



RAY THOMPSON receives his award from Wayne Yantz for 30 years of business association with Gulf Oil. Mr. Thompson has spent his whole life in Acton and started the business before the great demand for fuel oil arose.

OUR READERS WRITE:

Hopes people will object

In the Toronto Star of March 5th, I read the article, "Ottawa Plans Birth Control Publicity Blitz".

To a certain extent I can agree, that in the modern age family planning is necessary, especially where the unwanted children must suffer, but where are we heading to? Must we have abortion on demand and give everybody the pill and live as we please? It is the secularists who are setting the pace and the secular world has a better way of how to communicate and some writers can picture the world for what it is, rotten to the core. Perhaps not too far in the future, the government is going to decide who may or may not produce children.

But where is the Christian contribution? It seems that no two Christians have the same idea. One says, "Now this is the way it is supposed to be, up to date," while the other says, "now the world is going to the

dogs." These are two different people with two different ideas.

Philippians 2:5 says, "Let this mind be in you which is also in Christ-Jesus, and what was this mind, or attitude if you will?" He always asked, what the will of God was, not mine will but Thine. It seems that all stains and hangups, sexual or others, can be brushed aside. But do you know that when the people of Israel forsook the Lord, the nation went into prostitution?

I am afraid that our western civilization has had its best days. The Roman Empire fell, when man became more feminine and women more masculine, when sex sins and homosexuality were frequently practised.

We don't need blitzes like that. What all people of the world really needs is repentance. I hope that many people will strongly object to the suggestions that Minister Lalonde made.

John Kamminga

Morris wants bicycle paths

Councillor Peter Morris would like to see bicycle paths criss-crossing the town.

He brought up the subject at Halton Hills finance administration committee, Monday night, and claimed bicycling is as much a form of recreation as hockey or tennis.

Morris said no private organization could take over this project since the paths would have to be on public property. He saw the project as a program which could be started anytime and would take up to 20 years to complete.

Morris said there are bicycle paths in London, England, London, Ontario, Kitchener and Etobicoke.

Recreation Director Glen

Gray said a study of all recreation areas being conducted this summer could include bicycle paths.

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Won't allow lake fill

Windland Associates aren't going to give up. They still want to fill in Fairy Lake and the Credit Valley Conservation Authority don't want it.

"I don't think we want this sort of thing going on in Fairy Lake," grumbled CVCA chairman Grant Clarkson when Windlands' application to cut-and-fill once more came before executive members.

Owning the land south of Elizabeth Drive and east of Fairy Lake, most of which was created when the CVCA dredged the lake some years ago, Windlands Associates want to build a wall and fill the edge of the lake to provide more lot room. Equivalent cut storage is provided on a neighboring property, according to submitted plans, CVCA staff explained.

Told "no" "We told him 'no' last time," exploded Brampton member Ken Whillans. "He hasn't done one single thing to rectify... I don't know why he's back when he hasn't done anything."

Staff engineers pointed out the plans were slightly revised with the addition of a wall.

Caledon member H. P. Darraugh said, "If we approved this, we could have a suit against us by the neighbor."

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The storyteller of Ireland

Kitty O'Hare
A true story for St. Patrick's Day
By David Cohen

Where are the tales of yesteryear,
Which used to strike our hearts with fear,
With ghosts and goblins which seemed to appear
In the spiralling smoke of the open hearth?

Headless horsemen and banshee's wail,
Wrapped in each wonderful, terrible tale,
Long dead soldiers in chain mail,
Wandering the roads in the dead of night.

The chimney corner would be dismal and dark
Till a spit of the wheel sent up smoke and then spark
And the old folks smoked clay pipes and sat still
As the travelling woman unfolded her tale.

She told of the ghosts that were with and against her
Of goblins and wee folks, disturbed as they sensed her,
From Ulster to Munster, and Connaught to Leinster
Her tale was unfolded in wonder and awe.

The children themselves were supposed to be sleeping,
But Ah! 'Twasn't long 'til the rascals came creeping,
And they sat in the doorway, their sleepy eyes peeping,
And gobbled each word that the old lady said.

Oh! The sadness and tears showed on many old faces,
And on younger colleens in a great many cases,
But the boucles were manly and strong in their graces,
Pretending no fear at the old lady's tale.

When she finished her story, the tea it was drawn,
And the old folks were all in a glow,
For she was the teller of all the wild tales,
And the children were all in a row.

And most of them stretched, with a bit of a yawn,
As they glanced towards the windows and wished it was dawn
For the old lady's tale had been strong in its telling.

And after the tea and a pipe for the road,
The company all seemed weighed down with a load,
And, when time came for leaving, were slow as a toad,
Not a brave one among them would open the door.

And 'twas Kitty O'Hare, with her dark shawl around her,
Opened the door, while the others surround her,
And bravely set out where the darkness abound her,
For she was the teller of all the wild tales.

Pretty soon all the others took nerve from her leaving,
And out through the darkness in clusters were weaving,
As they whispered and murmured of sadness and grieving,
All down the Boreens to their own little homes.

They reached each thatched cottage, and safety of home,
And they thanked the Good Lord they did not have to roam,
On the Boreens so dark by the peat bogs and loam,
But one little dark figure was tramping the roads.

With her shawl wrapped around her, and hat pulled down tight,
There was nothing in Ireland could give her a fright,
As she treaded her way through the dark of the night,
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Life insurance upped

Halton Hills firefighters will each carry \$20,000 life insurance through the town. Monday Halton Hills works committee decided to up the volunteer's life insurance coverage to a straight \$20,000. Previously the firefighters had \$10,000 life insurance plus another \$10,000 which covered them only in the event they lost their life fighting a fire.

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You may be aware that the Ontario Housing Corporation of the Province of Ontario plans and implements the building of rental housing accommodation for senior citizens.
The Town of Halton Hills in 1975 requested all its residents who would be 60 years of age or older to complete a questionnaire on housing requirements and forward it to the Ontario Housing Corporation to assist in the planning and building of projected rental accommodation needs.
The number of replies was considered marginal and therefore at this time the Council for the Town of Halton Hills requests all eligible residents who would desire or wish to know more about senior citizen rental accommodation, to contact the undersigned for information and application forms in this regard.
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When she returns to work, the new mother is guaranteed the right to her former position or to a comparable position with no loss of seniority or benefits at the same salary.

Naturally, pregnancy does not prevent an employee from being dismissed for valid reasons not connected with pregnancy, but pregnancy alone cannot be the cause of dismissal where an employee is eligible for leave.

An expectant mother is required to give two weeks' notice in writing of the day she intends to leave. She is entitled to begin her leave any time within 11 weeks before the baby's birth but she must take at least six weeks of her leave afterwards. If the employer wishes the employee to begin her leave before she wants to do so, the employer must prove that she is unable to perform her normal duties adequately.

The employee is eligible for Unemployment Insurance benefits during her pregnancy leave (even if she does not intend to resume work when her leave expires) if she had at least 20 weeks of insured employment during the year before the birth. At least ten of the 20 weeks should have fallen between the 30th and the 50th weeks before the birth.

If you would like more information about pregnancy leave or other labour legislation of interest to working women, write to:
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and we will send you a brochure.

Bette Stephenson, M.D., Minister of Labour

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