



OUR READERS WRITE

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

It's a holier than thou crusade

Dear Editor:

I'm not sure why our local MPP felt compelled to comment on the insignificant and tired Foxfire saga.

Surely at a time when school board restructuring seems imminent, his comments seem moot. Anyway, 1,000 signatures on a petition to ban Foxfire does not represent the community. There are plenty of us out here who have better things to do than ferret out little books and apply our all-wise adult censorship.

I have young kids who will one day be in grade 12 and if they can't handle a book like Foxfire, then I better make sure I also eliminate the daily newspaper, CNN and the internet from their educational sources. Regardless, they may discover my personal library of such literary greats as D.H. Lawrence, Henry Miller and the acclaimed Canadian novelist Margaret Laurence. They all had a penchant for hot sex from time to time.

Living in a democracy means giving people choices, including grade 12 students, many of whom are the same age my father was when his country packed him off to war.

Living in a democracy also means having to tolerate the various reverends and zealots who have made this very small matter a holy mission.

Tolerate them I will but I shall also warn my children against those that threaten their right to see the world without rose coloured glasses.

Hugh Robinson
Milton

Foxfire study simply gross error

Dear Editor:

Have you read Foxfire, Mr. Kelly? It was with disbelief that I read your editorial of October 9, commenting "when it comes to censorship and sensitivity, we'll take the Halton Board of Education and the English department at Milton District High School, over Mr. Huisman and his associates — every time."

This type of criticism totally obscures the real issue, suitable and acceptable literature for minors. Movies containing scenes and language found in Foxfire are classified as restricted! Boundaries of decency

have been crossed!

Parents, don't be swayed by the comments and reactions of the bureaucrats involved in the issue of the controversial book Foxfire. Backs are indeed against the wall and a defence must be concocted. A gross error in judgement (the approval of the study of Foxfire for grade 12 students at Milton District High School) was made and I suggest an apology is owed to the parents and students of Milton District High School.

Hats off to Jack Huisman and PACT (Parents Against Corrupt Teaching) in their effort to have the book removed from the curriculum. With continued support, I have no doubt that their goal will be accomplished! This is an appallingly disgusting collection of sexually deviant and immoral phases strung together in a so-called novel form! If Foxfire is deemed suitable and appropriate then why bother following the novel selection process — books don't get any worse than Foxfire!

Why weren't we, the mere parents notified of the nature of an admittedly controversial selection and offered the titles of the alternate selection(s)? To my knowledge, no such notification was given.

Act now and borrow a copy of the novel and see for yourself how our tax dollars were wasted!

Karen Kettle
Milton

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TOYS 'R' US

In the Toys "R" Us flyer, distributed the week of Oct. 20th, an error appeared on the front page Door Crasher. The Hasbro Cool Tools Work Bench should have stated... "Save 40% off our original price. Was \$49.99, now \$29.98." We apologize for any misunderstanding this may have caused.

They're simply stirring up interest in it

Dear Editor:

When will we learn? Even little old ladies like me living in the rural outback now have heard of Foxfire: *Confessions of a Girl Gang*.

An advertising agency promoting the book in our area could hardly have achieved greater universal coverage than that which the protestors are bestowing.

The book could have rested quietly in the hands of a few who were at the age to benefit from analyzing the extraordinary life experiences which I surmise from

the title are contained within. Most likely it would not have strayed far in the underground of Halton youth, and would quickly have been forgotten.

With front page coverage in the local paper, complaints to the school board, proclamations by the MPP for Halton North, phone calls to the principal — I wonder, has anything been omitted to ensure that every person of reading age will read the book? Even the little old ladies in the country?

Jan Watkins, Milton

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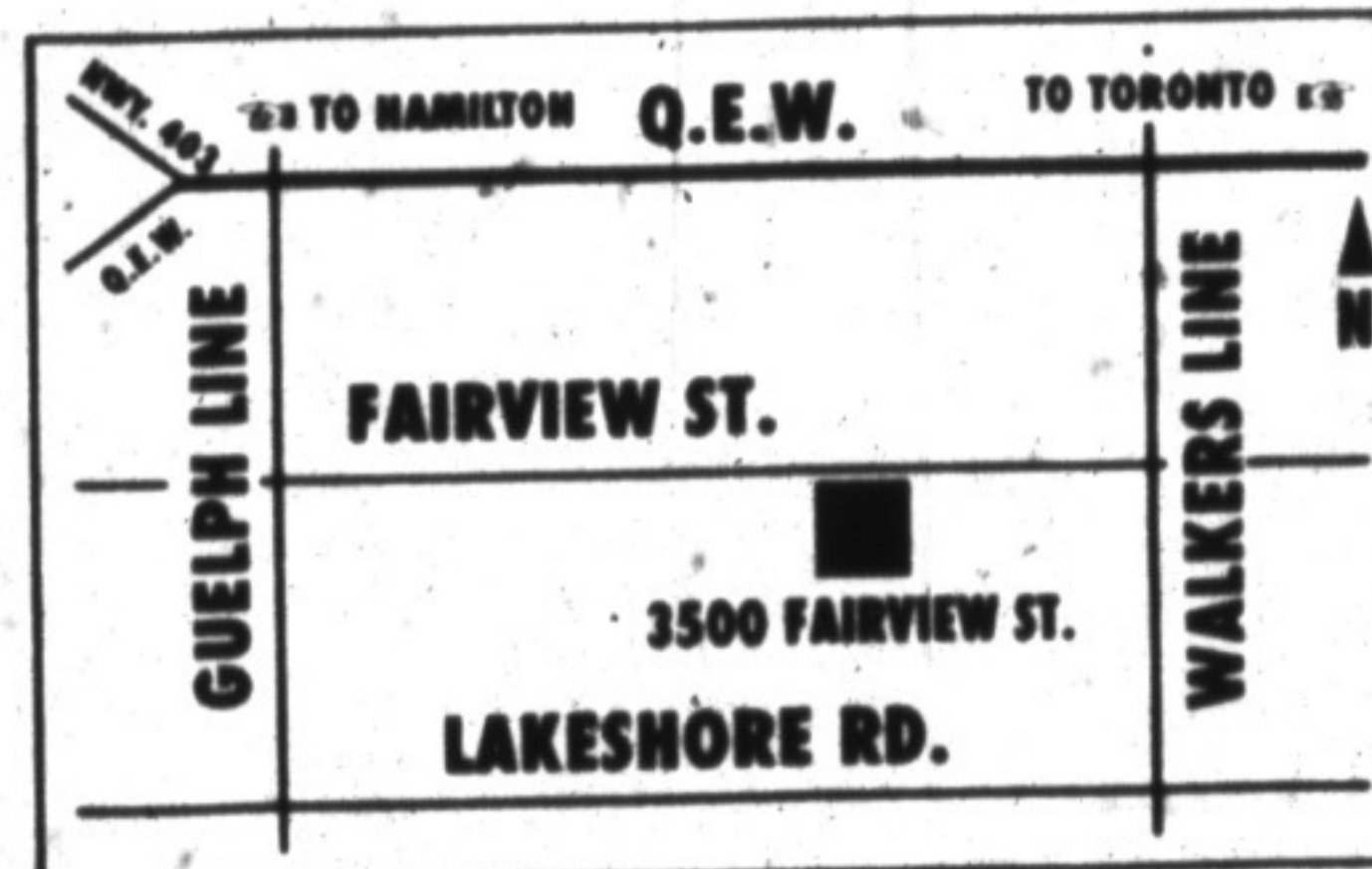
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