

Letters

Driveway 'looks like hell' after paving, he says

We would like you to please publish this letter as it could possibly prevent some honest, hard working consumers from suffering the same fate that we suffered.

Re: Credit Stone Paving, 355 Boon Street, Toronto.

We had our driveway paved in May of this year (1977) and paid a premium because the sales representative ensured the quality of their workmanship and would give us a one-year guarantee in writing.

We had the driveway paved, paid the premium, got the guarantee in writing, stayed off the surface for seven days, and watered the surface each evening, as directed.

In July, we noticed several minor cracks and a couple of areas that were sagging or sinking.

We began to telephone Credit Stone Paving, leaving messages that went unanswered and finally wrote to them on August 15th threatening to take action.

On, or about, August 25th, a representative from Credit Stone Paving came to the house, viewed the situation and said, "there's nothing we can do".

My wife told him that she wasn't satisfied with his statement and he said he would talk to his boss

TTC

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I put in my senior citizen ticket, which they will sell you at any terminal without identification of a TTC card, and the driver asked if I had my TTC card.

I told him I sent away for it but as yet had not received it. He told me I had better hurry up and get it.

I told him I had been a senior citizen since a year ago last April and showed him my cards.

He told me I was lucky. I should have saved enough money to be able to pay regular adult fare.

Is this the view the TTC is taking on senior citizens? Why?

Mrs. Kathleen R. Harper
465 Lynett Crescent
Richmond Hill

and his boss would call me.

At the time of this writing, nothing has been done and we are out \$300 and our driveway looks like hell, and we have a

Reviewer was unfair, he states

A writing assignment out west forced me to miss reviewing the Curtain Club's "I am a Camera" so I read with interest my surrogate's review before seeing the play.

While Ms. McDonald shows a talent for witty observation, it should be pointed out that the scalpel is the instrument of theatrical rehabilitation, not the meat cleaver.

I do not think also, that an actress should be blamed for repeating lines which are in the script.

Abuse, if any, should be heaped upon the playwright for writing any banalities, or the director for leaving them in.

After making a scathing comment about delivering lines which were in the script, Ms. McDonald then adds more abuse for the actress failing to take the opportunity to make a witty ad-lib when the champagne inadvertently exploded onstage. This is palpably unfair.

Now when any performer treads the boards, they become fair game for objective criticism. Indeed some papers dilute their editorial milk by unfailingly cheerful reviews, regardless of performances.

There's one critic in particular I feel sure would give rave notices to an outbreak of bubonic plague.

But the play should be regarded as a sacred trust by a reviewer — not as an opportunity to display semantic virtuosity at someone else's expense.

The play by the way is still on so your readers can judge for themselves.

TOM DAVEY,
Oak Ridges



yesterdays
by mary dawson

Willow whistle had piercing screech

A four to five inch piece of a half-inch diameter willow branch made a whistle with an ear-piercing screech for the young boys and some girls of pioneer days.

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The piece of bark was then replaced gently so that it did not split and the whistle was ready for use. The tone depended on the thickness of the slice removed.

A simpler whistle was a blade of grass held between the outer edges of the thumbs.

Lucky the lad who owned a jackknife for he could also construct a slingshot from a forked stick with some elastic filched from his mother's sewing basket and a small piece of leather to hold the stone or other ammunition.

Some sling-shotters

developed such skill with this toy weapon that they could bring down rabbits and other small game which made a welcome addition to the family's diet.

Mother's sewing basket was also the source of raw materials for other toys. A spool with a pointed stick inserted in the hole made a top — a large button with two or four holes, on a looped string, would travel back and forth as it was swung through the air circularly.

As it wound, unwound and rewound the string in response to pressure for which he also

exerted by the hands it gave forth a humming sound.

And of course mother constructed rag dolls for her girl children from the scraps left from her dressmaking activities.

Father also added to the supply of toys whenever possible and according to his talents. He would build a small wagon, a simple box on whatever wheels were available or perhaps cut laboriously from a hardwood log.

A smaller version would serve as a carriage for his daughter's dolls response to pressure for which he also

provided a wooden cradle and if really ambitious a miniature chest of drawers.

In winter homemade sleds were great fun. These were usually just a box or a platform with wooden runners attached.

It was a lucky child whose father managed to come up with enough strip metal to surface the runners and give the sled a longer life.

An ambitious group of

young people might pool their resources and talents to construct a bobsled, up to 10 feet in length and with two sets of runners, the front set movable and controlled by a rope.

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NOTICE
ENVIRONMENTAL APPEAL BOARD
THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1971 (S.O. 1971, c.86, as amended)

In The Matter Of: sections 59, 77, 78 and 80 of The Environmental Protection Act, 1971, as amended, - and -

In The Matter Of: an appeal dated the 2nd day of September by the Toronto Area Transit Operating Authority from the refusal of the Director to issue a Certificate of Approval for a class 5 sewage system to serve a GO Transit ticket building to be located at Langstaff west of the CNR track between Highway 7 and old Highway 7, Town of Richmond Hill, Ontario, - and -

In The Matter Of: a hearing to be held by the Environmental Appeal Board.

TAKE NOTICE that the Environmental Appeal Board hereby appoints Tuesday, the 18th day of October, 1977 at 11:00 o'clock in the morning (local time) in the Niagara Room, second floor, south side, Macdonald Block, 900 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario, for the hearing of this appeal.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the purpose of the hearing is to enable the Board to determine whether it shall confirm, alter or revoke the refusal that is the subject of the hearing.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that if you do not attend at this hearing, the Environmental Appeal Board may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

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NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSING

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Town of Richmond Hill proposes to consider the passing of a By-law to stop up and close part of a Public Highway known as ELMWOOD AVENUE between CEDAR AVENUE and the CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY RIGHT OF WAY as shown on Registered Plan Z383.

The portion of the Highway affected is shown as Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 on Reference Plan G4R-6415 and a copy of the plan and the draft By-law are available for inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk, 10266 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario.


The Council will consider the proposed By-law at its meeting on the 7th day of November, 1977 and at that time will hear any person or the solicitor or agent of any person who advises the Clerk in writing prior to the 7th day of November, 1977 that he would like to appear.

Dated at the Town of Richmond Hill this 4th day of October, 1977.

The Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill.

C.D. Weldon,
Clerk.

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A dazed expression on the face of a traveler from the Far East often means they just returned from a phenomenon. That's the best way to describe a spot on the Southeast coast of China...a crammed-in gathering of people and buildings for which the adjective "teeming" seems hardly adequate.

Hong Kong is a veritable magnet that continually attracts visitors who find the place more amazing with each visit. There are three parts to this British Crown Colony —Hong Kong (an island); Kowloon (a peninsula); and the New Territories spreading out on mainland China behind Kowloon. An underground railway is now being built to provide mass transportation to help link these areas.

Since Hong Kong is practically a free port, shopping is a major activity—an activity that has become a mania! People from other countries who are used to high prices are often staggered by the low price tags on such products as cameras, custom-tailored clothing, and exquisite art objects. Besides shopping, there are plenty of things to see, including the new, spectacular Ocean Theatre with seals, sea lions, dolphins, and whales.

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