

OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Some boys, 10 to 14 years of age were playing a distorted version of ring-the-doorbell-and-run; instead of running, they waited and told my wife to "f!\$* off". This happened a few times until a neighbourhood child recognized the boys and we phoned their parents. Of the three parents I phoned, one didn't really seem too concerned, the other offered a simple apology and the other made his son write a letter of apology to my wife.

My pregnant wife walking to Becker's was called a "fat pig" when passed by a teenaged boy.

One evening a large group of young teenagers was slowly walking across the road behind our townhouse while a car approached. The teenagers made no attempt to quickly get out of the car's way (apparently they haven't yet realized what two tons of moving steel will do to a stationary human body.) When the car's horn was used, the teenagers responded to the warning by yelling profanity at the driver.

To their, and my surprise, this car abruptly stopped. It was immediately apparent that this was an un-

marked police car. At that moment, half the teenagers quickly fled, the rest remained to meet the man walking toward them. This man, who had not yet identified himself as an officer, started yelling at the teenagers. The teenagers yelled back with total lack of respect for the person, even after the man identified himself as a police officer (he showed his badge). After a short confrontation, the officer left.

Did anyone notice that most of the young trees around the Wilson-Woodward intersection were destroyed by vandalism and replaced last year? I witnessed youths destroying at least one of them.

Parents should teach simple respect to their children and teenagers should be able to determine right from wrong.

Rick Stomphorst
Milton

In defence of teenagers

Dear Editor:

The letter from Tresa MacGregor in the Wednesday, June 23 issue of

The Champion demands a response.

Generalities that stereotype groups often arise from fear and misunderstanding. Stereotypes breed racism, gender bias, homophobia and a multitude of misguided behaviours that turn into the proverbial vicious circle: low expectations fulfilled and producing even lower expectations.

I spend a great deal of time in Milton — and in several other larger urban centres. I am a teacher so my workdays are filled with teenagers. I object strongly to Mrs. MacGregor's statement that "teenagers of today have lost all respect and consideration."

I am not suggesting the experience of having something thrown at you was not frightening. It should not have happened and the youngsters who did it should have been reprimanded. But simply running away from such kids, or badmouthing them, or teaching your own children to be afraid will not solve anything.

My experience with teens suggests that they need to be treated as individuals not mobs. I often try to

speaking to them in stores or in the library or in the video store; I help them when they need help and probably more importantly, allow them to help me by lifting heavy items, or giving me advice about my car, or telling me what they think about a movie, etc.

Some teenagers can be loud, annoying, lazy, rude, and even frightening. So can some parents. I might add that the many times I have been disturbed in a store or restaurant, it has nearly always been by a four or five-year-old, not a teen.

And may I suggest in closing Mrs. MacGregor, that you put your letter away and take it out in 10 years. By that time, you yourself will be one of the parents who do not know what their children are doing.

Marilyn Holt
RR 3 Campbellville

Bike and faith restored

Dear Editor:

A wonderful thing happened today. My son's bike was returned after being stolen about a month ago.

We may never know what actually happened to the bike, but today an honest young man called to tell me that he had the bike and saw my ad in the newspaper. I met him and he handed the bike over.

Although the bike was not in as good condition as it was when it went missing, it is still rideable.

My son is very happy to have his bike back and it helped restore our faith in people.

Gillian Burns
Elliot Cres. Milton

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