



OUR READERS WRITE

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Museum an invaluable resource, says reader

Dear Editor:

Some years ago I had the pleasure of spending six weeks in Europe, and when there, I visited many historical sites in countries with recorded histories much more ancient than our own.

However, upon returning home and reflecting upon my experience, I realized that many of the locations I had visited were not nearly as well explained and presented as some I had visited right here in Canada.

Three that spring to mind are Louisbourg, Ste. Marie Among the Hurons and the Ontario Agricultural Museum.

All three present their locations as if you were visiting them at the time they were viable units, with staff dressed in period clothing and involved in activities necessary to the lives of those who lived then.

As well as making history come alive in an interesting manner for the casual visitor, the Ontario Agricultural Museum provides valuable and informative school tours on a range of topics and at varying levels. As a teacher for the Halton

Board, I have taken classes there on many occasions. As a mother, I have sent my children to their interesting and exciting summer programs. Now it seems as though the youngest child will be denied this opportunity!

The Agricultural Museum runs wonderful theme weekends all through the summer months on a wide range of topics and it houses many interesting collections relating to Ontario's agricultural heritage which I have never seen duplicated anywhere else.

I was upset and dismayed to hear that very soon this valuable aspect of our heritage would be gone. I understand that this is a time of restraint and could comprehend if the Museum were asked to scale back its programs and raise fees for a time, at least until fiscal stability returns to Ontario, but to close it completely — this is to destroy our heritage! Once the doors are shut I very much fear that it will be gone forever, and that would be a loss to me, my children, and to all the people of Ontario — not to mention the gap it would create in the tourism industry.

How can shutting down a wonderful drawing card, an important part of a major industry,

tourism, make Ontario a more prosperous and fiscally responsible province?

I am asking the provincial government to reconsider the ramifications of this decision, culturally, fiscally and morally. By closing the Ontario Agricultural Museum, we are robbing our children of an important part of their heritage.

Mary Reeves
Milton

She says couple should forge on

Dear Editor:

To all of you who ever knew of Dad's Restaurant on Guelph Line, Campbellville.

To see the devastation of a landmark such as this well known little village eatery is disturbing, to say the least.

The blackened charred remains of an established restaurant such as this one was are a sad reminder of a business that stood there for the past 40 years.

What many people don't realize is that Dad's was recently renovated and re-opened by a local

couple, Ken and Terri Anderson. After months of hard work and nurturing they were finally able to introduce the new Dad's to an impatient throng of followers from their previous business, The Ice House in Campbellville. It was exciting to have this dormant business thriving again. As they anxiously awaited the arrival of their liquor license, Ken and Terri were planning Christmas parties for various local companies to be held at Dad's.

A week before the fire, they went to White Rose and bought some lovely decorations to bring holiday cheer to their restaurant. For those of you who meant to check it out, and never got around to it, you would have been pleasantly surprised. It was a home away from home, cozy and tastefully decorated, a truly lovely dining experience.

As a longtime employee of Ken and Terri, I wanted to publicly express my sorrow for their loss of business and home. But also, I'd like to encourage them to go on, and one day soon give Milton-Campbellville area another great restaurant to enjoy.

Diane Currie
Kilbride

This young man is tops

Dear Editor:

Thank you to the young man who so cheerfully changed my flat tire on Wilson Avenue in recent extremely cold weather.

Not only did his generous offer of assistance allow me to return to work on time, it also reaffirmed my belief that there are many caring people who make Milton a great community in which to live.

Sharon Pyle
Milton

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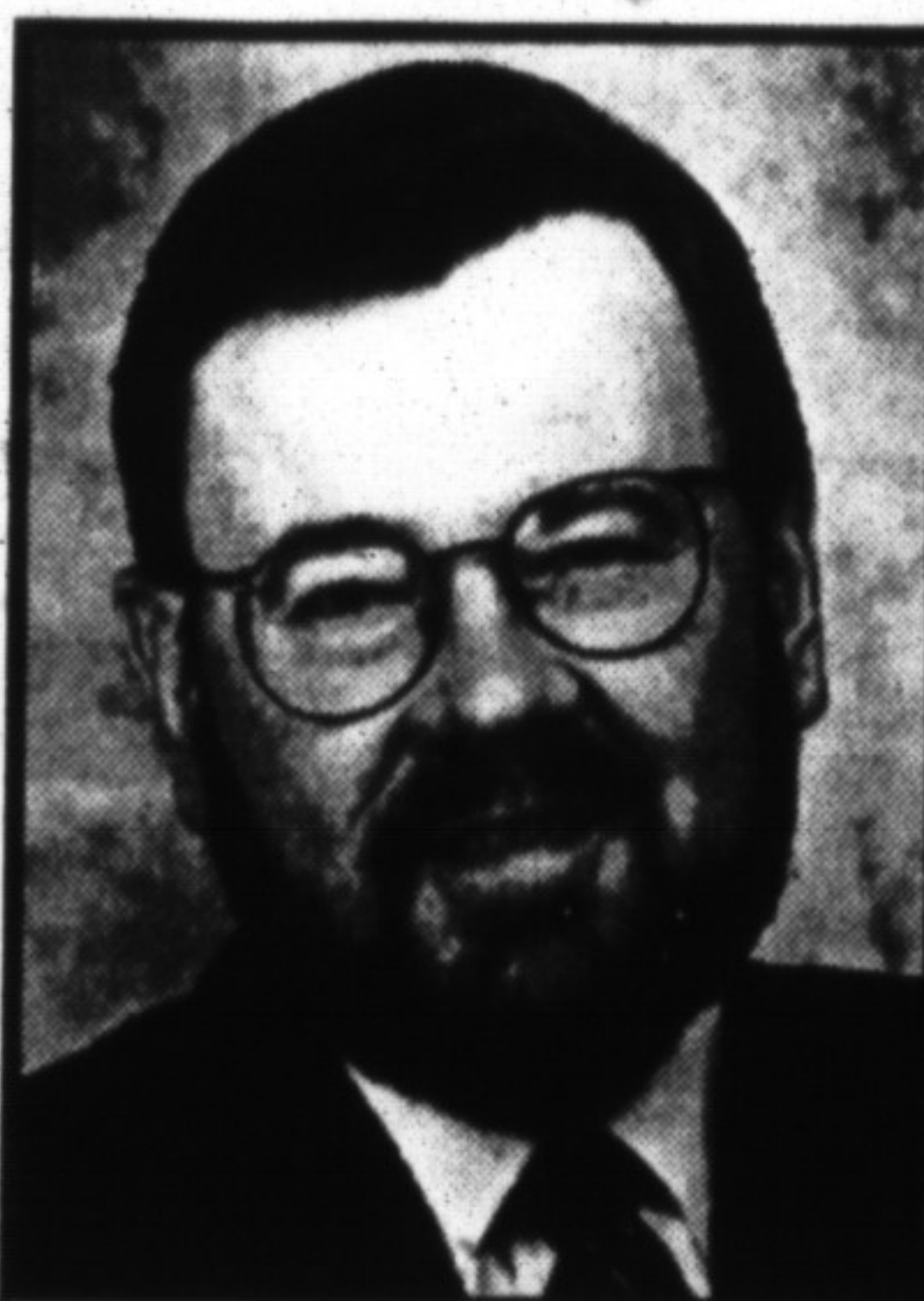
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