

OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Bravo to park preservation

Dear Editor:

As technology continues to steamroll over all that is sacred and life-giving, the significance and benefit of the Halton Region Conservation Authority's (HRCA) decision to save the Campbellville Park from paving is great.

Conservationists are the guardians of this earth. Without the stewardship of the air and water by HRCA's watershed management and forest protection programs, our two most vital resources would fall prey to the polluting price of "progress."

A return to nature is our only hope of survival and sanity. The reverence and passion learned from activating all our senses in nature, is the only differentiation between a robot and a human being.

Thank you Murray Stephen, the Resource Planning and Fill and Flood Plain Advisory Board, and residents for your commitment and integrity. Thank you for one large step for Campbellville and one giant step for nature.

The preservation of Campbellville Park insures residents and visitors of cleaner air, a village gathering spot and a natural legacy for our children. I for one am proud that those at HRCA take their work as a commitment and not just a title.

Cheryl Fromell
Campbellville

Make kids clean up their act

Dear Editor:

In response to a story by Karen Smith in your Friday paper (Oct. 15) about vandals spray painting around Victoria Park — I can't help but think that they will get off with a pat on the wrist, while we the taxpayers will have to foot the bill to have the damage repaired.

It reminds me of a time when I was their age (maybe a couple of years younger). The Milton Mall was just being built and it was a great hang out for myself and a few of my friends. As for most kids at a construction site, there was lots to do.

They had erected the frame of the mall and there were dirt floors in most of the shops except for the area in front of the Shoppers Drug Mart which had the tile floor installed.

For several weeks while the mall was being built, we rode our bikes in and around the construction site and on the newly laid tile floor. We found that while riding our bikes on the floor we could really lay rubber and spin our tires. After a time, we

noticed that we were making quite a mess of the floor with black tire marks.

One Thursday night while we were in the mall, someone called the police. Well, needless to say we all took off like rats scurrying through every open shop trying to escape. Myself and one other friend were caught by the policeman while trying to get away.

I recall he was very calm about the whole incident. He did not even get out of his patrol car. He called us over and said, "I've had a call about some kids riding their bikes through the mall and making a mess on the newly tiled floor," and he said, "Boys you're in big trouble." We knew if he got our parents involved, that's when the big trouble would start.

He asked for the names of our friends and we told him that we could not rat on them. He smiled as if he had heard that line before. He said he would let us off the hook and we would not have to rat on our friends, if we did the following.

His solution was that if we got the rest of our friends that were involved and came down on Saturday with pails, scrub brushes and soap to clean the floor, all would be forgotten.

We thought that was very nice considering what we had done. So we got everyone together that Saturday and cleaned up the mess. Anyone who has tried to clean black rubber off a floor knows how long and hard it is to remove. As it turned out, it took us the better part of the day to clean. We learned our lesson for sure.

This brings me back to the incident with the two boys allegedly spray painting around Victoria Park. Why not have them come down with the necessary cleaning tools and clean up the mess they made. This will save us the taxpayers the cleaning bill.

If this can't be accomplished because of our stupid laws regarding the Young Offenders Act, then why not make it the responsibility of the parents to pay for the clean-up? If

nothing else, you could be sure those boys would get the correct discipline at home.

I believe this method would work and parents would become more responsible for their children's acts.

Ronald G. Barber
Milton

Adult hockey players needed

Dear Editor:

The manager of The Heartbreakers, an adult hockey team based in Winnipeg, is looking for players to participate in a recreational tour of Finland and Sweden this coming season.

Dave Springett is organizing the March tour and would like to find some Ontario players to sign up.

Players are responsible for their own travel expenses while the club provides uniforms, and makes all the arrangements. Players from every province and from the United States have participated in the past.

The team is filled on a first-come,

first-serve basis and will play five no-contact exhibition games during the nine-day tour.

All area players are welcome and can get more information by calling Mr. Springett at (204)694-8066.

Dave Springett
Manager, Heartbreakers
Hockey
Winnipeg, Manitoba

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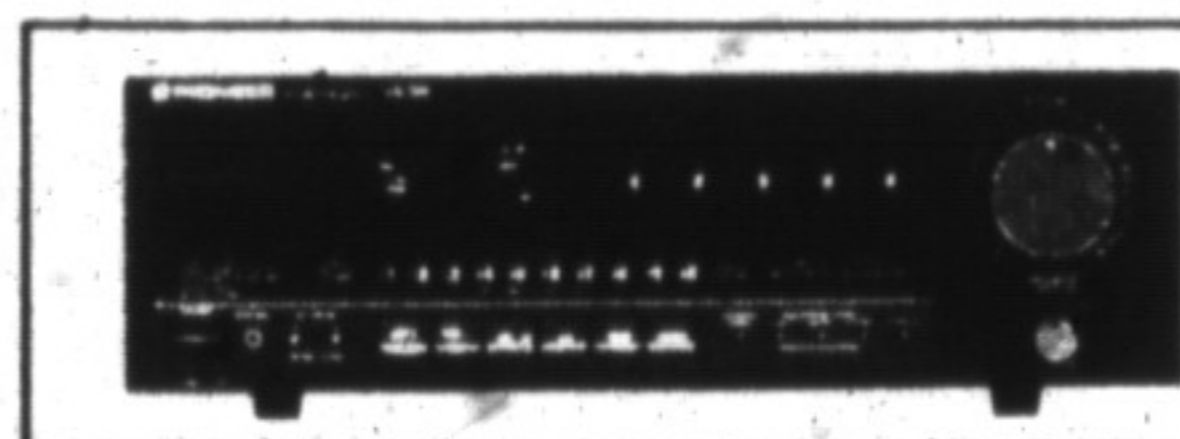
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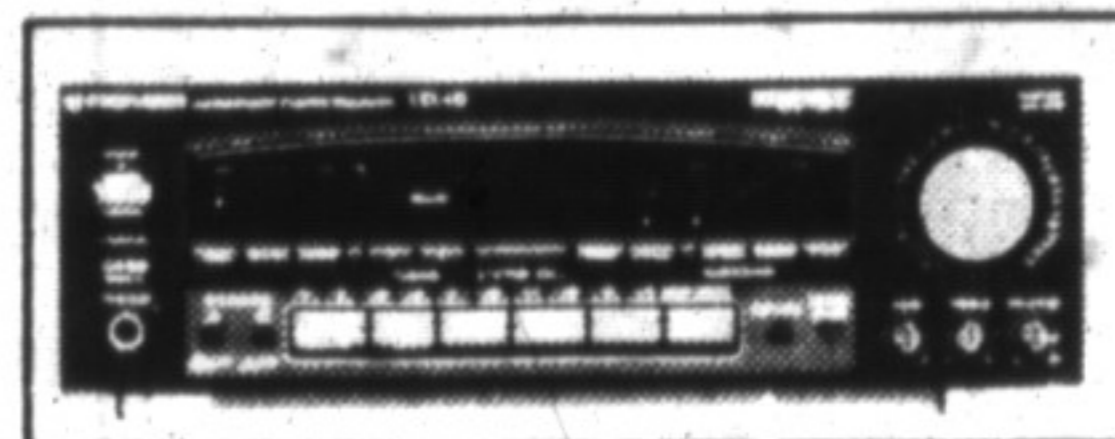


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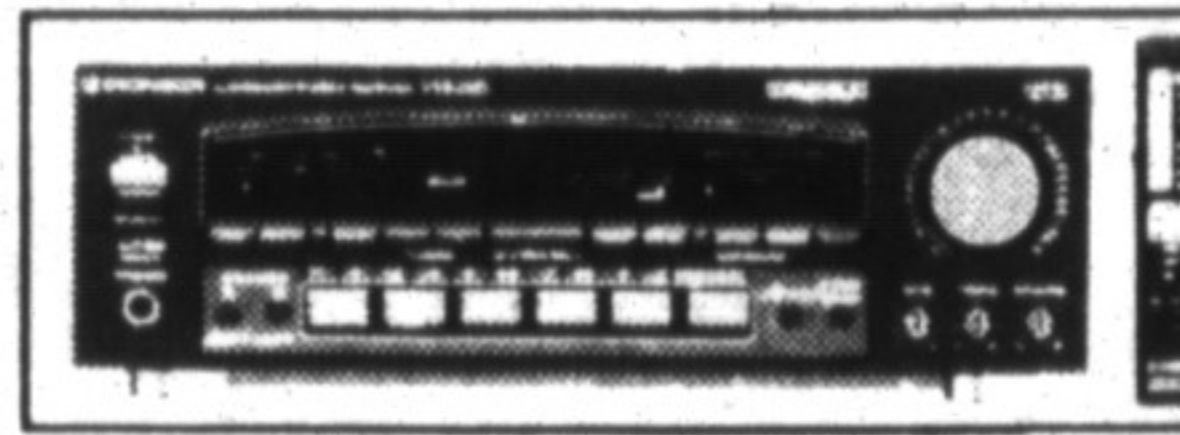


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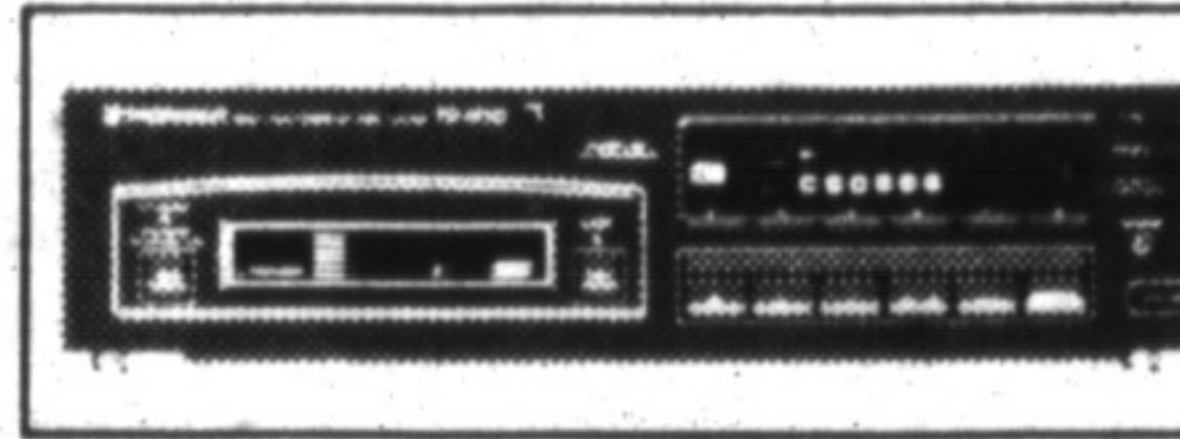
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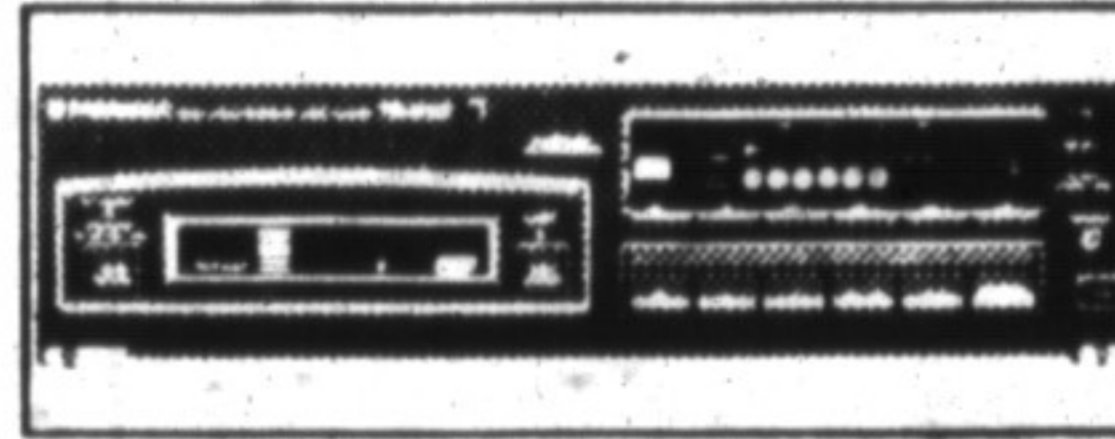


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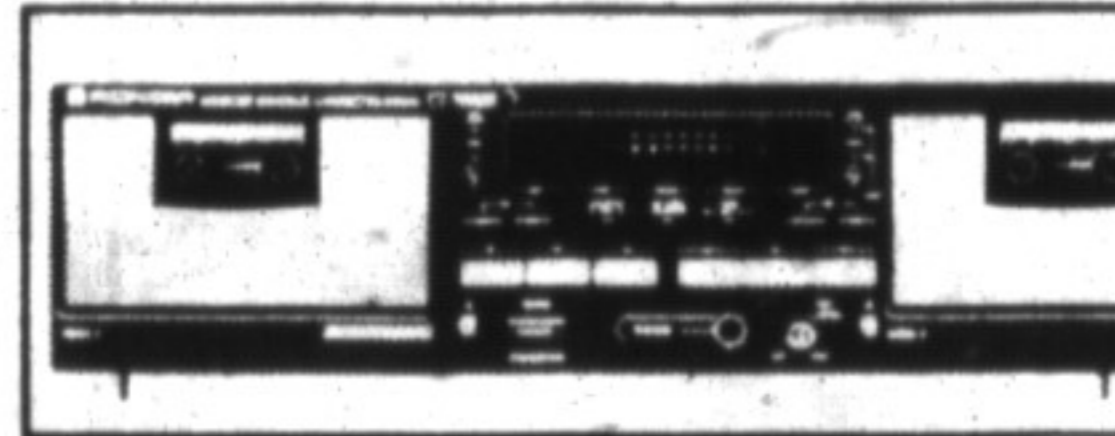


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