



WHEN MISS CANADA Gillian Regehr wondered how for the 2½-million Easter Seal campaign envelope would reach end-to-end, Whipper Watson and Ontario's Timmy, Richard Ware, supplied the answer—Toronto to the Quebec border, Acton Rotary Club is again sponsoring the Easter Seal campaign in Acton and district and will be mailing out seals this weekend which will assist crippled children. Donations can be mailed to Acton Rotary Club, c/o Bank of Commerce, Acton branch.

Ottawa Report

by
Terry O'Connor — Halton MP



A matter of real concern to many people in Halton riding is the extensive property damage being reaped by the usual combination of high water levels of the Lower Great Lakes together with severe easterly storms. Some homes along the lakeshore are precariously close to crumbling into the lake. But the problem concerns not only private property owners, but also the public generally, as much of the lake front is dedicated to parkland and other public uses. Severe erosion of the federal government-owned park on the west bank of the mouth of the Bronte harbor has occurred over the past few weeks.

I have received quite a number of calls and letters from both private property owners and officials of the Town of Oakville, enquiring what the federal government might be prepared to do to assist in the alleviation of this situation.

The International Joint Commission has general jurisdiction to control lake and St. Lawrence Seaway conditions as much as is within their capability. We are told that the outflow from the Great Lakes at the St. Lawrence Seaway locks system is at present 300,000 cubic feet per second. This is the maximum volume that the system can handle without extensive damage along the shores of the St. Lawrence River, particularly in the Montreal area. As we know, this has in fact occurred in the past couple of weeks.

Not enough
The Canada Centre of Inland Waters at Burlington studies marine biology and lake conditions. It recently published a small pamphlet called "Shore Erosion - Cause and Cure" which outlines a few very basic long-range methods of preventing erosion — but hardly enough to solve our immediate problem.

Members of the Opposition in the House of Commons, representing ridings around the Lower Great Lakes, have been vigorously pressing the government to take some initiative in a program of assistance, even if it only entails engineering advice and guidance to property owners. However, the Minister of the Environment has refused action except in the case of loss of life or extensive personal injury and property damage.

The forecasts are for higher water levels and increasing danger during the spring run-off. It seems to me the government should move quickly to avert the damage rather than waiting for it to occur before acting.

If you have a problem, idea, comment, criticism, or if you simply wish to get in touch with me, please stop by or call my riding office at Lakeshore Road East, Oakville, 844-0222.

Manor auxiliary elects officers

Mrs. Ruth Allen was re-elected president of Halton Centennial Manor Auxiliary earlier this month. Elected to serve with her were First vice president, Mrs. L. Hopkins; Second vice president, Mrs. Mabel Coulsen; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Verna Callan; recording secretary, Mrs. Audrey McKee; treasurer, Mrs. Jean Randall and tuck shop treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Childs.

The following committee convenors were also elected: membership, Mrs. S. Finnie; phone, Mrs. Nellie McKinnon; visiting, Mrs. Florence Jennings; coffee machines, Mrs. Betty Charlton; good cheer, Mrs. E. MacIntosh; Club "90", Mrs. Muriel Coulsen and Mrs. Mabel Coulsen; tuck shops, Mrs. Jean Peddie, Mrs. Mary Hayward and Mrs. Mary Brownridge; shoppers, Mrs. Merna Childs, Mrs. Mary Brownridge; crafts, Mrs. Jean Randall and Mrs. R. Allen; special day favours, Mrs. Norma Hull, Mrs. Merna Childs; publicity, Mrs. Verna Callan and volunteers, Mrs. Audrey McKee.

Many duties
The group takes care of a great

many of the needs of the residents during the year. Their realm of responsibility ranges from operating the tuck shop, holding monthly birthday parties, assisting with arts and crafts programs, helping with the annual lawn party and the various bus trips held for residents during the year.

In addition to this they have what they refer to as the club "90". When each resident has his 90th birthday his or her picture is posted on a board with others who reached that age before him and he becomes a member of club "90".

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OUR READERS WRITE:

Plants do protect one another

Box 76, Rockwood, N0B 2K0
March 19, 1973

The Editor,
Dear Sir:

In the March 14 edition of the Free Press, you invited readers to submit information regarding the proximity of cultivated plants as a deterrent to insects.

Here are a number of suggestions culled from North Wind, a quarterly publication of Judy and Hal Hinds' Maplevalle Farm (Cross Creek, New Brunswick). Judy and Hal are involved in an organic gardening experiment in New Brunswick, and they assure us that, indeed, the planting of certain flowers and/or vegetables together does seem to act as a repellent to crop-injuring insects.

Plant together for mutual protection:

- Beans near potatoes, against Colorado potato beetles;
- Chives or garlic near lettuce or peas against aphids;
- Garlic near roses, against blackspot, mildew, and aphids;
- Geraniums among roses or grapes, against Japanese beetles;
- White geraniums or odorless marigolds near corn, against Japanese beetles;
- Nasturtiums near beans, against Mexican bean beetles; near broccoli against aphids; near cucurbits (cucumber and squash family), against cucumber beetles and squash bugs;
- Parsley near roses against rose beetles;
- Potatoes near beans against Mexican bean beetles;
- Radishes in hills of cucurbits against striped or spotted cucumber beetles;
- Rosemary, sage, thyme, nasturtium, catnip, mint, hemp, or hyssop near cabbage against white cabbage butterflies;
- Soybeans near corn against chinch bugs and Japanese beetles;
- Tansy around cabbage plants against cabbageworms and cutworms;
- Tansy, garlic, or onions around peach trees against borers;

- Tomatoes near asparagus against asparagus beetles;
- Marigolds or chives near roses.

Readers may also be interested in knowing about herbal tea sprays that may be used as organic pesticides while being both biodegradable and harmless to man and his pets:

- Burdock tea spray against grubs of June beetles;
- Carnomile against damping off in greenhouse and coldframe;
- Chives against leaf and fruit scab;
- Garlic and onion against late blight on potato and tomato, and brown rot of stone fruit;
- Gooseberry against mildew;
- Horsetail against mildew and other fungi, especially on grapevine, vegetables, fruit trees, rosebushes;
- Horseradish against fungi;
- Hyssop against bacterial diseases;
- Stinging nettle against plant lice;
- Wormwood against leaf-eating caterpillars on fruit trees, and aphids.

It may also be useful to remind your readers that, besides the enmity of certain plants and herbal sprays against insects, the beautiful original balance of nature can be somehow restored by putting certain insects in the presence of others.

The praying mantis, for example, this very symbol of "female chauvinism", will devour hundreds of caterpillars without harming anything else. Also, this most charming insect, the ladybug will make itself sick ridding your plants of harmful aphids. So, if you see pretty ladybugs on rosebush leaves, love them dearly and gently move them around if they seem to run out of aphids to eat. As for the slender, erect and ferocious-looking (female) praying mantis, tolerate her unladylike treatment of husbands and see her eat many times her weight a day of apple-tree caterpillars.

I hope this information proves useful to many of your gardening readers.

Yours truly,
Marc Morin

Urges uniform school bus standards

Rockwood, Ontario,
March 20, 1973.

The Editor,
Acton Free Press.

Dear Sir:

May I use the pages of your newspaper to inform your readers regarding a problem in road safety?

Recently, the Canadian Consumer's magazine stressed the need for the public to know of the state of school children required by law to ride in school buses.

While there are many conscientious bus operators and school boards there are also some who do not care.

Parents heard of injuries, carelessness in mechanical adjustments, and began to wonder.

The committee which is voluntarily trying to improve the safety of the reader's children, requests parents to take action either by writing the address below or by using the Parent-Teacher groups to

pressure the Government.

The committee has done research on foam padding for seat-backs and on the best height for the seats.

This year the C.A.C. met with Ontario Transport Minister Gordon Carlton, to persuade federal and provincial governments to adopt uniform standards and to make this mandatory.

While government legislation exists to cover private vehicles as regards safety through mandatory standards in manufacture, no such law exists for school bus manufacture. Also private cars have standards for occupant protection, but school buses do not.

School buses meet the same traffic problems as private cars and yet are not so well protected.

Parents or groups who are interested should write:

Consumer's Association of Canada,
School Bus Safety Committee,
100 Gloucester Street,
Ottawa, Ontario K2P-0A4

Mrs. S. Drijber

Feeding at public trough

Cut warden's dinner expenses by \$2,000

Halton County Council reduced a proposed budget of \$3,500 to \$1,500 for the Warden's Dinner when the issue came under attack from A. L. (Gus) Goutouski at a budget meeting of council Tuesday.

Council has allotted \$1,500 for the social event for the past several years. Last year however Warden Jim Swanborough overspent by \$2,300. This year council upped the \$1,500 staff estimate to \$3,500 suggesting the \$1,500 figure wasn't reasonable with today's prices.

Warden Mrs. A. MacArthur suggested she wouldn't be concerned if the dinner was cancelled but she felt former wardens should be invited if a dinner was held. She indicated all municipal councillors were invited last year and noted council should consider how many people they want to have in attendance before they set a budget.

Not acceptable

Oakville Deputy Reeve Terry Mannel suggested \$3,500 wasn't an acceptable figure. He suggested council budget for \$1,500 and if more was needed the figure could be increased after being considered carefully and

The Ontario Safety League asks motorists to treat kids on bicycles as if they were driving cars.

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judiciously.

In a prepared statement Mr. Goutouski reviewed the accounts for last year's dinner. He noted more money was spent on liquor (\$1,251) than on food (\$1,001).

Breaking the figures down to a per person basis Mr. Goutouski indicated each of the 182 people attending cost Halton taxpayers \$6.88 for liquor and \$8.50 for food. "There was more money spent on flowers than the average taxpayer will have displayed at his funeral (\$115.40)."

Auspicious occasion
"To mark this auspicious occasion your warden ordered gifts, a gold commemorative plaque at

\$328.50, eight silver goblets at \$125.25 and a silver tray. Inscription costs alone were \$486.56."

Music and tips of \$300.57 cost ratepayers \$42 per couple attending."

"May I suggest if the members of this council wish to acknowledge the leadership of their Warden, then spontaneously dig into your own pockets, pay your own way. Provide at your expense suitable gifts for the Warden, invite who you want or those that you can afford. Have yourselves a memorable evening with the members of county council," he noted.

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(Save 25c)

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Van Camp 14 oz. Tins

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4 : 89¢

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(Save 26c)

COFFEE

1-lb. Bag 85¢

Aylmer 48 oz. Jars

(Save 20c)

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79¢

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