

# Letters

## Wants police training upgraded

Dear Sir:  
I have today written to the Solicitor General, the Honourable Roy McMurtry with a suggestion that a presentation from organized labour be included in each training course at the police college at Aylmer, Ontario.

The purpose would be to provide an explanation of the circumstances and procedures leading up to a strike situation from the workers perception. This would be useful in reducing misunderstandings and friction which often occur during

## Take five...for safety

Dear Sir:  
Here's a simple statement of fact - flight into adverse weather results in more fatal aviation accidents than any other cause.

Although Transport Canada's Aviation Safety Bureau has tried, through its own safety programs to solve this continuing problem, our efforts have not been enough.

Since the range of the problem is too wide for any one government agency or aviation group to tackle, we are asking for the assistance of the entire aviation community, as well as the media, in coming to grips with this problem. Our recently announced 18 month weather - related accident

## MLA demands action

Dear Sir:  
OPEN LETTER

Hon. Frank Drea, Minister,  
Consumer and Commercial Relations,  
9th Floor,  
555 Yonge Street,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Drea:  
You will be aware that the Ontario Milk Marketing Board has awarded the Milk producers a 3-1/2 cent per litre increase in the price of milk effective Feb. 1, 1981. It has been justified by the O.M.M.B. on the basis of the farmers' increased costs.

The big unanswered question is: How much more are the dairies and supermarkets going to add on to that 3-1/2 cents before it gets to the consumer? As Minister of Consumer Relations, you ought to give the answer: "Not a single additional penny!"

When the farmers received their last increase of 2.79 cents in mid-August of 1980, the dairies and retailers pyramided it to 7 cents. Your Ministry did not intervene and took no steps to require them to justify the additional 4.21 cents.

My press release at the time (August 21), points out that retail milk prices had risen by at least 3 per cent when the changeover to metric was made last spring and, prior to that, the dairies upped the price by 1 cent in January of 1980. In those two hikes, the farmer got nothing.

With the bare 3.5 cents increase, consumers now will be paying about 37 per cent more for their milk than they were January 1st, 1979. Obviously, this strikes hard at large families and low income earners.

During the last two years, the farmers have received substantially less than half of the money from the price hikes. Traditionally, the dairies and retailers add their own additional markups every time the producer gets an increase - and at exactly the same time. It's a deliberate attempt to direct the blame to the farmer. That's unfair.

Even more seriously, it fudges responsibility for the increase and inhibits consumers from accurately assessing the market forces and directing pressures where they should be directed.

Today, the Canadian Conference Board of Canada altered its projection of just three months ago to predict even higher inflation for 1981. It states that wages will not keep pace with rising prices. You simply can't continue to stand on the sidelines, and detachedly watch the price of essential foods outpace the income of those people who most need them.

Immediate action by you on the milk issue is required in two respects:

1. So as to clearly separate raises caused by raw milk prices from dairy and retail markup, the dairies and supermarkets must be notified that you will not permit any increase above the farmers' 3.5 cents at the beginning of February.

2. Any subsequent further increase proposed by the dairies and retailers must be justified to your Ministry prior to its implementation. Farmers have to justify their increase, why not the dairies and the retailers?

## Three straight days of sun, cold

Monday, for the third straight day, residents of Huronia woke to clear blue skies and sub-zero temperatures as the mercury dipped for the third day in a row to -25 Celsius or lower readings.

The high for the day was only to rise to -10 Celsius.

strikes, because it is almost always management that request that the police get involved.

More trust and understanding between police and workers in a difficult situation would be in the best interests of everyone.

I have urged the solicitor general to implement this suggestion and I look forward to his response.

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campaign will strive to educate anybody involved with flying, including charter customers on the hazards posed by uncertain weather conditions.

As a member of Ontario's media community you can help by making this situation and our campaign known to your readers/listeners, many of whom may be pilots, pilots-to-be or potential customers of charter operators.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and support in this worthwhile venture.

Yours truly,  
M.J. Martinuk  
Public Affairs Officer

Your own Attorney General has ruled that your government has the constitutional power to take these consumer protection steps. The situation is at the stage which demands it. I urge you to act.

Yours truly,  
Mel Swart, MPP  
Welland - Thorold

# Three days of activities set for Mini Bonhomme

In less than a month, the seventh annual Mini Bonhomme Carnaval will be held in Victoria Harbour, Feb. 6-8.

The annual winter event will roll into high gear on Friday, Feb. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. when school kids from Grades 6 to 8 in the Harbour hold their own Winter Olympics.

The crowning of the carnival queen and king will take place at 6:45 p.m. at Sportsman Motor Inn following by a 7:30 p.m. torchlight parade and tree burning.

The local Legion and Lions Club will then square off in an adult broomball game at 8 p.m. At the same time a teen dance will be held with other dances set for the same night for adults.

Saturday will be set aside for snowmobile racing, cross country ski races, a crooked bat

baseball game, fiddle and step dance contest, hang gliding and lots more including teen and adult dances in the evening.

And if that isn't enough, Sunday's program will feature more snowmobile races, a pancake and sausage breakfast at the Legion, masquerade party for children, games and contests for the kids at

the ball park, log-sawing events, motorcycle races, more hang gliding and trophy presentations.

The ice fishing contest which began Jan. 1 wraps up Feb. 5 to coincide with the annual winter event in Victoria Harbour.

So you can see the place to be Feb. 6-8 is in Victoria Harbour for the annual Mini Bonhomme Carnival.

## Voracious appetites for oil burners

If your oil burner has developed a voracious appetite for fuel this winter, there's very good reason.

Because of record low temperatures fuel oil dealers have been making more calls than usual this season.

According to one local dealer, Paul Mooney of Midland, the automatic delivery service his firm operates is directly related to the temperature.

Fuel oil sells for about 21 cents a litre, or about 95.5 cents a gallon while stove oil sells for 22.4 cents a litre or \$1.01 a gallon.

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