

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Delrex Ghost Dies Hard...

Perhaps it wouldn't be a Georgetown election campaign if the ghost which has haunted local elections for a decade didn't make at least one appearance at December 5th looms on the horizon. Last week two councillors charged two other (unnamed) council members with circulating behind-the-scenes rumours that they were pro-Delrex. In their haste to disassociate themselves, the two tipped the scales almost too far the other way and became unwitting propagators by taking a 'no land release without industry' stand. We had hoped that this kind of elec-

tion talk had disappeared into the limbo of history and that whatever candidates might find as platform planks, land release would not be one of them. Particularly when there appears to be a chance of some future success in talks which have been going on between council and land developer, would it be unfortunate if old feuds were to be revived and the question once again get out of all proportion. We would like to see a minimum of the past and some emphasis on the future when council candidates start building their election platforms this year.

Weather A Factor...

In a quarter century of attending remembrance day services, Sunday was one of the few we can remember when the wetherman provided a suitable setting. It was a bright, sunny November day and there was no hint of chill in the air. The hour's service was a perfect one, and those who paraded and those who attended as spectators were able to achieve a feeling of reverence which has often been dissipated by cold and wind. We wondered later why thought could not be given to changing the remembrance day date to provide a more suitable time of year in our cold Canadian climate. Prior to 1950, of course, there could be no thought of this, for the day marked the end of World War I hostilities, and was

a jointly happy-sad occasion - the cessation of hostilities and a remembrance for those who did not come home from the war. With addition of World War 2 and the Korean conflict, remembrance is the focal point to the day and it could be held any time without detracting from its purpose. There is always a danger that someone on parade might contract a serious chill while standing for the hour's service. And, human nature being what it is, there is a difficulty for most people in following a memorial address with interest, while secretly hoping the speaker will be as brief as possible so one can get indoors and warm up. We suggest that the day could be changed to late spring or early fall.

Good News For Halton...

While appreciating the government's economy move in cutting the number of reserve army groups in Canada, it is pardonable to be happy that the Lorne Scots will continue as an active regiment. The regiment has a long, proud record of service in Halton and Peel, and proved its worth particularly at the start of the second world war when it provided a fast recruiting basis, and personnel for many army branches on overseas service.

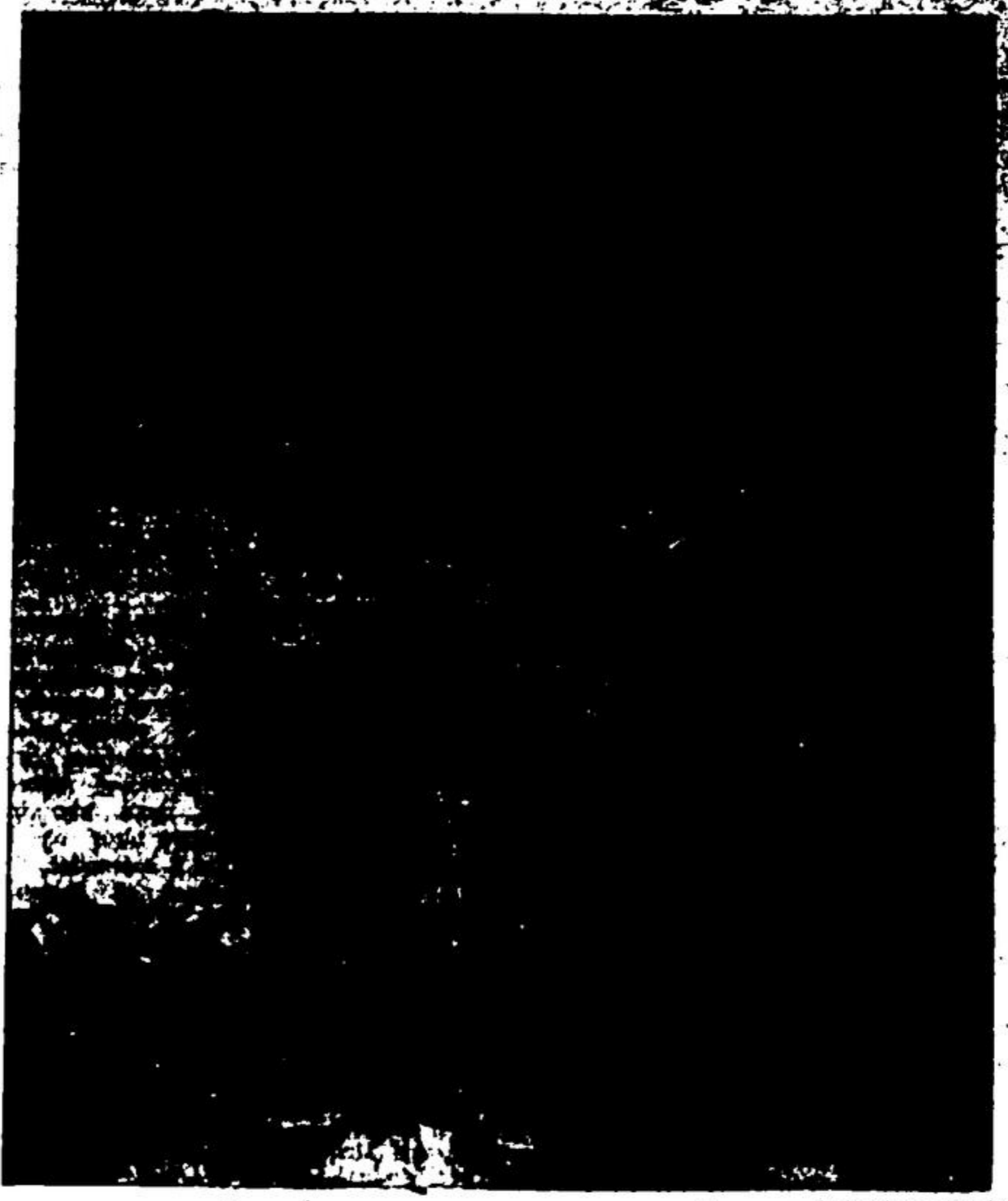
The local militia company, besides its primary function of training after-hour soldiers to be prepared for emergency, provides an element of colour which we would miss, and the town would have one less attractive building were the armoury in the park to be abandoned. The regiment must now intensify its efforts to justify the government's faith in keeping it in existence by providing a standard of excellence which cannot be questioned.

HARLEY TO HALTON WEEKLY OBSERVATIONS BY DR. HARRY HARLEY, M.P. FOR HALTON

The Minister of National Defence, the Hon. Paul Hellyer, has announced the reorganization of the Canadian Reserves including the Militia, Naval Reserve and the Air Force Auxiliary. I would first like to mention the changes affecting Halton County. The Lorne Scots, Royal Canadian Infantry Corps, is the Halton and Peel Militia Unit. They are located in Brampton, last four companies. Two of these companies, 'A' and 'D', previously located in Lakeshore and Orangeville are to be relocated in Brampton. 'B' Company of the Lorne Scots presently in Oakville will remain there. 'C' Company of the Lorne Scots (less one platoon) located in Georgetown will remain in Georgetown. One platoon of 'C' Company in Milton will be moved to Georgetown. Two small units in Oakville of Medical and Dental Advisory staff, each consisting of one officer and one clerk only, will not be included in the reorganized Militia. It will be seen therefore that apart from relocation and the loss of two very small advisory units, Halton will maintain its place in the Militia in the Lorne Scots Regiment. It has been recommended that transportation be provided to and from place-of-parade and it is expected this will be authorized in the near future. The roles of the Militia as set by the Minister are as follows: (1) Support of the Regular Army (needs 8,000 men). (2) To provide a training force for times of emergency to support the field force (3 brigades - 18,000 men). (3) Internal security (2,500 men). (4) To assist in National Survival responsibilities (1,000 men). The recommended strength of the Militia will therefore be approximately 30,000 officers and men. The changes in Naval Reserve will not affect Halton while the closing of the RCAF Auxiliary Wing in Hamilton will affect some of the members of this wing who reside in Halton. They have done an excellent job, particularly in Rescue Work and are to be highly commended. The savings which will result from these changes are approximately \$17,000,000 a year while maintaining reserve forces at an adequate level. The recent charge by the leader of the opposition that the proposed changes in the Constitution of Canada would divide Canada has been emphatically denied by his ex-Minister of Justice, Mr. Fulton, who states the proposed changes are almost identical to those planned by the Conservatives when they were in office. This was disclosed in a memo sent by Mr. Fulton to his previous colleagues in the House of Commons.

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

BRAMPTON: Your men risked their lives to remove six gallons of highly explosive chemical from the Northern Electric plant. It exploded minutes after Fire Chief Martin and three employees buried it under 2 feet of earth. STREETSVILLE: Three libraries, not a golf course, will form Toronto Township's permanent tribute to Canada's Centennial. The Centennial Libraries got the go ahead last week from township council. OAKVILLE: An Oakville hunter can truthfully boast now that he brought down three deer with one shot while hunting in the Boston area, north of Simcoe, he spotted five deer coming toward him on the dead run. He fired and three of them fell mortally wounded. ORANGEVILLE: The Orangeville Chamber of Commerce has backed a proposal by Mutual Income Estates to purchase the present town hall site and erect a new building to house town offices above a supermarket.



THEIR MEMORY HALLOWED IN THE LAND THEY LOVED

NEWS DESK EXTRAS

STEW POY POURRI: Georgetown drivers apparently prefer to have their accidents at locations in town which are potentially far less dangerous than at least a half dozen spots we can think of off hand where, in theory, motor mishaps should occur, but don't. One of the most inviting is a sharp curve below the western entrance to the John St. subway. There is no shoulder on the road here, and a guard rail which once offered some consolation to drivers who hit the corner at the same time as an oncoming car is no longer there. If anyone misjudges the edge the consequences lie at the bottom of a sheer 15 foot drop. Princess Anne Dr. Although there is no residence there at the moment, it is not impossible that at some time in the future a family in Georgetown could make their home at the corner of Cross and Back. But then who would believe them. If you get the feeling you've seen Carole Simpson of the controversial new television program "This Hour Has Seven Days" somewhere before chances are you're hunch is valid. Carole is the sister of Robert Simpson, 23 Victoria Ave., and her picture appeared in Aug. 1, 1963 issue of The Herald when she visited her relatives here. At that time she was one of the five stars of the satirical review "The Establishment" which toured the major U.S. cities. She sang all the satirical songs in the production. "This Hour" is a CBC show, their best of the current crop. It's in Channel 8's Sunday night 10 to 11 time slot. Carole comes from a real show business family. Her father toured in vaudeville in Australia and her mother was in the chorus. Her sister in England released a record late last year, and another sister sings with a band, Bob, of Georgetown also played trumpet with a band.

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NEWS ECHOES

10 YEARS AGO: Teenagers proved their worth as performers when the young people's society of St. John's United Church presented Teen Talent Night Monday. Taking part were Don Southern, Glenns Doherty, Paul Prust, Bill Whitney, Don Seddon, Beth Greig, Bob Tracey, Paul and Michael Armstrong, Roger Addy, Peter Darlington, Ann Hyde, Carol Seddon, Toni Lee, Gail McGilvray, Jim Sunnucks, Doug Wrigglesworth, Jan Hansen, Gail Milleham, Leanne Darou, Gail King, Judy McCumber, Tom Dobbie, Sue Crabtree and Jack Sunnucks. Nick Ferri and Blake Inglis each scored hat tricks last night to pace Georgetown Raiders to an 11-4 win over Milton Co-ops in the league opener. Del and Junior Beaumont had one apiece, and Bud Varey, Harv Chapel and Pete Bradkin also scored one each. Elmer the Safety Elephant makes his official debut in Georgetown tomorrow when 6 foot pennants will be hoisted at the two local public schools. It will be the first time the Elmer campaign has moved outside the Toronto area. 20 YEARS AGO: Eleven separate class rooms will be added to the Sunday School of St. John's United Church. It was announced at the annual church meeting. Rooms will also be provided for the choir and various women's organizations. The kitchen and banquet hall will also be greatly enlarged by the building program. Joe Schertzi, Norval lacrosse player, has been given the rookie award for the year 1944 at the Brampton Lacrosse Bowl. Joe, who is well known as a hockey player did not own a lacrosse stick until this year, but by mid-season he was considered good enough to play for the Senior Excelsors.

Retrospect on Remembrance

By Bill Smiley. In these very quiet days of the year, it is hard to remember the noise and confusion of Remembrance Day. They mean nothing to about eight per cent of the several million immigrants to Canada since World War II. How would you feel about Remembrance Day if you were a former German tank commander or an Italian ex-Infantryman? Both the world wars of this century are ancient history to school children, and the old dishes of the day - "oat porridge" - laid down their lives. "Fought for freedom" - leave that solemn but uncomprehending. And last, but not least, it interferes with business. Merchants will tell you, with tears as big as turnips in their eyes, that they'll go broke if they have to close up on November 11. Manufacturers will assure you that the one-day interruption of production will force them to the wall. In view of all this, is there any sense in having on this special day? Why not cut it down to a one-hour coffee break on Nov. 11th? Within a couple of years, this could be further reduced to a two-minute silence. And within a decade, the whole archaic business of remembering a few million dead men could be discarded. Is there any meaning in it any more? I don't know how you feel, but my answer is a resounding, reactionary Yes! It is based not on facts, but on emotion. I'm a sucker for Remembrance Day. There's something to mist the eyes in the jaunty gallantry of the old vets as they try to match the swing of years ago, here a stiff leg swinging, here a pinned-up sleeve. And there's something almost equally touching in the vets of World War II. They straighten their back, pull in their lips, ignore their kids waving at them from the sidewalk, and for a few brief moments lose away 30-odd years and become tough Canadian troops, striding toward their destiny. During the two winter months of the Consolida, I remember. I remember the two kids, a Canadian and a New Zealander, with whom I shared a tent in Normandy, both shot down within three days. I remember Frankie, English, 18. He had a baby face, a big grin and a run of bad luck. One day he dropped a 500-pound bomb, purely by accident, in a neighboring army camp, and the troops were rather hostile to him for a few weeks. Another time he was sent to England on the bear run. Flying back across the channel, he spotted two German fighters about to attack him, jettisoned his extra tanks and prepared to defend himself. The extra tanks, full of beer, went into the drink. The German fighters turned out to be two old specks on his windscreen. And he was nearly lynched when he arrived and told his story. He lurched out one day, hit by a flick, he balled out and his parachute failed to open. I remember the dreary November day when I carried a coffin up a block hillside to a stony cemetery in North Wales. It contained what they'd been able to scrape up of Paddy Burns, Australian, age 20, after he flew into a hole. And I remember half a hundred other: roaring boys, laughing boys, timid boys, shy boys, and boys scared stiff. And when the Last Post plays their sweet requiem in the still, autumn air, I'll be there, my face all crumpled and a lump as big as a boiled egg in my throat. Scrap Remembrance Day? Not as long as I can still cry, and there's free beer at the Legion Hall after the parade.

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