



## Wind turns Lakeview to desert

Residents of Lakeview subdivision were engulfed in a smaller edition of the Gobi desert last Friday when high winds whipped sand dredged out of Fairy Lake into a swirling sandstorm.

If they soon don't get some kind of cover for the sand, said one resident in biting tone, all the silt will be back in the lake.

Housewives were particularly vehement when the sand filtered into houses, coated windows and covered sills with grit. Walking was difficult against the wind, with sand blowing into faces and making eyes water.

Worst offender was the huge desolation on the farm west of houses which resembles a desert when viewed from the subdivision. Walls which acted as breakwaters when dredging was being done stopped the wind from sweeping some of the sand over houses but much of it went back in the lake.

The velocity of the wind also swept particles of the sand and dust into other sections of town, particularly from the silt stored at the foot of Elizabeth Drive to the arena.

The Free Press asked Parks Board chairman Peter Marks if the board had made any plans to provide cover for the areas recently dredged onto shore.

Mr. Marks said there was no provision for seed or sod to cover the bare patches because of budget chops this year. However, council had plans to iron out mounds and lay a base for grass when money is available.

## Reception to honor D. S. Lawless

The Halton County Board of Education will hold a public reception for Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Lawless at General Brock High School, Burlington, on Sunday May 10 between 3 and 4 p.m.

The occasion is to acknowledge Mr. Lawless' appointment as Director of Education for the City of Ottawa (a post which he will assume as of May 18), and also to recognize his contributions to the county.

Mr. Lawless has been the assistant director for the Halton County Board of Education since its inception - January 1, 1969, and prior to that time he was assistant director in the former Burlington system.

Members of the public are cordially invited to attend the reception.

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## Seven from Lorne Scots attend English regimental ceremonies

Seven Lorne Scots were present to see military history made in England recently. The sister regiment to the Lorne Scots, the Lancashire Fusiliers, was one of four regiments which have been amalgamated in the re-organization of the armed forces.

Their old colors were laid up and new colors presented by the Duke of Kent, while the septet from the Lorne Scots were among the special guests in attendance.

The men who flew over for the impressive, age-old ceremonies were Lieut.-Col. Earl Lance of Georgetown; Captain Tom Graham of Oakville; Regimental Sergeant Major Noel Weir, Port Credit; Regimental Sergeant Major Doug Wesley, Brampton; Master Warrant Officer Bill Harrison, Oakville; Master Warrant Officer Jack Harrison, Norval, and Warrant Officer Ken Allan, Acton.

The new colors were presented to the First and Fifth Battalions of the new regiment, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, at Kirkton-in-Lindsay, Lincolnshire, on St. George's Day, April 23. The color-in-chief of the regiment, the Duke of Kent, made the formal presentation of the new Queen's colors and the regimental colors.

The regimental colors bear the motto and insignia and the list of battle honors of the four former regiments. These were the London Fusiliers, Lancashire Fusiliers, Warwickshire Fusiliers

and Northumberland Fusiliers. The histories of these four regiments have become one, and all their former colors were retired.

New colors were also presented to each battalion. There are five battalions, one being disbanded, one in Kirkton-in-Lindsay, one in Gibraltar, one in Berlin and the territorial battalion, or the militia.

There was a march past of the Lancashire fusiliers in Bury, Lancashire, before their colors were laid up, in the church there. Victoria Cross holders and Chelsea pensioners were included in the parade.

The Lorne Scots representatives also attended this traditional ceremony. They were guests at the annual Lancashire Fusiliers Old Timers Association dinner and dance, and were welcomed by the mayor.

Baggage weight restrictions prevented them from taking their full uniforms, but they

### Euchre winners

Winners at Saturday's euchre at the L.O.L. hall, Crewson's Corners:

Ladies' high, Mary Osbourne; ladies' low, Mrs. C. Storey; men's high, Thos. McCutcheon; men's low, C. Storey.

Lone hands, Bea Anderson; door prize, Mary Osbourne.

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### OUR READERS WRITE:

## Charges Liberals tie us to U.S. kite

The Editor:

It was with more than a small degree of concern that I read Mr. Whiting's far from enlightened comments on his government's "fight" against inflation as excerpted from the *House of Commons Debates* in the April 22 issue of your paper. While roundly praising the co-operation of the business community in curbing price increases, he takes organized labor to task for its failure to follow suit in wage restraint.

These assertions do not take into sufficient account the all-pervasive fact that the Trudeau government's hands are tied by the condescending policy shown by itself and its Liberal predecessors towards foreign, and especially American investment in Canada.

During the past quarter century, Canada's governing elite, the Liberal Party, has participated successfully in the dismantling of Canada as an economic, social and cultural entity. Canada today is a colonial dependency ruled from an American imperial centre. As a colonial structure, Canada is maintained in a continental union by the proponents of liberal capitalism in the form of the North American approach to Canadian economic development adopted by successive Liberal governments. Under the calculating guidance of C. D. Howe, Robert Winters and Mitchell Sharp, Canada's traditional role as an exporter of raw materials, with a highly protected industry in Central Canada was altered to make the country one vast branch plant of American capitalism with the Liberal establishmentarians subservient to New York and Washington, the economic and political centres of the American empire.

The consequences of this act are made manifest when it is realized that the political and corporate elite of Canada made the grievous error of not only handing our country over to the Americans but above all in failing to comprehend the costs of their action, both political and economic, of remaining an American field.

In 1964, foreigners owned 33 billion dollars worth of Canadian assets, while Canadians owned 13 billion dollars in assets abroad, making for a net Canadian international indebtedness of 20 billion

dollars. In the field of direct investment "capital investments in a branch plant or subsidiary corporation abroad where the investor, has voting control of the concern" the Watkins Report on Foreign Ownership and the Structure of Canadian Industry maintains that in 1963 non-Canadian residents owned 54 per cent of Canadian manufacturing, 64 per cent of Canadian petroleum and natural gas industries, and 62 per cent of all Canadian mining and smelting concerns. Of these figures, American ownership accounted for 44 per cent, 54 per cent and 54 per cent of these three categories respectively.

This widespread American ownership of Canadian primary and secondary manufacturing concerns has forged an indissoluble bond which effectively unites the economies of Canada and the United States. Consequently, Canadian monetary and fiscal policies have been complicated by this foreign-controlled investment and the proximity of the Canadian economy with the much larger American economy has drastically curtailed the efforts of the Trudeau government in solving inflation.

Since 1926, successive Liberal governments have sacrificed national independence for a free ride on the crest of the spill-over of American affluence. With the United States preoccupied with its own fight against inflation, Canada might just as well focus its attentions on other areas of national concern, and wait, like the obedient, ingratiating colonial we are, until American initiatives bear fruit at New York and Washington.

Thus, Liberal backbenchers should not wag their fingers reproachfully at the intransigence of labor in "co-operating" with the Government in the anti-inflationary struggle. Instead, they should reflect upon the sobering thought that their national leadership has sold out any opportunity to take Canadian initiatives in this pressing problem.

Only national independence, not colonial subservience will enable the Canadian economy to grow by both public and private initiatives in ways determined by Canadians for the betterment of Canadians.

Ron Henry

## Nurses gain 7 per cent okay two year contract

Halton County Public Health Nurses will get a seven per cent wage hike plus an increase in car allowance and an increase in medical coverage this year. The benefits come as a result of four months of meetings between county officials and the nurses which resulted in a new two year

contract approved by both parties last week.

Prior to the settlement nurses received \$45 per month car allowance and five cents a mile. They will now receive an additional two cents per mile. Instead of paying 50 per cent of the medical program the county

will now assume two thirds of the cost.

"We're happy to have it settled. Talks bogged down at one point and they were going to go to conciliation but we met again. We gave some and they gave some, and we do have a settlement," Warden Allan Day commented.

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