Letters

Nice to see youth dedicated to working

Dear Editor:

I wish I had a picture to go along with this letter. I was looking outside my window and saw two young boys in their teens delivering papers in the crazy cold February 12 on Martin Street.

I went to my wallet as quickly as I could, then ran across the street and said, "You two are amazing. I want to give you this tip for your commitment." The one looked at me in amazement and asked, "really?" I said, "absolutely" and told them to keep it up

One was so taken aback that he looked at me with his huge blue eyes and asked if I wanted a paper. (They don't deliver to my particular home).

I said it wasn't my purpose. He said he had an extra, so I accepted his offer. I was so excited to see that dedication.

Again, I wish I had a picture of them lugging their papers in a pulley in the bitter cold. But, suffice to say, I have that picture in my mind. It reminds me of when my son delivered and the times I joined him.

We need to open our eyes and see these moments. I think sometimes we're too blind to the teens who do have the drive, because we're too focused on thinking they're a lazy generation.

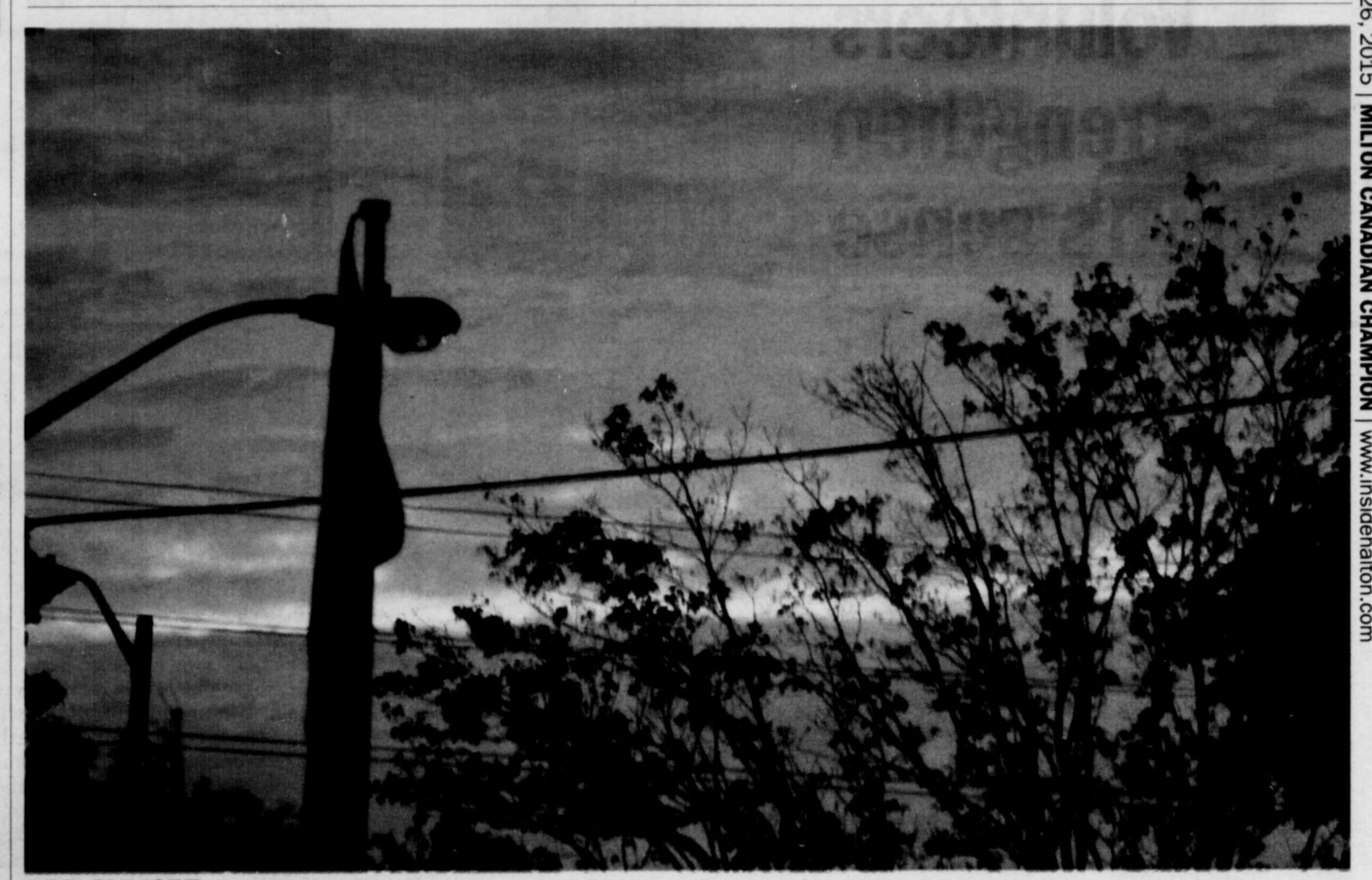
And it matters to acknowledge them when we can, if even but with a small gesture, such as a tip. It once was the mainstay of delivery when they had to collect. But with papers being free, they don't get that opportunity.

If you see a teen delivering a paper, or wanting to shovel your driveway, I hope you open your heart and encourage them to keep going.

Laurie Campbell Milton

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RED SUNSET: Champion reader Jill Bailey captured this image of a sunset from Barton Street.

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