

EDITORIAL

Huron County is the epitome of small-town Ontario, or probably small-town PEI, or small-town anywhere for that matter. The people who live there are descendants of families who settled the area one hundred years ago or more. Families still live on the farms cleared by the back-breaking labour of their ancestors - land that has become of the best farmland in Canada.

From this one can gather the sense of "roots" that pervades the atmosphere; not the Old World sense of centuries of history, but New World roots, where there are still old-timers who remember the toil of their parents and grandparents to create a new life in the wilderness.

Into all of this, five or so years ago, the rising price of land. It became almost impossible for

lost in the ice

To the Editor:

While we normally await the arrival of spring to endure the nasties of potholes and bumps which characteristically grace our Island highways, it appears the University administration, and primarily those in maintenance, wish to give us a head start. The turn at Blanchard Hall going to the student parking lot was barely passable last week. While I recognize

that delays because of inclement weather may occur, it is totally inexcusable that the situation would still exist one week later. While the work of those keeping our buildings clean is most admirable, it is situations such as this which happened last week which tries the students' patience and sympathy towards the University administration.

Signed,
Lost in the Ice.

hostage hoopla

Editor:

The hoopla which accompanied the return of the hostages may have had for its purpose the silencing of those who suspect the hostages were used to enable the American banks to recover the loans made to the deposed Shah's regime. When a government is overthrown by revolution it is not customary for the succeeding government to honor the obligations incurred by the deposed regime: the Soviet Union has not paid the obligations incurred abroad by the Czar's government, nor has Fidel Castro honored the obligations incurred by the Batista government.

Henry Kissinger and David Rockefeller, the owner of the Chase Manhattan bank, saw an opportunity. There was no reason why a medical team could not have travelled to Mexico City, as it did to Cairo to treat the Shah. No interest of the United States was served by admitting the Shah to the United States-- such was the hatred of the Shah and the hatred of the United States among the young revolutionaries in Tehran that the American ambassador there had warned Mr. Carter that if the Shah were admitted to the United States, the embassy might be seized and oc-

cupied. Nevertheless Mr. Carter did as he was told by the Rockefeller interests.

When a crowned head or a head of state goes to a foreign country for medical treatment, it is customary for them to travel incognito. If this custom had been followed, the students would not have had formal notice of the presence of the hated Shah in the United States. To make sure that they would know, Mr. Carter announced the Shah's entry to the United States. It is to be noted that he saw no reason for announcing the entry of King Khalid of Saudi Arabia who received medical treatment at a mid-western hospital.

The stratagem worked: the embassy was seized and its occupants held hostage to secure the return of the Shah and his wealth. This gave Mr. Carter an excuse to seize Iranian funds in American banks both at home and abroad. The hostages stayed in Tehran until the Shah had died and the haggling went on until Mr. Carter obtained the bargain he wanted - the return of the hostages in exchange for the return of the smaller portion of Iran's assets. Their captivity earned roughly six billion dollars for American interests.

Marie Donohoe.

a young person just starting out to buy a farm. The older farmers had no market for their farms because the land was too good for even university professors to use as an escape from the hectic pace of city life.

Enter large European corporations. Ontario's slack foreign ownership of land laws left southern Huron County and many other counties wide open for a mass onslaught by these huge German corporations. They bought up the excellent farmland, rented it out to local farmers or left it sit for a few years, and returned to Europe to sit back and reap the profits. While the provincial government was struggling to pull the wool aside from its eyes, these foreign owners milked Ontario's best farmland for all its worth. Within one mile and a quarter stretch of road running through 1000 acres of prime farmland, over 600 acres is owned by one of those German corporations. Prices are much cheaper than in Europe, but still range in the \$4000 an acre or more price slot.

During the Christmas holidays, a furour arose in South Cayuga Township over the Ontario government's proposition to build a chemical waste dump site in that area. South Cayuga forms part of the rich Niagara Peninsula, an area noted for years for its fruit-growing land. This is also an area close to the Notorious Love Canal dump site, which received so much publicity a few years back.

That in itself is not very surprising in light of our increasing dependence on chemical and nuclear technology. What does get one's goat is that the Ontario government had to buy the land from one of those large German corporations.

Naturally residents of South Cayuga complained and planned to storm the bastions of the Davis regime. If repeated protestations have managed to convince Davis and the boys that Cayuga is not the most suitable spot for the dump site, the waste dump will most definitely be moved to southern Huron County.

So much for tradition and an independent Canada.

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