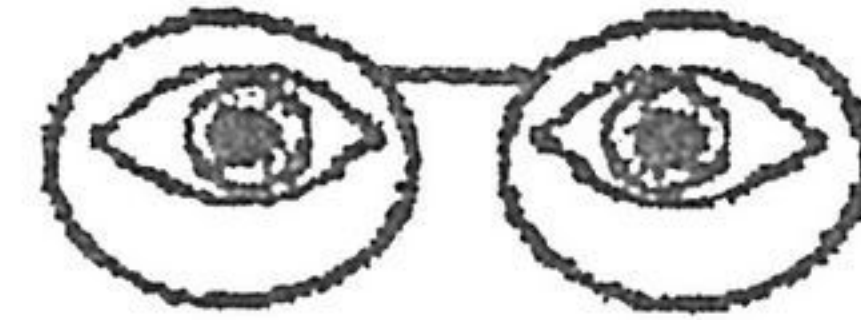


Municipally Yours,

Who has the most rights to an opinion about a County matter- someone who has lived here his or her whole life, let's say 50 years, or someone who moved in 5 months ago? The windmill issue (more about that later) turned up a few comments on my answering machine, my deck and in the local papers about these people from "Toronto". You know - these people who move in and want to change things because they know better or wait a minute didn't you say those people who *don't* want anything to change because that is why they moved here. Well which is it? It seems if they open their mouths at all, either way they are to blame for the disagreements about change . Until recently I've chosen to believe this was a myth perpetuated because folks found humour in it. Well not so - and some folks are hurting. I am one of those 7th generation County people - U. E .L. on both my Mom and Dad's side and a descendent of the first Conrad Bongard who settled here in the early 1780's. But I am not one of the "original" County people - that belongs to the native population. And my opinion on change? Well it has no more weight than that of my wonderful neighbours (from Toronto) across the road, or my wonderful neighbours (from Toronto) to the immediate west, or all those folks in Milford (from "Toronto" or wherever) who have improved the residential and business value of the village, or those in the township who have enriched our community endeavours of Fair Board, churches, The Mummers, etc. or all those who reside elsewhere in the County and who participate in and lead our various organizations, provide employment, support our cultural, cuisine and artistic pursuits, create agricultural economic diversity, brag to their city friends about this wonderful place and encourage others to visit and locate here. We are a rich County - far apart from money. When we close down or devalue the input of any "immigrants", we lose overall. If we love this land, then we will probably have an opinion and maybe (and hopefully) a passion about some issues. Not sharing that passion, that opinion, robs us of "synergy"- that ability to find the best vision, the best information, the best plan to

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