

1976...in the news

• In January a Norval man was trapped in his car for two hours in Flesherton by a seatbelt that couldn't be unbuckled. Police were called and managed to free the man. A small glass fragment in the mechanism caused the malfunction.

• Police caught two juveniles who had a taste for sweets red-handed in February with a toboggan loaded with boxes containing 824 chocolate bars, 24 boxes of chocolates and 32 bags of chocolate. The two had broken into the Neilson's plant on Guelph St.

• A 2,500 seat arena and a library adjoining Gordon Alcott arena with a \$1.2 million price tag was proposed to Halton Hills Council by the special building committee in March.

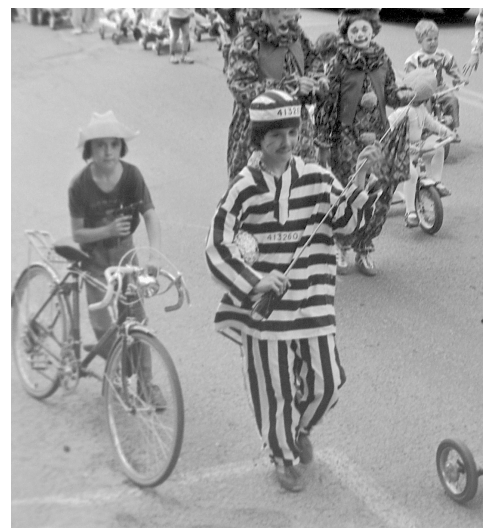
• A new world record for a cow was set in Oakville in May when an Indiana farm paid \$200,000 to Claude Picket of Hornby for Romandale Reflection Christie, a Holstein.

• Halton Hills Planning Board approved a plaza next to Gordon Alcott Arena in June.

• After nearly 50 years on Main St., Sid and Lucille Silver retired from their Silver's Department Store in September.



Taking a break from a walk-a-thon



The Jaycettes Parade in June



Filming for the 1977 movie *Equus* (left) was done in downtown Georgetown. The movie starred Richard Burton (below) the former husband (twice) of Elizabeth Taylor

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• In August a freak twister ripped through a section of Georgetown leaving uprooted trees, smashed windows, toppled garages and sheds and hundreds of bent and downed television antennae in its wake.

• In September it was reported the first calf in North America from a frozen embryo was born at Modern Ova Trends in Norval.

• In November the axe fell at Domtar Fine Paper Ltd. with the announcement that the company would cease operation in February 1977.

• Actor Richard Burton was in Georgetown in November filming scenes for the movie *Equus*. While here with her husband, Burton's wife Susan Hunt, was taken to the ER at Georgetown Hospital. Hospital officials declined to comment on why she was there.

• In July it was reported that more than 200 people signed a petition to stop construction of a \$900,000 addition to the Esquering municipal building on Seventh Line. Later in July it was reported the expansion plan was going down the drain since the majority of councillors no longer supported it.



EGCO strikers march the picket line in March



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