

Letters to the editor

'Trustees didn't hide facts'

During the past few months, The Times has published a number of articles about the testing program conducted in Grades 4 and 7 in Peel County schools. You culminated your coverage of this matter Wednesday, July 12, with an article and editorial questioning the role of the Peel County Board of Education in this regard. Nearly all your comments were based on statements attributed to one trustee, Mr. John Hart. I believe that the record should be put in proper perspective.

The Administration and

the board at no time tried to hide the results of the tests that were conducted. In March of this year the board, by a majority vote, decided that initially the results should be received in camera. This decision was taken in the full expectation that, after initial study, the original results would be made public. A special committee worked between March and June to prepare an objective evaluation of the results.

The original results, as well as the interim findings of the special committee, were presented to the

trustees in open, public session. Your correspondent, unfortunately, was not in attendance during the ensuing wide-ranging debate, and, therefore, the comments and questions from other trustees were not reported.

It should be noted that this is an interim report only and that the special committee will continue to report to the board on its findings throughout the fall and, if necessary, next spring.

The accusation that the board spends too much time "deciding the number of

toilet seats in a school" and not enough time evaluating academic programs is a careless statement. Even a cursory examination of the minutes of board meetings will demonstrate that this statement is simply not true. If anything, Mr. Hart's statement merely indicates his lack of understanding about matters discussed in the Lands and Buildings Committee of the Board.

Let me make one thing clear: I respect Mr. Hart's special competence to comment on the technical matters involved in the testing program. All trustees and the administration, however, share a concern about the teaching of English and mathematics. Indeed, it seems to have been forgotten that even before the test results became a matter for Board discussion, trustees took steps to strengthen the staff resources in these difficult academic areas.

belief that this gives greater power to their machines.

The owners of the land have been permitting this to take place (knowingly or unknowingly) because they do not live there and don't have to listen to it.

It is to be hoped that something will be done about this problem before the whole of our summer is spoiled by this terrible noise.

Grace M. Stoll
Mississauga

This is not the issue over which there is disagreement. The issue is that it has been implied that trustees tried to hide important information from the public and do not pay attention to curricular matters. I want to say categorically to the people of Peel County that the record shows the exact opposite.

William Kent,
Chairman,
The Peel County Board of Education.

Noise from motorbikes plagues neighbourhood

The residents of the streets immediately above the C.N.R. right-of-way from the Lorne Park Shopping Centre east to the western limits of Port Credit have been plagued by the noise from motorcycles ridden at all hours of the day and evening until the noise volume resembles that of Mosport. The residents of the Fox Estates, Tecumseh Park

Drive and the lower part of Woodeden Drive pay a lot of money in taxes. Most of us like to garden and enjoy the peace and beauty of our backyards but this is being denied us because young boys practise bike racing. They use not only mini bikes but also small motorcycles, some of which sound as if they have had the mufflers removed in the mistaken



The fence along the QEW South Service Road at Winston Churchill Boulevard took a beating last Wednesday when an eastbound truck lost control and went off the highway. (Times Photo by Ron Pozzer).

'Must town be a little Toronto?'

Some eight or nine years ago my husband and I visited your beautiful Town of Mississauga. We drove down Cliff Road in Cooksville and immediately fell in love with it. At that particular time the apple orchards there were in full bloom.

We then made up our minds that in the near future we would buy a home on Cliff Road if at all possible. In 1967 we did just that but unfortunately our stay was short because a year later we moved to our present home in Newfoundland.

A very good friend keeps us up to date on the Cooksville scene and sends us a copy of your paper. Some time ago we read in The Times that a four-lane highway was planned for Cliff Road. Later we read

that these plans were either delayed or cancelled.

How pleased we were to know that when we visit Cooksville this summer the same old Cliff Road will be there.

But just recently I heard that our beautiful orchard at Cliff Road and North Service Road has been cut down and that in its place will be an apartment building or a shopping plaza.

Is Cooksville to become a little Toronto with all the apartments and shopping plazas going up? Please leave some beauty spots in Cooksville so that when we visit each year we can say that you have the most beautiful town in Canada.
Helen Tilley
Mount Pearl, Nfld.

'Quebec hydro project threat to eco-system'

In the recent best seller Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee, Dee Brown graphically depicts the systematic destruction of the Indian culture in the United States. The movie Little Big Man popularized the tragic plight of the "red man" in "those" times.

Today we are sitting in the front row waiting for a similar tragedy to unfold. I am speaking of the pending rape of the James Bay Cree; (the cast is All-Canadian only the sponsorship is from south of the border).

These unfortunate people stand directly in the path of progress (as defined by Premier Bourassa of Quebec). A proposed multi-billion dollar hydro project on the La Grande River threatens their very existence. Anthropologists fear this will sound the death knell for North America's last independent Indian culture.

Leading scientists and

ecologists have stated that environmental repercussions will possibly destroy the fragile northern eco-system. One possible continental ramification is a longer, colder winter.

No environmental impact statement has been prepared. No comprehensive socio-economic study has been attempted. Based on the above facts both Jack Davis, Minister of the Environment and Jean Chretien, Indian Affairs and Northern Development should quash Bourassa's nightmarish pipedream. Obviously delicate political relations between Quebec and Ottawa are interfering with justice and the common good.

We in Mississauga must show our concern. A petition to the federal government has been placed in the Malton library on Morningstar Drive. Concerned members of the Malton Book Club

The space on this page is reserved for the readers of The Mississauga Times. We invite comment on any issue and are particularly interested in any letter which takes a point of view in

conflict with our own as expressed in the editorials. All letters must be signed although, if circumstances require, we will allow a pseudonym to be used. The Editor.

Calendar

JULY 19
The Cooksville Senior Citizens Club meets this day and every Wednesday at Port Credit Secondary School, Mineola Road, between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. Games include cards, bingo and billiards. Refreshments.

JULY 19
The Clarkson-Lorne Park Branch of the Mississauga Library, 1474 Truscott Dr., will hold a children's program today at 2 p.m. for children up to 12 years old.

JULY 19
The Mississauga Recreation and Parks Department through its playground system is presenting special swimming events today at the Westacres Pool. In conjunction with the aquatics staff, playground leaders will run a series of relays and fun events. The program starts at 12:45 and runs to approximately 3 p.m.

JULY 19
The Mississauga Recreation and Parks Department is holding a rescue breathing clinic at Erindale Swimming Pool this evening from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The program will include films on life saving and lessons in mouth to mouth rescue breathing by qualified Royal Life Saving Society instructors. Everyone is welcome to attend and admission is free.

JULY 19
The first meeting of Women Aware, a group formed for women and teenagers presenting a six-week series of programs, takes place tonight at 8 p.m. at Erindale United Church. Project Idea, under a grant given to Peel Community Services, is sponsoring the group. A cosmetician will give a skin care and make-up demonstration this evening. For more information call Pat Dunn, 279-2205, or Debbie

Field, 277-8363.

JULY 19
Register today for swimming classes at the Terra Cotta Conservation Area. Classes are now underway for both children and adults but there is still room for more in the junior intermediate, senior and bronze classes. Lessons will continue to Aug. 17. For further information call the lifeguards at the conservation area, 877-1989.

JULY 19 AND 20
The Burnhamthorpe Branch of the Mississauga Library, 1350 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E., is continuing Children's Week at 2 p.m. both days with stories, crafts and films.

JULY 19 to 22
The children's department of the Central Library, 110 Dundas St. W., will continue its special program for children featuring arts and crafts, movies, stories and puppets. The program begins weekdays at 2:30 p.m.

and Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

JULY 20
The Malton Branch Library, 3500 Morningstar Dr., will present a program of crafts, films and other activities for school-age children this morning and every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m.

JULY 23
An all-star team from the Forest Glen Ladies Softball League takes on members of Mississauga town council today in an exhibition game at Fleetwood Park (Burnhamthorpe Road, east of Dixie). Game time is 4 p.m. Celebrity guests have been invited and refreshments will be available.

JULY 24
The Chelsey Park Volunteer Association meets this evening at 8 at the nursing home, 2250 Hurontario St. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Further information by calling Jacqui Richardson, 274-5330.

JULY 24
The Canadian Red Cross Society will hold a blood donor clinic at St. Dominic's Church, the corner of Cawthra and Atwater from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The Toronto area blood bank is at an all-time low right now and all but essential operations are being postponed. New donors are needed to take the place of regular donors who are away on vacation. The South Peel Red Cross hopes to collect a minimum of 250 units at this clinic. Please plan to attend.

JULY 24
Ecologiee, a touring environmental puppet show, will be presented at the Terra Cotta Conservation Area today at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Six Humber College students from the creative and communications arts division, under the sponsorship of the Ministry of the Environment and a SWEEP grant, will perform as Blue-Green Algae, Phineas Fish,

Clarence T. Clam and Rush-Rush Executive, the business tycoon who recovers his sense of smell during his vacation. The conservation area is west on 27 Sideroad from Victoria on Highway 10 and one mile north of the Village of Terra Cotta. Entrance fees to the area are \$1.50 per car.

JULY 24 to 29
The 1972 Hill Cumorah Pageant, based on the Bible and the Book of Mormon and presented by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will take place in Palmyra, N.Y. this week, evenings at 9 p.m. The pageant was first presented in 1937 and this year over 100,000 people are expected to attend. For more information please call 274-5790 before 9:30 a.m. or after 9:30 p.m.

JULY 25
Tonight and every Tuesday evening is bingo night at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. First game begins at 7:45