

Town Hall Tales

V-E day at the town hall

This week sees the be- words of command for the ginning of a series of personal inspection march past louder reminiscences of events in than anyone else in the the old town hall. Others will school. I suppose that is as

month the Second World War waiting. The inspecting ofin Europe ended. German ficer drove up with his escort surrender had been antici- and the corps went through pated and there were some the ceremonial general plans for a victory cele- salute, march past, and inbration in Acton. As a spection flawlessly. member of the Acton Boys and Girls Band I expected to past, with the platoons drawn be a part of it because Charlie up in open order, I went for-Mason, our leader, had an- ward to meet the inspecting nounced that when the news officer and ask his permission came the Tannery whistle to break the corps off for their would blow. Then, no matter displays. Before I could speak where we were or what we the Tannery whistle began were doing we must rush blowing home, pick up our instruments and uniforms, and meet at the Town Hall for a looking victory parade. But the end of "What's that?" I replied. "I the war came sooner than think, sir, the war is over". expected. That morning in May was a warm sunny one. I saw Billy Middleton dancing In the park the High School a jig with another school army cadets were lined up for board member. The officer the annual inspection. There smiled and said, "Get your was one uniformed platoon of boys all equipped with army issue 22 cal Cooey rifles, and two platoons of girls. In those days girls didn't carry rifles although they learned how to shoot them. The Acton cadets also had a Band; one of the few cadet corps that did. Since most members of the Boys and Girls Band were in the inspection. We marched High School, they just exchanged uniforms and became a cadet band. The Cadets prepared for inspection all winter and the rifle drills, PT exercises, and ceremonial inspection march past were down pat for the

from Toronto. I was the C.O.

of the cadets, chosen oddly

enough because I could shout

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adequate representation on council.

that their high handed, arrogant ways were

of no benefit and that the rights of the in-

dividuals do count, even if they don't have

The real dirty part of the whole thing is,

the region has known from the beginning

that the site would never be approved on its

own merit. If it is approved it will be

because the region has driven itself to a

desperate position and left itself with no

option and no contingency and 200,000

One of the amusing parts of last Wed-

nesday's meeting was Georgetown Councillor Roy Booth's announcement that

he is fed up with the delays. After all,

people in his ward are doing their spring

cleaning and where are they going to throw

That's from the same councillor who, a

year and a half ago, told dump fighters that

he wouldn't be visiting Site F because it

really didn't matter where the garbage

Now the good councillor is getting fed up

went as long as it wasn't in his area.

Brock Ave

man hurt

in crash

A Brock Avenue man suffered'injuries when the

auto he was driving came into

collision with another vehicle at Highway 7 and the 4th Line

According to Milton's OPP

detachment Terry McMullen,

8 Brock Ave., received minor

injuries from the mishap. The

McMullen vehicle was

making a turn off the 4th Line

Westbound on the highway

was the auto driven by

Conrad Parent of Brampton.

be \$2,500. damage to the

Parent vehicle is \$3,000 police

Damage to the McMullen auto is estimated by police to

of Esquesing Sunday.

onto the Highway.

estimate.

with delays. Isn't that too damned bad!

all of their funk?

people with no place to dump garbage.

On the road.

follow in the next few weeks. logical a way to choose an officer as any. In any case Thirty-three years ago this there we were nervously

At the end of the march followed mediately by peals from the Town Hall bell. The officer surprised said,

Out of the corner of my eye corps together and we'll parade up town." In a minute the cadets were in marching order, the Band led off followed by the officer in his command car, the three platoons, and a collection of teachers, school board members and other citizens who were in the park to see the whole length of the Town. from the park to Ajax Engineers and back again to the Town Hall. Already there were cheering citizens along the street. I think Acton probably had the distinction of being the first town in all of visit of the inspecting officer Canada to have its victory parade that day.

On returning to the Town Hall we met Charlie Mason

hurrying home to meet his Band for the parade. He was a little put off because we got away without him initially but at the Town Hall the inspecting officer addressed the corps for a few minutes and gave us the rest of the day off. The Band members quickly went home and changed uniforms and got back to the Town Hall where Charlie waited as a mammoth parade formed up. This was a more formal parade which proceeded to the cenotaph and then to the United Church for a commun-

ity Thanksgiving service. That night a crowded victory dance was held in the

Town Hall. There was no time to find a dance band but Stu Elliott, a local man who had a dance band, did his best. He played saxophone, someone else worked over the old Town Hall piano, and there was a drummer-I don't remember who these other were. Anyway the whole Town danced to the small hours of the morning. The Town Hall was all lighted up and in the warm evening the windows were wide open to let the sound of music and singing float over the Town. There was great and thankfullness because it meant for many families boys would be safe and coming home soon. For others there was joy and sadness because their boys had fallen in the battles and would not be coming back. The Town Hall saw and heard it all as it had the end of the Boer war and the first World War. Echoes of that V-E night of celebration must still be imprinted on the plaster, brick, and mortar of the old

If worse comes to worse and the

restrictions are expanded to cover all of us,

I suggest you check the voting pattern

before you blow your lid. The first reaction

might be to vent anxieties against the dump

fighters instead of those councillors who

The region was well warned long ago that

the dump fighters weren't backing off and that there were legal provisions to delay

approval for five years at least. In fact the

group's lawyer, David Estrin told the

region a landfill site would never be

developed because it contravened the law

of the land. In fact Estrin actually advised

the region to get some better legal advice than what Mike Martin was able to provide.

Martin's gone now and the region has a

It's too bad the council hadn't swallowed

its pride, backed down and taken a different course a couple of years ago. This type of

crisis politics would never have been

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new lawyer and a whole army of legal beagles from outside firms working on the

insisted on taking the path to crisis.

Our readers write

Wants band support

Dear Mr. Editor: I am glad to read that the money sought for the support of the Acton Citizens' Band will be forthcoming, contrary to the determined effort of some of council to reduce the amount requested to a mere plttance.

I believe that next to the fundamental preaching of the Bible, good music is one of the most beneficial things in which people can participate today.

Our great composers from many decades past of all nationalities have contributed great works which are played and enjoyed world-wide with no distinction of race or

I do make the distinction between good music and that so-called music which to my. mind is nothing more nor less than a repetitious racket, a cacophony of unintelligible noises which in no sense could or would be

accepted as good music. Unfortunately a large part of our television and radio programs glorify such trash.

As was reported in last week's Free Press

a gratifying amount of \$1588 was raised in

Acton by the sale of yellow dasfodils, the

As convener of daffodil day, I would like

by this means to thank all of the people who

bought these flowers on the streets, in the

schools and in the factories. I would

flower of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Thanks to all

However most local bands such as Acton and Georgetown did not surrender to this vogue, but provided real suitable and listenable programs which should be supported by the public.

Moreover, any band that seeks to interest our young people in learning to play good music should receive every support possible.

If necessary to curtail other expenses to give the bands the necessary support, I suggest exorbitant salaries being paid our educators be drastically reduced and these savings go to band support.

Oakville, Burlington and Milton have bands, why not Halton Hills? I have been associated with military and

Citizens' bands, orchestras and other groups for over 60 years in both Toronto and Halton and Peel countles. Have also taught percussion instruments, so have had a lifelong association with the best in music.

Yours truly,; Ed. A. Peters 31 Byron St., Georgelown

This amount will be added to our door-todoor campaign for funds and sent to the Canadian Cancer Society as Acton and district's part in the search for a cure to

Daffodil Day convener,

especially like to thank the industries, who so graciously took the time to take advance orders from their employees.

Mrs. Marg Oliver,

Canadian Cancer Society, Acton branch

Notice of reunion

Dear editor:

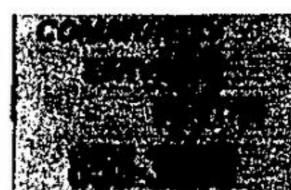
During the centennial celebrations for the town of Shelburne, a reunion of all former Centre Dufferin District High School staff and students has been planned for Saturday, June 3. Anyone eligible who has not yet been contacted is urged to inform the

C.D.D. H.S. reunion committee at Box 84,

Shelburne, Ontario.

Yours truly, Sandra Stoddart Reunion Chairman 89 Marion St. Orangeville, Ont.

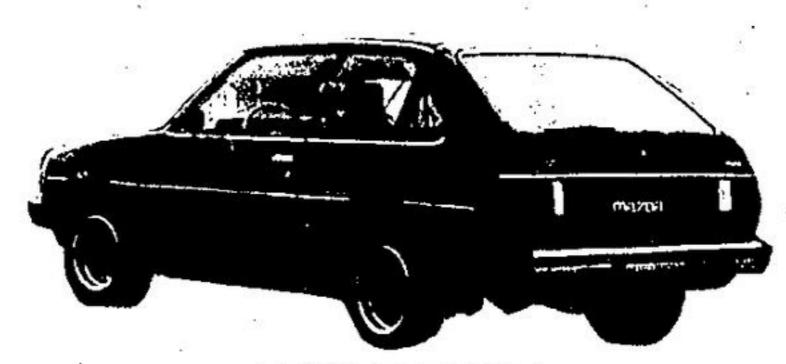
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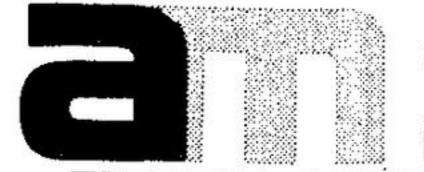
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Jail improvements are too late says super.

The heating system at the The panel's recommenda-century-old Milton Jail was tion for better washroom inoperative for 13 days, Jail Superintendent Derek Hincks sible, Hincks suggested. told this newspaper, when Adding more toilets in the questioned about the Institutional Inspection Panel's to house toilets-(some

report criticizing the jail. The furnace is the joint responsibility of the Ministry of Government Services and Halton Region, he said, adding "I think the Region was trying to avoid repairing it." The juil is slated to be closed in mid-

Temporary repairs were carried out on Friday, May 5, he said. The Panel noted there had been no heat in the jail since April 22 when the furn-

ace went on the blink. Hincks said it was a new

furnace last fall. When it first went out the weather was warm, Hincks said. Then it cooled off and the cold eventually made it "quite" cool" in the jail. He said he did not know how cool it got. Hincks said it zas a major

breakdown. As for a program and exercise for the inmates, he said before the furnace went out he had been exercising the men regularly in the jail yard. But when the furnace quit, he kept them inside and tried to keep

all the doors shut to conserve

facilities was next to imposcells which are large enough

aren't)-was an expensive proposition.

"Nobody is going to undertake it at this time, due to the fact the jail is closing down next month," he suggested.



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