

Letters to the Editor

## Community involvement needed to reach goals

With regard to the Dec. 15 article on the council of South Mississauga associations, the following details of some of the thinking which has led to the adoption of the CSMCA position may interest your readers.

**Future of Mississauga.** The rate of growth in Mississauga may be expected to take a sharp upward turn in the immediate future. Now that Metro Toronto is reaching saturation point the 40,000 to 50,000 annual increase in population may be expected to settle in Mississauga.

The provincial government has anticipated this and announced that South Mississauga i.e. south of the Burnhamthorpe, is to have a maximum population of 30,000 and the whole of Mississauga a maximum population of 920,000. From the present 150,000 in 1970-71 these figures indicate an average 40,000 persons per year for the next 20 years.

Every man, woman and child that comes to Mississauga represents an investment in the order of \$10,000 per person, taking into account the land, the home, roads and municipal and county services. That means \$400 million every year. To this must be added the industrial and commercial business investments for which the total assessment to date is about 50 per cent of the residential assessment.

We are therefore discussing business in building and construction alone in the order of at least half a billion dollars annually and possibly nearer one billion if equipment and inventories are included.

Even at the lower figure this is big business by anyone's standards and the philosophical guidelines along which these developments take place should not be left to part time and practically unpaid individuals no matter how well intentioned they may be. This is why I personally

believe we need extraordinarily competent people as councillors and senior staff to make sure that these developments will be undertaken with skill and insight into community needs and desires.

I think it is only practical to provide remuneration at a level which will attract the skills and experience required and possibly reduce the nagging fear that special favors from those who are able to provide the favours may influence the decisions that have to be made.

The role of community associations. Now that residents are becoming aware of how their lives and investments will be changed by the scale of what is about to happen in Mississauga I am confident that they will take the time to make their opinions known to the town council—firstly via the local association and secondly via the polling booth.

Community-wide achievement of whatever goals are desired will only result from community-wide involvement. If residents express their interest then the CSMCA and similar organizations can act on their behalf.

It does not work the other way round, meaning that a handful of community minded people cannot speak on behalf of residents if the residents do not make their wishes known.

Similarly, if residents do not give guidance to their elected representatives via the community association listening post or the local paper then their place will be taken by business and commercial interests which have their own purpose to fulfill.

Everyone must determine their own priorities but I urge every resident to deliberately make a point of taking an active interest in the community affairs that are of particular interest to him or herself.

**The present town council.** As a public service may I ask The Times to publish a profile on each of our Ward Councillors, Mayor, Reeve, Deputy Reeve etc., stating what they do in private business, how long they have been in public office, how they have voted on the important issues, what are their opinions on foreseeable problems, and any other matters you may consider to be of interest to residents.

D. J. Skinner, Secretary, Council of South Mississauga Community Associations.

## Encourage those who are fighting pollution

Sir: Reading about apartment rents to rise 5 to 15 per cent makes me wonder what justification there is for the expected increases of such a magnitude.

Where is the money for these increases going to come from? Is this crazy spiral for more and more and more, never going to stop? Are we going to be brainwashed forever?

My heart bleeds for the poor developing companies which cannot operate the ivory towers without constant rent increases. If this is such a money losing proposition, why have it?

Canada is a very hard working nation, fighting inflation, fighting an economic battle for our survival as an independent Canadian nation against surtaxes south of the border and economic alliances in Europe. We are losing markets to Great Britain caused by their entry into the common market.

Our hope for survival as Canadians is hard work to stay competitive internationally and belt tightening to keep inflation

under control and live within our means. Greed for big profits, rent increases, tax increases and big wage increases will spell disaster for our nation.

We are a great export country and we have to find new export markets on other continents. To achieve this we have to sell quality for an attractive price. Any price and wage increases, regardless where they occur are only of temporary benefit and will harm us in the long run.

At a time of high unemployment I find it irresponsible to raise rents, taxes or prices. If we cannot exercise self-control to stop this mad spiral of rising rents, taxes, wages, one day the state will do it for us.

Are we not lucky to live in a great country like Canada? Let us improve what we have, but not spoil it with short sighted greed. Apartment residents, homeowners, taxpayers, we all are concerned, let us stop the increases in rents, taxes and prices. It can be done.

Hubert Wolf  
Port Credit

## 'Greed for big profits — spells disaster'

Sir: I read with dismay your recent editorial (Dec. 1) 'Fines Not Enough' and wondered when we will learn to compliment instead of condemn?

In Mississauga many industries have spent thousands of dollars installing anti-pollution devices and many more are doing their best to "clean up their act" but instead of giving encouragement to the many, you elect to condemn the few.

I have not seen in your editorials, condemnation of our federal government for giving bonuses and incentives to industries to locate in certain areas, such as Canada's largest city, that daily dumps 200,000,000 gallons of raw sewage into the St. Lawrence River.

Why not get after the real

offenders? What editorials have you written condemning the offensive fumes from the TTC passenger buses? What editorials have you written in regard to the air pollution caused by the hundreds of thousands of domestic furnaces spilling SO<sub>2</sub> into our air daily?

**'Post office hiring turtles'**

Sir: Rather than ban the sale of turtles in Mississauga as proposed by the Peel County Health Unit, I would suggest that Mississauga post office has already hired some of these turtles as letter carriers.

On Dec. 16 we received a letter post-marked Dec. 9 at Mississauga post office. This letter travelled no more than four miles from point of origin.

Also on Dec. 16 we received a letter from Durban, South Africa, post-marked

Dec. 8. The eight days from South Africa I can understand but seven days from Port Credit to another address in Mississauga is absolutely ridiculous.

Letters correctly addressed to us in Mississauga are marked, Try Port Credit, then try Clarkson, then back to Mississauga and finally delivered many days too late to be of use. This is for first class mail. I shudder to think what happens to second class mail.

J.H. Allen  
Mississauga.

I do not defend polluters, but to continue to harp at industry as the big bad wolf is to ignore the facts. I can only suppose that when you suggest closing down offending industries that you have some magic means at your disposal whereby you will provide jobs for those people thus deprived of the means of earning a living.

I am of the opinion that your editorial page can be used to better advantage by handing out a bouquet or two as opposed to the brick-bat approach. After all, there are over 650 industries in Mississauga and to date only three have been found guilty of polluting.

N. C. Clark  
Secretary  
Mississauga Industrial Association.

## Would invasion of Quebec be justified?

Sir: The outcome of the recent India-Pakistan war—wherein one country (India) invades and conquers a neighboring nation (Pakistan) which achieved independence Aug. 14, 1947 with little or no intervention or condemnation by the U.N. poses an interesting question concerning a possibly "separated" Quebec.

Should Quebec ever be given "autonomy" or "independence" from the rest of Canada and thousands of Quebec "refugees" decided they did not wish to live behind the Iron Curtain of a "Peoples Republic of Quebec" and fled to Ontario, Saskatchewan or the U.S.A., would these areas be justified in "invading" Quebec in order to

"liberate" it and return it to the Canadian people?

How would the U.N. react? By today's U.N. standards, the U.S.S.R., the Peoples Republic of China and the rest of the communist bloc would obviously denounce the invading Canadians and Americans while defending "liberated" Quebec.

As for the U.S.A. (burdened by Quebec "refugees") taking part in the "invasion"—this would be labelled "imperialistic expansionism" India's invasion of Pakistan once more reveals the flagrant hypocrisy found today in an increasingly communist-dominated U.N.—the century's biggest mistake.

Patricia Young  
Vancouver

## Calendar

**DECEMBER 29, 30**  
The Kinsmen Club of Streetsville is providing free pleasure skating at the Streetsville Arena from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. for young and old.

**DECEMBER 30**  
The Cawthra Hockey Association is renting buses and taking boys in the association and volunteer parents to Maple Leaf Gardens to watch the Toronto Maple Leafs practise.

**DECEMBER 31**  
Members of the parish of Bethel Nazarene Church, Burnhamthorpe and Ponytrail, have invited the congregation of Lakeview Alliance Church to join them for a watch night service tonight. From 10 to 11 p.m. there will be a time of fellowship with food, drink and carol singing. The

formal service begins at 11 p.m. and ends with a midnight communion.

**JANUARY 2**  
Bethesda United Church will hold its new year service today at 11 a.m. at the church. Parents who would like to have their children baptized then should contact Rev. Donald Bell, 625-2336 as soon as possible.

**JANUARY 2**  
Sunday school children at St. Hugh of Lincoln Anglican Church will participate in a special toy service at the church at 9:30 a.m.

**JANUARY 4**  
The Whiteoaks Choral Society, under the direction of Gifford Mitchell, will start rehearsals for a spring program. The 90 voice choir is looking for new chorists from Clarkson, Port Credit and Oakville.

**JANUARY 5**  
The Malton Recreation Association is holding its monthly meeting tonight at 7 p.m. at Malton Community Hall, Victory Cres. E.M. Halliday will discuss future facilities and parks in Malton.

**JANUARY 6**  
The Fiesta Dance Club will take registration for a new series of dance lessons with instructor Jim and Marg Clelland at the Clarkson Community Center. For more information please call Mrs. Nellie Bruton at 822-9111.

**JANUARY 6**  
The Lorne Park Recreation Association is meeting tonight at 8 p.m. at the Lorne Park Community Hall to discuss the recreation program for the spring season. All residents of Lorne Park are invited to attend.

**JANUARY 7**  
The next meeting of the Lorne Park Seniors will take place today.

**JANUARY 7**  
St. Hugh of Lincoln Anglican Church will hold a parish new year's party highlighted by a buffet turkey dinner.

**JANUARY 8**  
The 1st Streetsville Scouts are holding a waste paper drive today. Papers are to be bundled and out by 9:30 a.m. for pick-up.

**JANUARY 8**  
The movie H.R. Puff 'n' Stuff will be shown by the Tecumseh Community School Association at Tecumseh Public School today. Doors will open at 1:45 p.m. and the film will be shown at 2 p.m. Included on the program is a National Geographic short. Admission is 25 cents.

**JANUARY 9**  
Sheridan Park Royal United Church will present a special choral service tonight at 7:30 p.m. featuring the inter-church male choir.

**JANUARY 10**  
The Mississauga Business Men's Society will hold its annual meeting tonight. Included on the program will be the election of new officers for 1972.

**JANUARY 12**  
The Erindale Bible Chapel is holding a supper meeting at 6 p.m. at the home of Mrs. R. Woodward, Enniskillen Circle, for girls in Grade 10 and over.

**JANUARY 12**  
Registration for a baby sitting course for young people 12 years or older will take place today at St. Paul's Anglican Church. The course will be held every Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:30

p.m., Jan. 19 to March 8, with an examination March 15. Fees are \$2.

**JANUARY 12**  
New winter pre-school skating classes will start today at Malton arena and be held every Wednesday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. until March 15. There will also be kindergarten classes every Wednesday afternoon from 2:30 to 3 p.m. and adult skating lessons every Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

**JANUARY 18**  
The United Church Women of Bethesda United Church will meet today at the church.

**JANUARY 27**  
Bridge players in the Malton area who would like to form a club should attend a meeting of the Malton Recreation Association tonight at the Community Hall at 8 p.m. Call Mrs. G. A. Mills at 677-7974 for more information.