairs', but 'May I go upstairs'.

Jim Reeves' recording of *In the Land Where You Never Grow Old* is playing as I write this. I know that's where you are Gussie but I still see you in all little boys playing and being themselves.

Although many classmates have passed away through the years, you were the first. You died so young. You will always be young in my memories.

I look forward to sharing my many memories of Bruce Street School at the reunion.

Mary E. Brown (nee Clare)
RR 1 Kenilworth, Ontario

All's well at fair

Dear Editor:

Our third annual Wellness Fair was even more successful than the past two.

We couldn't have done it without the wonderful support of many people and groups.

Thanks to *The Champion*, hospital staff, Milton Mall, Domino's Pizza, McDonald's, Milton Hydro, the schools, Dr. Strohan, Dr. Angelika Koeth and all other participating agencies. Also special thanks to all the businesses, and the Milton O.P.P. detachment who generously advertised our message on their signs.

Thanks are also extended to the radio stations that broadcasted our public service notice.

We feel the preventative health aspects of the fair are important in these times of budget restraints and we would like to offer our thanks to the community for their generous support of the Hospital Foundation.

Rose Harrison,
Chairman, Wellness Committee

The scoop on dog owners

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to complain to all the dog owners that allow their pets to use our parks as a toilet.

My family and I recently moved to Kingsleigh Court where there is a

lovely playground complete with swings and slides, which I naturally assumed was there for the children to play in. When I took my two-year-old daughter there, I discovered I was wrong. Everywhere you looked was dog excrement. Much to

my child's disappointment, I couldn't let her run and play.

So please, all dog owners, take a bag and scooper with you and let our children play safely.

S. Gray
Kingsleigh Court, Milton

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