

Heritage group...

(Continued from B4)
 is no indication of how long in the future does the "responsibility for meeting social demand" last and citizens want some answers from Queen's Park as to what is Halton's fair share. They feel it is being asked to contribute more to this area's fair share.
 The province says it is "essential to ensure that extraction is carried out with minimal social and environmental cost," and never sets out who "policies" or determines what is minimum social and environmental cost. Queen's Park says there is a "good operating standards" for pits quarries, "ensure rehabilitation" and "ensure approval procedures for expanding operations." Jenkins said residents want to see measures which will force the province to be carried out "progress as aggregate is removed," not left after a property is mined out after 50 years.
 Ontario government isn't experienced dealing with people, it should be the responsibility which establishes "evaluation and approval procedures" governing aggregate extraction in some cases other uses, such as agriculture, should take precedence over aggregates. HEH members believe policy should indicate residences alternative land use.



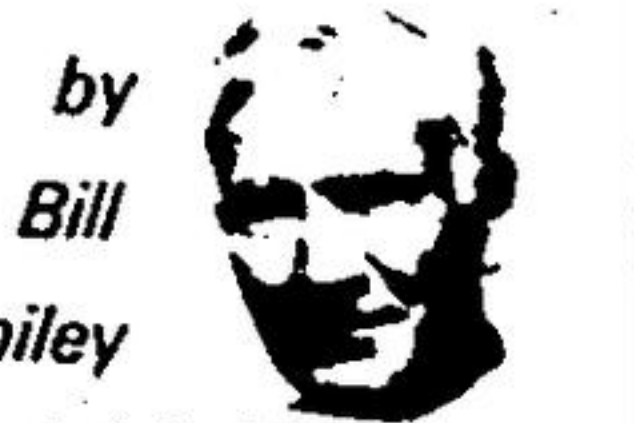
Matthew Williams and Davin Harris plant trees Saturday as part of the Trees for Canada program with the help of John Ollivier from the 1st Limehouse. Almost 10,000 trees were planted in Saturday's rain.

Scouts, Cubs plant nearly 10,000 trees

by Jean Layman
 The eleventh Annual "Trees For Canada" planting day was held last Saturday, April 30 for North Halton District Scouting Groups.
 Close to 10,000 White Pine, Maple, Cedar, Spruce, and White Spruce were planted at three different sites.
 1st Ballinafad planted 1000 trees in their own area, 1st Glen Williams planted 1200 trees at the Meadow Glen Mushroom property, and Acton, Georgetown, and Limehouse and Norval groups planted at the McDonald property on the 10th Line, east and north of Ballinafad.
 Boy Scouts of Canada having the largest Youth group in the world was a good indication at the planting with several hundred boys along with their leaders and parents participating.
 Co-ordinator Sandy Keir, District Commissioner John Sharples, District Council president Gord Douglas, and Mr. Heslink Forestry Foreman were on hand at the McDonald property.
 At the end of planting the boys enjoyed refreshments.

Drop me a line

This is neither an Old Home Week nor a Remembrance Day column. It is merely a desperate attempt to catch up with my correspondence, triggered by a week's holiday, in which I, at first tentatively, then frantically, pawed through the unanswered letters on my desk.



Oh, yes, I have a secretary. But she's not worth a diddle. She's great on emptying ashtrays, sorting my desk until I can't find anything, and telling me I'll never be a writer until I learn to change a typewriter ribbon.
 She also serves a great cup of tea when I am scripturally constipated, and fending off phone calls when I sit before the infernal machine in a catatonic state. But she simply won't get down to it, and write my column for me. What's the point of having a secretary if you have to do the dirty work yourself? Especially when she's practically a blood relative: your wife?
 Back to the letters. We'll work from about now back through a year or two.
 A letter from Orest Woychuk of Wainwright, Alta., hit me where it hurts. He'd read a column in which I referred to his brother, Roman, "Chuck" an old P.O.W. buddy. Chuck is dead: flew into a hill down in Quebec in 1957. We'd planned, in our young romanticism, to go to Yucatan, Mexico, when we got out of prison camp.
 Chuck was reckless and violent. I could have predicted his end. I was reminded of him when I read a dedication to a novel: "To the victims of the Great War; among who are the survivors." One of his favorite sayings was, "If you sleep fast enough, you can get five or six hours sleep in two hours."
 Orest says, in understatement, "He was very restless on his return from overseas—there's no need to explain why—you both were there and went thru it all." Chuck had three wives, and his brother says they, "Had a hard time catching up with him," because, "My home is where I hang up my hat for a few moments." Poor girls. Poor Chuck.
 Another old ghost turned up recently: Don McCuaig, former private in His Majesty's forces; former newspaper editor, the scourge of the upper Ottawa Valley. For some reason, this idiot and I have an affinity that transcends almost everything. We can meet after ten years and thoroughly enjoy each other's company. Silly duffer is in France, living in a village, taking an immersion course in the language. I can just hear that Ottawa Valley Irish coming through the French. For example, "terrible". In French it comes out, "Terreeb", with a little guttural on the "r". In Ottawa Valley it comes out, "Turbul."
 Here's one from Jack Seeley, Hay River, N.W.T. Yes, Jack, I'm gully. I am the guy you worked with on the old Harmonic on the upper Great Lakes in 1937-38-39. But I am no longer the fellow you recall as "A handsome and intelligent young man from Perth, Ontario by the name of Bill Smiley." We were both stupid to be working for one dollar a day, 12 hours a day, 30 days a month. And I am not hand-

some, merely distinguished.
 You were the handsome one, with your lean face, blond hair. Remember Peachy diving off the hurricane deck? Remember Capt. Bill Taylor flouncing around like a French gigolo, wooing the lady passengers in an aura of sweat and booze? He wound up as a bartender, after the S.S. Noronic burned.
 And another from Bob Love, somewhere in Alta. (envelope lost), a long and friendly and warm letter of reminiscences and shared experiences.
 And another from Mrs. Jay Webster of Lake Francis, Man., which tells a lot about the state of Canadian publishing, book-selling and Winnipeg as a cultural centre. "Would enjoy reading the books you mention, Boys, Bombs and Brussels Sprouts by Doug Harvey, and Terror in the Starboard Seat, by Dave McIntosh. After asking on the average of once a month in the Coles Book Stores in Winnipeg, I was told it wasn't on the order form so couldn't be ordered. Somebody must be failing in their job if these books aren't available west of Toronto."
 Somebody is, lady. Canadian publishers, notoriously timorous, would rather spend money on public relations for their name than pushing books with merit, but without a big-name author. Canadian booksellers are generally subsidiaries of American or British chains. Most of them couldn't name ten Canadian writers to save their souls.
 In line with that, I recently received word, via my principal, that the school board wants me to write a "rationale" for two fine Canadian books I put on my list: "Lives of Girls and Women," by Alice Munro, and "The Wars", by Timothy Findley.

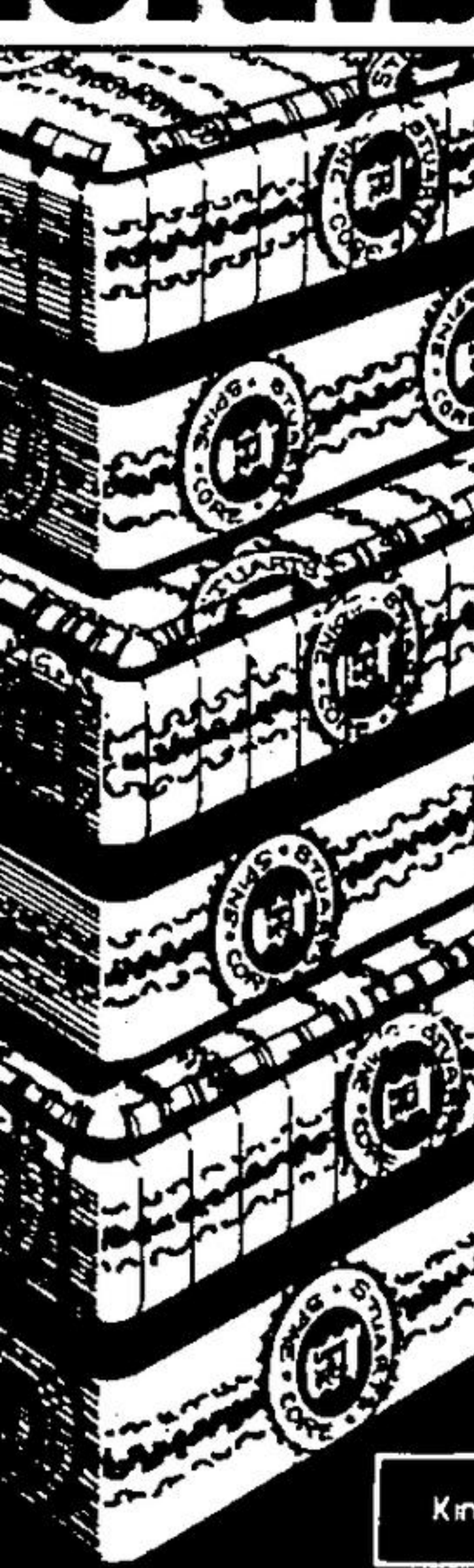
Both of these have been widely acclaimed. Both are works of art. Both were printed and written in Canada by Canadian writers. And I must write a "rationale" for their acceptance. The Board doesn't have to write a "rationale" for questioning them. I do, for suggesting them. So much for supporting Canadian writers.
 More letters. A card from my daughter, almost three years old. "I was thinking of you a lot as your 60th birthday approached. I love you a lot. Always have. Always will. I have just begun to be aware of the things you have taught me: strength, perseverance, tolerance and humor." Thanks a lot, baby. Just went through the old cheques. Sure enough.
 And eleven other letters. I'll get at them during the summer holidays, but don't let that stop you. I need nourishment. Drop me a line and let me know that my secretary is not the only one who reads this column.

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