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MY MOM SAYS I'M A "NATCH-RAL" FOR THE KID IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM.

A raw carrot

One of the carrots dangled in front of cynical members of nine Halton councils to induce support of regional government was a pledge that industrial development in the new region would become a function of the regional municipality.

In those halcyon days the Province promised rather than have the various local municipalities fighting for industrial assessment through their own industrial development commissions it would be better if one central industrial development agency was established so that all municipalities in the new region could benefit from industrial growth in any area of the region.

"This will be tied into the development of a comprehensive plan for the entire region so that areas which are residential or agricultural in nature can remain that way and still reap the benefits of the industrial growth on those lands which are most suited to this type of development," a report concurred.

Well, throw that carrot down the sink. Consider this quote by Burlington mayor Roly Bird at regional council this week: "The Regional business development department is not a joy for Burlington's business development department because it is running interference. They ruffle feathers."

Bird argued that the premise of sharing new industrial assessment among area municipalities is no longer a valid argument and will likely become a deterrent to maintaining the current system. His city's staff has outlined an alternative giving full authority for business development to the area municipalities and leaving the Region with basic coordination duties.

So much for the shining regional concept and the sharing of revenue from new industry. Burlington wants to handle its own sales and promotion and keep its revenue while the Region does the research and is supportive of all efforts.

Well, why not make all the rest of the regional responsibilities local, too? Let's turn back to the old county system if those with the biggest sticks can turn everything to their liking?



The decision by general committee of Halton Hills council to increase the level of snow clearing along town sidewalks this winter has to be commended. Snowfalls like last winter's were a hardship for some people, especially the handicapped and the elderly who found that getting around the community hazardous as well as uncomfortable.

As Councillor John McDonald says, the new level of snow clearing "will be money well spent."

It is impossible to estimate how much snow will fall in any given season or how much snow clearing will be necessary. As a result it is difficult for coun-

cil to budget an amount which will cover that particular season's snowfall. For instance the winter of two years ago was relatively free of the white stuff after initial snowfalls in December and early January. So much of the snow budget was untouched.

The next year the weather changed from a relatively open winter to a snowy one and town crews had to put in many extra hours keeping roads clear for traffic, let alone sidewalks. The budget was exceeded. It created hardships for the elderly. They had to navigate icy sidewalks and walk along roads

piled high with snow. Pedestrians of all ages found it hazardous on occasion when they shared busy roads with vehicle traffic.

The decision to clear the sidewalks along the main streets will alleviate some of that distress and is a step in the right direction.

One day it may be possible to pay for having all the sidewalks in town cleared after a heavy snowfall on a priority basis. Until then those residents who clear the stretch of sidewalk along the front of their property will be doing not only themselves but everyone a favor.

Money well spent

Out of the mouths of babes

Following are a series of essays on Remembrance Day written by Grade 5 students at Robert Little Public School. Unfortunately submitted just after deadline last week, the essays "are not perfect", teacher Paul Hynds comments, "but they do reflect the feelings of ten-year-olds."

I think wars start by crazy people or countries. Since I wasn't around in World War one or two I don't know what Peoples emotions were but I can bet they were not very happy feelings. If I had been around in either war I would have felt full of anger and I would have detested the other countries. People who think war is just a bunch of foolish full-grown kids playing with plastic bombs. Its not true. There really are wars and there really are nuclear bombs and last of all there really are soldiers who sacrifice their lives for ours, and our country.

I think wars start by silly things people say and things people do. I think wars also start when there is two sides. Wars should be stopped because people have been killed because of one little silly thing somebody said. My feelings about a war is sad and sorrowful. I understand what a war is now.

I think wars start by people getting to do something and other do not. The people that do not get to not something get mad and do not like it. So they started to yell and then they start a fist fight. Then one kills each other. Then they kill more and more people. That's how people start a war.

I think wars start when crazy people start a fight. Then everybody joins in. More and more people join in. That's how we have world wars. People who are grouped on one side are joyful and merry. On the other side they feel mad and upset by the government. That's how we start a war.

I think wars start by a little argument between two people then it gradually grows into a large number of people. Arguing also starts a war. One side laughs at the other side and the other side gets mad at them. So a big bad war starts. Everyone gets mad and angry. People get hurt very, very badly.

I think wars start by a simple argument and a comment. I feel that there should be such thing as a war. A little silly argument can do such a bad thing. Just like today in the class when the girls were allowed to chew gum and they did not have to do

work. The boys had to work because four boys did not bring it in. That almost caused a war. The girls laughed and the boys got more frustrated. In a war alot of people get hurt and might even die. Wars are a awful thing I do not ever want to be in a war.

I thing wars start by the government saying things that are not true. After World War 1 people knew the feeling of war is very sad. As the war goes on and on. These days the U.S.A. has a new weapon called nuclear bomb. I feel scared of that weapon.

I think wars start when people start fighting about some silly word that one person said. When someone starts a war they really aren't thinking. I think wars should be stoped by someone who knows what they are doing. If they do not know what they are doing they might get killed in that war. I think if a person starts a war they should get killed. I now know how a war starts.

Clergy comment

The light-switch

Owning your own house can be a wonderful thing. For many years my family and I have lived in "The Manse." The Manse is Presbyterian language for the house that is usually provided for the Minister as part of his income for the service he provides to a congregation.

When we came to Acton, we were given the opportunity to purchase our own house. As I said, that can be a wonderful thing. However, it means that now you have to look after all the repairs, and that may not be so wonderful. I had one of those tricky, delinquent light switches that seem to work only in daylight. When you really don't care whether it works or not. But at night time when it decides to be temperamental you realize with no small wonder why the author of Genesis I put "light" on top of God's creation list.

Anyone with a switch like I had or anyone who has spent a restless night awaiting the day, knows what it means to have the light finally come.

Ever since the discovery of fire it seems that God has turned over the business of "switching on the lights" to his creatures, made in his image. Every time I flip a light-switch (a good one) in the house, I have a quiet sense of power over the miracle of it all.

There are some people I have known who seem to be able to do the same trick in the lives of others. With the right word, the right grin, or even the right amount of silence, they have learned the magic of dispelling darkness and helping the light to come.

The "good news" tells us we are meant to be bearers of light. The "bad news" is that the darkness in life is ample. We can curse the darkness, as the old saying goes, or we can help switch on the lights.

Rev. Craig A. Crihar, Knox Presbyter

Back issues

10 years ago

Nov. 29, 1974
No immediate help is available for the removal and treatment of effluent from Acton's Beardmore tannery, officials of that firm were told during a meeting of Halton's Public Works Committee.

Cable television salesmen will be in Acton within the next few weeks to promote their service, according to a spokesman for Halton Cable Systems.

Ten Acton women are \$100 richer after a joint ticket won \$1,000 on Monday evening's Olympic Lottery draw.

Roseanne Brown of Jeffrey Ave., charged with the murder of her husband Cons. Paul Brown, on Nov. 10, appeared in court Monday and was released on bail.

20 years ago

Nov. 10, 1964
Police issued a warning this week against breaking bottles or glass on Streets or Hwys. Complaints have been received regarding streets being cluttered with broken glass and offenders will be prosecuted.

Fire victim Bert McMullen, who was hospitalized for critical burns received in a fire at the home of his brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McMullen, Mill St. died Tuesday morning.

Vandalism at the schools was fully discussed by members of the Public School Board, Thursday. Principal McKenzie asked the board for a directive on what action to take when vandalism was discovered. Recent damages at the school included replacing 38 panes of glass broken at the Stone school this summer.

50 years ago

Nov. 22, 1934
Magistrate D. Davidson presided at Police Court in Acton last Thursday when seven highway traffic cases were on the docket and two cases of drunkenness. The guilty parties contributed liberally to the police court treasury, \$10 and costs for drunkenness and \$5 and costs seemed the rule in traffic cases.

Friends are glad to see Mr. William Cole able to be about again after an accident a week ago. Mr. Cole was standing on the lawn at Mr. George Roszell's residence on Willow St., when one of the ladders being used in repair work to the roof of the house slipped and fell striking Mr. Cole on the head.

The YMCA building continues to progress splendidly toward completion. The electric wiring and plumbing are completed and have passed inspection.

75 years ago

Nov. 18, 1909
Mr. James R. Anderson is having a stone foundation built under his coal house at the GTR yards.

Mr. Wm. Taylor, Esquing, has sold his brick house on Young St. to Mr. Wm. Cooper, of the fifth line, for \$1,000.

The little two-year-old daughter of Mr. G. Sauvay, Young St., had the misfortune on Saturday to fall from her chair and fracture her collar bone.

Rev. J.C. Wilson and Rev. A. Blain of Nassagaweya exchanged pulpits last Sunday. Knox church congregation were delighted to hear Mr. Blain again.

100 years ago

Nov. 20, 1884
Rockwood News: Mr. R. Passmore had four sheep stolen lately. Only one was taken at a time.

Eramosa plowing match came off last week. About 40 competitors were present.

The Indians who spent the winter here some three or four years ago have returned and are plying their usual trade—basket weaving. About 30 of them occupy two dwellings near the village.

Both Nicklin's and Henderson's ponds are frozen over.

Last Friday four fine cows belonging to Mr. Alex Kennedy, First Line Acton, were killed by a west bound freight train in on the GTR.



Remember when the old stone school was a Continuation School and D.A. MacRae was principal. Rev. Charles D. Henderson of Exeter does and he kindly lent us this photo taken at the side of the old school in the 1934-35 school year. He's among the students, many of whom present and former residents of the town and area will recognize. Mr. Henderson's list of names includes: Front Row: Joe Lasby, Martin Hassard, Gord McKeown, Gib Romph, Laurie Atkinson, Joe Jacque, Jack Blow, — Kilpatrick, Bob Holmes, Vernon Agnew, Walter Lamb, John Dunne, Henry Taylor, Art? Nightingale, Bob Sterrik. Second Row: Leo Leatham, Vic Bristow, Cecil Wilson, Ward Graf, Bill Mainprize, Gordon McCutcheon, John

Hollinger, Frances Dilis, Helen Mainprize, Helen Cook, Laverne Smith, —, Freda Atkinson, Beatrice Taylor, Frances MacDowell, Doris Blow, Betty Watts, Miss M. Mortimer, Mr. D. G. MacRae, Principal, Miss H. Bell, Merna Rawson, Helen Scott, — Aitkens, Betty Claridge, Doris Wilson, Oaddy Harrison, Helen McCaig, Helen Massey, Frances Rawlings, Edna Cook. Third Row: Mr. George Mana, caretaker, Jim Jones, Hector Lambert, Howard Norton, Wib McMullen, Chas Henderson, John Dennis, Doug Maplesdon, Fred Turner, Edward Johnston, Jack Graham, Norman Braida, Teena Nicol, — Aitkens, Shela Breen, Bessie Vickers, Frances Mullen, Gerlie Robertson, —, Roy Chapman, Jean Benne, Jean Beat-

ie, Mary Young, Therese Campbell, Marg Smith, Hazel Wilson, Bella Rosell, Alzena Gibson, Ada Elliot, Ethel Pargeter, Marg Smith, Dot Phillips, Mary Robertson, Audrey Chalmers, Lucy MacArthur, — MacKinnon, — Coles. Fourth Row: Jack Beattie, Harvey McCutcheon, Rod Ryder, Mickey Holmes, Marjorie Near, Lillian Woodhall, —, Etta Swackhamer, Marg Arnold, Marguerite Rosell, Elleen Breen, Helen Lamb, Jean Lambert, Velma Blair, Verna McEachern, Jessie —, Mary Pappilon, Frances Kelly, Grace Lantz, —, Verna Joe, —, Dorothy Claridge, —, Elma Braida, Marg Kelly, Pat Harrop, Wilma Hansen, Alice Taylor, Donald MacPhail.

Letters are welcome

Please keep them brief