

OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

Hemp is the tree of life

Dear Editor:

I'm concerned about the current laws regarding marijuana and hashish. Why does the government lead us to believe it is so harmful?

If you take a legal drug such as alcohol or tobacco, count the deaths that are caused by them, and weigh them against the harm that marijuana does to anyone, I think you will see that there is something very wrong going on here.

Some very ignorant people in high places are leading us to believe that smoking this plant will lead us to harder drugs. This is a lot of bull! There are so many drugs available to us now whether they are legal or illegal, that I hardly think smoking pot will lead to harder drugs anymore than taking aspirin would.

It's just ignorance that's causing all this.

People are being arrested and put in jail, as well as even being shot and killed over something that God himself put here for us.

God said, "I give you every seed bearing plant on the face of the earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it; They will be yours for food, and to all the beasts of the earth and the birds of the air and to all the creatures that has the breath of life in it — I give every green plant for food," and it was so.

In the 1930s, man started to overrule his laws and his wisdom and started the destruction that is happening to our planet right now.

More than 1,000 years before the birth of Christ until just a few short decades ago, Cannabis hemp — indeed marijuana — was our planet's largest agricultural crop and most important industry for thousands upon thousands of products and enterprises.

Hemp produced the overall majority of fiber, fabric, paper, lighting oil, incense and medicines, and was

the primary source of protein for humans and animals alike. It is the strongest, most durable, longest lasting natural soft fiber known to man.

It is our most valuable natural resource. All parts of this plant can be used without waste. The stems were broken down into two parts — threadlike fibers and hurd or pulp. The fiber strands were spun into thread to make high quality rope, textiles, sails, and fabrics for clothing, fine linens and much more.

The hurds are 77 per cent cellulose and can be made into non-toxic paints and sealants, industrial fabrication materials, bio-degradable plastics and paper.

Thousands of trees are destroyed every day just to fill our mailboxes. We plant new ones and think we are reforesting. What a misconception. It takes years upon years to grow a tree, that is if they can overcome the acid rain. A hemp plant can grow more than 20 feet in one short growing season.

Hemp is the best source of plant bulk for biomass fuel to make gas, charcoal, methanol, and even electricity. The seeds can be used for cooking oil and lubricants and are an excellent source of protein.

Even the roots play an important role. They anchor and invigorate the earth and help stop the loss of our valuable topsoil. Hemp can save our farms, create new industries and jobs, reduce acid rain and chemical pollution, clean our air and reduce the greenhouse effect. It will grow where nothing else will. How much more can we ask of anything?

This illegal plant can do it all! The government is trying to destroy the very plant that can save our world.

I think God knew just what he was doing when he gave us this plant and it's time we started to wake up to the truth.

Hemp can save our forests, restore our air and feed the starving people. It can clothe us, heat our homes, run our machines, feed our livestock and restore our wild bird population, who thrive on its seed. This plant truly is the tree of life.

Please try to help do your part to change the laws and save our world and its people. Greed and the rape of

our planet must now stop before it is too late.

If you can find the book, *The Emperor Wears No Clothes*, by Jack Herer, your eyes will be opened to the truth.

James Elliot
Milton

VON fosters caring nurses

Dear Editor:

We are writing this letter to express our appreciation for the outstanding services offered by the Victorian Order of Nurses here in Milton and elsewhere.

The level of skill of Fran Pearce and her staff in treating our friend Dorothy Hall, who stayed with us after her discharge from hospital, was of the highest order.

The loving home care of these ladies has been a tremendous boost at a time when it was sorely needed. It's comforting to know that such an excellent home nursing service is available by dedicated, skilled and caring professionals should the need arise.

Thank you, nurses. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Ann and Jack Edwards
Laurier Avenue, Milton

Village street is 'dog poo alley'

Dear Editor:

I live in the lovely little village of Campbellville with its gracious homes, landscaped gardens and perfect lawns. Like others, I take pride in my community.

As an older citizen, I like to take a walk for exercise and can't help noticing the absolutely disgusting way in which dog owners allow their pedigreed pooches to relieve themselves along the roadways and walkways.

One area I label "dog poo alley." I'm sure you dog lovers know exactly where I'm referring to.

I wonder, would they allow this mess to accumulate in their own yards?

Mary Shortt
Campbellville

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