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THE NAME GAME

Actesquenassageo

Now that Ontario treasurer John White has told Halton municipalities that submitted regional government briefs, "thank you very much, but I like my idea," the populace of the future northern borough in the four unit Halton Region should be thinking of a name.

The northern borough embraces Esquesing, Georgetown, Acton and Nassagaweya. Out of Acton has come the suggestion that initials be employed and Egan be the new borough's moniker.

Using the same alphabet soup premise there will doubtless be wits submitting Gane, Agen, Gena, Gean, Nage and Nega.

Another kind of composite monogram such as Actesquenassageo would give the new community a name with an Indian ring to it which would no doubt please those used to calling Esquesing and Nassagaweya home.

Tan Town might be another Acton preference, and Esquesing's translation — Tall Pines — could be considered. Not many votes would be cast for Georgetown's old tag, Hungry Hollow, although it will no doubt be tossed into the hat.

Cetainly any proposal by one of the four member municipalities to have their name adopted for the unit would be voted down three to one.

But whatever the final choice, one can only hope it reflects more imagination than North Halton.

The Herald is interested in hearing about your suggestion for a name for the northern borough. Send your suggestion and reason in a letter to The Herald's Reader's Forum.

Now is the time to voice your opinion — before you're stuck with a lable like Nortown or Tip Top City, or, if there is much squabbling in reaching a decision, Battleburgh.

Taxation Offer Is Odious

The federal government's offer to turn over to the provinces taxation of tobacco and liquor as a means of financing health services is so ironical and odious that it must be challenged on the basis of principle.

Strong words. They come from Dr. D. L. Wilson, president of the Ontario Medical Association, and they can be quoted without comment.

The doctor said both levels of government are aware that tobacco and alcohol are the causes of major public health problems in Canada.

To make health services budgets dependent upon continued use of these hazardous products is morally wrong. Certainly increased consumption of liquor and alcohol will necessitate increased health expenditures, but this inverse relationship is a poor basis for funding health programs.

The federal offer would provide a monetary incentive to increase sales of tobacco and liquor at a time when the medical profession and others concerned with the public health, including governments themselves, are endeavoring to reduce consumption.

Well said, doctor.

Superburger Is Diet Hero

The super-soyaburger is still a stranger to Georgetown, and most other Canadian centres, outside the big-city supermarkets.

Widespread acceptance of the hamburger and soya protein likely will depend upon a federal decision about the nutritional legality of the composition. So far, no one has said it can't be sold. But it hasn't received full approval, either.

All this seems strange when it is considered that the soya bean has been a staple protein food in the Orient for many centuries. The whole bean can be used in cooking, and from it can be made cereal, milk, curd, cheese, cooking oil and a variety of meat substitutes (Canadian soldiers will recall soyal links from army mess days).

The soya bean is used commercially in all manner of products from soap to margarine. It is used in fodder for cattle and is fed to hogs.

Nutritionists, however, say that while soya is a complete vegetable, the body makes more effective use of it if it is taken with a meat protein. This explains its application in hamburger.

It has only been since the mid-1930s that soya has made gains in western diets, and then because its virtues have been promoted.

Red meat demand is likely to continue high, because Canadians eat more of it every year. It is probably, not likely, that soya protein will be used much more in the future. It is only a matter of time before superburger becomes an everyday term in Canadian diets.

ECHOES FROM THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO

The arena board's plan to utilize the arena facilities year-round instead of just during the winter will have to rely on something other than roller skating. A fact-finding committee appointed to look into the feasibility of using the arena's concrete floor for roller skating, doubts after investigating district roller skating centres that the arena floor could take the punishment. A committee spokesman told The Herald Monday, June 3, that arenas visited had a special trap rock surface installed specifically for roller skating, and it was the opinion of other managers that a concrete floor would begin to flake after a short time.

One town, New Hamburg, attempted a roller skating program on a straight concrete floor and found it was not successful

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A year-end treat for members of the safety patrol at Park and Harrison public schools was voted by council when a grant of $50 was made for this purpose. Police Cpl. Ted Scott told council that since the patrols were inaugurated seven years ago there have been no children involved in accidents while en route to and from school

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Three council members were vocal in attempting to save a Mountainview Road tree slated for removal by the hydro commission because of interference with electrical lines. "It's a beautiful elm, one of the few sound ones left" said Coun. Jim Emmerson. His opposition was echoed by Councillors Hildebrandt and Young, and the mayor as a hydro commissioner, was urged to have the commission take a second look

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20 YEARS AGO

Council was asked by Sam Tennant to have something done about dogs running at large in town. He reported that his dog, which was tied, was mauled and killed by other dogs running at large. The chairman of the police committee reported that the matter had been taken up with police, and that in the future if citizens would supply police with the names of the owners of dogs running at large, charges would be laid.

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Council agreed to transfer the property on which the hydro substation on Guelph Street is situated to the local commission now that the town hall property has been sold.

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Council asked the property committee to bring in a recommendation about construction and location of new lavatories in the park. Cost of materials was not to exceed $500.

Council discussed in detail the possibility of making a better approach on the roadway to the culvert on John Street. Turned down Pere Chaplin's price of $4,000 for 240 square feet of his property in order to round off the corner and will do some filling on the west side of the road next to the creek in order to widen the corner

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A fact finding committee appointed some weeks ago to compile data about the possibilities of a swimming pool for Georgetown met in the council chambers. Guest was Jack Sugarman of Toronto, an architect who had prepared tentative plans of what he considered Georgetown needed and approximate costs, etc. Mr Sugarman was present at the request of a friend on the committee, Sid Silver

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30 YEARS AGO

The local ration board was a hive of activity again, May 31 to June 4, when it mailed canning sugar coupons to some 2,600 applicants for the extra ration. Volunteers from the town and Norval worked hard during three days so that the coupons could be in the mail the first of the week. They worked in shifts, under the supervision of P. B. Harrison, secretary of the local board, and assistant secretary, Mrs J. P. Reid

Tickets sold for a Navy League Theatre Night, when My Sister Eileen was shown at the Gregory Theatre, netted $30 for the purchase of ditty bags

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P. J. Fordyce of Toronto was hired as Georgetown's new night constable by council. All members were present with Mayor Gibbons presiding and it was unanimously decided that the salary of the new employee would be $25 per week. There were 10 applications to the advertisement to fill the vacancy left on the police force as a result of the resignation of night constable W. G. Emmerson

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A bylaw saw the regulation and control of the emission of smoke within the Corporation of the Town of Georgetown. Every owner, lessee, tenant, agent, manager or occupant of any premises in or of a steam boiler in connection with which a fire is burning and every person who operates, uses or causes or permits to be used any furnace or fire, shall prevent the emission to the atmosphere from such fire of opaque or [illegible] period of more than six minutes in any one hour.

TURNING BACK TIME - TRAIL RANGERS

Georgetown Trail Rangers of 1933-34: front row, from the left, Bobby Goldham, Donald Jourdain, George Lang, Gordon Alcott, Allen Lam, J. W. Godfrey, Bob McMenemy. Reg Broomhead, Elmer Stockford, Freddy Johnston; second row, Bruce Kennedy, George Riddall, Billy Oxley, Jack Kemshead, Arnold Brill, Franklin Cleave, Steve Emmerson, James Emmerson, Russell Varey, Chubby Stapleton; third row, Billy Latimer, Joe Wilcox, James Sargent, and Roy Wilcox; back row, Jack Dann, John Emmerson, Edward Finlay. The picture was contributed to the Turning-Back-Time Series by Ted Arnold, 51 Charles St.

READER'S FORUM

Community Program Is Explained

Sir: We are writing this letter because there appears to be some misunderstanding about our Opportunities For Youth project and its role pertaining to this community.

When we applied for our grant in Feburary, no summer program for young children existed to our knowledge. It is our feeling that we will not be in competition with any other organization. Our aim is not to be a nursery school or a day-care centre, but to provide a creative play atmosphere for young children between the ages of three and six. This program will augment the recreation department's summer playground activities for older children. Included in our agenda will be music, children's theatre, crafts, games and movies.

Focus '73 consists of 16 responsible students, the majority of whom are in the senior grades. This includes five adults. Three of these people participated in the OFY project Initiative '72 last summer which involved children of all ages.

Several of our members have musical talents including piano, guitar, and accordion. The organizer of children's drama has two years experience in Theatre Arts and has previously worked with a group of young children.

Two members have had experience working in a hospital and one other was awarded the St. John Ambulance first aid certificate.

We hope we have been able to clarify some of the aspects of our OFY program to the people of Georgetown. For further information please contact Focus '73, Box 143.

Cathy Krowchuk,
Brenda Fisher,
Larry Broadfield,
Focus '73

Story of Underachievement

Sir: Reviewing the past 12 years that we have lived here, we have come to the realization that the chief drawback to the intelligent progress of Georgetown has been a progression of poor municipal councils which lacked foresight, refused to look at other communities, were negative thinking and narrow minded and who, in a number of cases, were obviously out for self-gain.

Many of us who have worked so hard in this town, heaved a sigh of relief as a community centre approached reality. Now it appears that Georgetown, true to its past history of underachievement, intends to settle for an inferior alternative, namely an arena in one place and a pool in another, instead of what could be used as a community club.

This is being considered in spite of recommendations from a group very representative of Georgetown citizens and contrary to their recreation survey

There are a number of points which the members of council who voted in favor of a pool at the High School should take into consideration.

This was to be a municipal pool; it was not offered to us by the school board in spite of its condescending attitude in handing out crumbs for public use. It is a well known fact that organizations using school facilities are met with less than pleasant cooperation.

Who will administer the pool — the physical education department or the recreation department, or a combination? It would be a set up which at best, is unsatisfactory.

Just how many hours a term will the physical education classes (now optional) require? Will it really be used by the public and separate schools?

It is a proven fact that a school pool gets minimum use; a pool away from the school gets maximum use (refer to Brampton municipal pool debate)

The majority of council appears to be basing its opinion on the Burlington "set-up" this is a relatively new venture and does not take into consideration that there are other pools in the Burlington area.

WEEKDAY USE

The School Board apparently proposes five hours of weekday use for other than Grades 3 and up. It is absurd to qualify this age group as the most important in a pool program. How in this time are we going to fill the needs of pre-schoolers, mentally retarded and physically handicapped children and adults, children with learning disabilities, distance swimming for therapy and fitness, and lessons for young school children etc.? There are precious few decent hours left in the evening and on weekends.

The pre-school swimming program should be the most important in any municipal pool. With the large numbers of private pools now in Georgetown (and owners who do not know the rudiments of water safety or rescue breathing), the safety factor of teaching babies and small children to swim cannot be over emphasized: furthermore it is a proven fact that the younger the child, the easier he learns to swim. In many areas babies can swim before they can walk in a method comparable to survival swimming.

Swimming can be an integral part of so many recreational activities. Without a pool on the premises a recreation complex is inadequate and obsolete. The ideal centre comprises an arena (gymnasium (and fitness centre) theatre, meeting rooms and a pool. Why should we be forced to accept less than the "ideal"? It would behoove our town officials to see a few other recreation complexes (such as Huron Park) before denying the right of the best to their taxpayers.

Granted, it may cost to have a pool built as part of our complex, but the dividends over the years would make it worthwhile, in addition we would not be at the mercy of the whims of the school board, and the department of education.

It is a fallacy to suppose that a municipal pool must be built at a school when there are other alternatives.!

A two year old Brampton girl fell into a leaf covered dirty private pool. She was able to keep herself afloat until her mother found her. This child is alive today because she is the product of a well taught pre-school swimming program. If she had been your child what would have happened?

Dix and Mary Simpson,
Georgetown

COMPLICITY?

Sir:

I can't help but think there is some complicity between some local politicians and various municipal government agencies. For instance I am employed by a company that is policed very thoroughly by the Ontario Water Resources Commission of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

If my employer polluted a water course within hours we would be informed and told to rectify the situation or else.

Last fall the media reported contamination of the west bank of the Credit River.

A couple of weeks ago the media reported that sewage overflow was being directed into the Credit River.

To me it is obvious: either the OWRC was not doing a very good job, or there was some kind of a coverup

Furthermore, whoever is responsible for allowing this contamination should be brought to task.

William A. Johnson
GUARD
Georgetown.

DUMP DILEMMA

Sir: I would like to identify myself with the viewpoint of John and Pamela Mitchell who, in their excellent letter to the editor recently warned of the impending opening of another garbage dump by the Town of Georgetown.

If members of the Georgetown council still do not know that there are methods of garbage disposal other than to fill a pretty valley with it, they should be told so

There seems to be an excellent opportunity for GUARD to justify the favorable publicity which this citizens group has enjoyed in the past few weeks.

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Move Said Short-Sighted

Sir: This is a copy of a letter I have submitted to Georgetown town council.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my displeasure about your recently announced location for the Georgetown Recreation Centre.

This further reduction of available industrial property by six acres only accentuates the council's short-sighted move to acquire a cheap site at the possible cost of a future job producing parcel of land.

The apparent weakening of the town's plan to keep the "Industrial Park", industrial, alarms me greatly. The BP Car Wash may have been a crack in the dike; is the recreation centre the beginning of the flood?

The only appropriate encore to the recreation centre in the industrial park would be a Harvey's Foods next to General Fireproofing and a drive-in theatre down next to Curwood Packaging.

It would seem that the proposed recreation centre location on Highway 7 would be of even greater concern to parents of young children who would now be forced to frequent this high traffic area.

I am somewhat puzzled as to why council would not locate this centre near some already established recreation area where greenbelt is readily available, and future acreage would be available for further playground expansion (on the assumption Georgetown is going to grow).

The existing Cedarvale Park area looks to have excellent potential for such a facility.

R. F. Mann,
plant manager
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THANKS

Sir: Now that our Trees for Canada — '73 project is over, I have an opportunity to write and thank your composing foreman Garfield McGilvray for a fine job he did for us in printing the folders, insert cards and thank-you cards. They have been the object of many favorable comments.

In particular, I appreciated the outstanding service you provided in delivering the material in time to meet our tight schedule.

Once again, my many thanks to you and your staff at The Herald.

A. J. Fenton
project co-ordinator
North Halton
District Council

BIKE SAFETY

Sir: As safety chairman of the Georgetown and District Local Council of Women I am very concerned about cyclists in Georgetown and vicinity.

After the child safety forum held May 25 at St. John's United Church Hall, I feel that to prevent bicycle accidents

there should be sidewalks and crosswalks for pedestrians everywhere, so that they don't have to be on the road too, and that idea of facing the traffic (a rule taught in the schools and also automatically kept riding a bike) can be made taboo then;

cyclists should live by the same rules as drivers at all times (have working lights in the front and back on bike, cycle at right side of road, obey stoplights, etc., signalling included). Offenders should, just like drivers, get warnings and tickets.

along highways there should be bicycle paths (roads can be widened for more lanes, why not put a bicycle path in at the same time) on both sides of the road or a wide one on one side, with cyclists using it for both directions;

moms and dads taking small children on the bike, should have them in a basket in front of them, when they are older they can sit in the back

These are some of the ways we can avoid more road accidents.

Connie Nieuwhof,
safety chairman,
Local Council of Women

SWAN SONG

Regard the swan,
a majestic thing.
When born in Georgetown
becomes a seal on a ring.
I'm glad he wasn't born
in Orillia --
They might have called
him something cylier

George Smith
Georgetown

O'CONNOR'S OTTAWA

By TERRY O'CONNOR
(PC-Halton)

Last Tuesday, May 29, was an unusually productive day in the short life of the 29th Parliament. A number of significant decisions were taken by the government in two cases and by Parliament in one other.

The minister for external affairs announced that we had decided to withdraw our troops from the peace observer farce in Viet Nam. Finally. In my opinion we were being played for suckers. From the outset there was never any peace to observe.

We were honestly attempting to report as accurately as possible thousands of continuing breeches of the Paris Agreement by all four parties to it. Our efforts were systematically frustrated by the Communist bloc countries on the ICCS who refused to recognize any wrongdoing by the Viet Cong or the North Vietnamese Army even when lives were lost.

The Canadian people can be proud of the impartial and professional job done by our men in a situation of extreme harassment and lack of co-operation. By withdrawing we have maintained our credibility to undertake future world peacekeeping tasks.

TAX LEGISLATION

Following this statement the minister of finance introduced his long-awaited manufacturers and processors tax legislation - one year and 21 days and many amendments after he first announced the program. John Turner has accepted the proposition of Opposition Leader Robert Stanfield that selective or discriminatory tax cuts should not be a permanent feature of our tax system. He agreed to a time limit of March 31, 1974, three months after the Conservatives' proposed cutoff date. There will be a thorough review of the effects of the measures at that time and a mechanism for regular review thereafter.

If the program creates jobs and improves our export capabilities, obviously it will be continued. If not, it will be terminated and other measures tried. The onus is on industry to make proper use of the benefits.

It is interesting to note that this concession is the third major proposal of the Conservative election platform of last year to be accepted by the government. That's minority government in action.

BIG FINALE

The dramatic finale to the day came late Tuesday night in the form of the capital punishment vote. With the public galleries and halls packed and all but eleven members present there was considerable prior speculation about the results. Everyone had been counting heads. Rumors of a three vote margin for retention and then for abolition and even of a tie vote were abundant.

As each Member rose to vote others agreeing with his or her viewpoint cheered and banged their desks. There were a few surprises as some of those in favor of capital punishment voted for the extension of the partial ban in order to get the Bill into committee where they could make changes.

Thus the final vote 138-114, perhaps is not *indicitive of* the ultimate fate of capital punishment in Canada. I supported the Bill after a long process of soul searching and extensive consideration of the several hundreds of letters, telegrams and telephone calls from people all around Halton.

Thus ended one of the most productive days of this session.

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 326 Lakeshore Road E., Oakville - 844-0222.

QUEEN'S PARK

Middle Approach To Pay Increases

by DON O'HEARN
Queen's Park Bureau
of The Herald

Toronto—There shouldn't be any great disagreement with the increase in pay proposed by the Camp commission for ministers, members and officials of the house.

The commission took a middle of the road approach.

Essentially it took the average percentage of increases across the board in the province over the past four years and with a few exceptions, applied these to the old salary ranges.

The suggested increase in the pay for private members of $4,500 from $18,000 to $22,000 may look large to the public, a public which has just seen sales tax increased.

It should be remembered, however, that it is four years since there has been an increase for our legislators. Also that their work-load is steadily building.

And in this context the boost really is not all that much.

And while $22,500 may seem quite hefty pay, it should be recalled that MLA's do have heavy expenses.

It will be interesting to see if the government accepts this.

Finally there is the case of expense allowances in themselves.

BILL SMILEY

Takes A Watergate To Help Clear Air

As I write, the Watergate hearings are in progress and that word is entering the language as a synonym for scandal and skullduggery.

Canadians are having a whale of a time doing what they like very much, — looking down their spotless noses at the Yanks.

I guess we've forgotten our great home-grown scandals involving Canadian governments, both provincial and federal. Some of the fantastic rip-offs made by such outfits as our railways and the Hudson Bay Company make the Watergate look like peanuts.

And then there was the Beauharnois affair, a piece of piracy that made many a Canadian politician feel like looking for a hole to crawl into

And let's not forget the Duplessis era in Quebec, where votes were bought and sold like potatoes, ballot boxes stuffed and strongarm tactics used at election time.

DOWN NOSES

Nope. We can't afford to look down our noses at anybody. All we can or should do is shake our heads and remember, "There, but for the grace of God. . ."

Of course, Watergate is somewhat different in that it's involved the use of police state tactics in pursuit of unbridled political power. That distinguishes it from traditional political corruption which has usually been motivated by a love of "booze, broads and bucks."

Perhaps the saddest aspect of the Watergate affair is that nobody is spilling the beans because of conscience or lofty principles.

They are telling all because they are on the hot seat. It's every man for himself as those involved try to save their own necks. A bunch of finks scrambling for safety.

At the same time, one must admire the U.S. process of probing for the truth, regardless of who gets hurt. I wouldn't want to be up in front of those tough senators for anything more serious than spitting on the sidewalk.

COMMISSION

How would Canada handle such a situation? Well, first the government would appoint a Royal Commission, which would investigate in near-secrecy. The Commission would require three years to complete its job, by which time nobody would be interested. It would then publish its report, which would be almost unreadable.

A few weary editorials would be written, a few professors who could wade through the Commission Report would make speeches and the whole thing would then be buried.

As a good many observers have pointed out, the Watergate airing of soiled linen may be the best thing that has happened to the U.S. democratic system in generations.

When you are constipated, you take a purge. When you've swallowed poison and want to throw up, you take an emetic. Perhaps the Watergate will serve as both.

Regardless of how many heads will get the chop, and to whom those heads belong, it is comforting to know that our great neighbor will heal itself, spew out the poison or cut out the cancer, and get back to work.

And it will. It has survived Senator Joe McCarthy's witch-hunts, the lying about spying on Russia, the Bay of Pigs fiasco, and many another, not to mention a disgusting and disastrous war in Asia.

It is also comforting to know that there are still countries in the world where powerful public figures can be brought to account. It couldn't happen in Russia or China. And it wouldn't happen in many a so-called democracy.

SKEPTICISM

On the other hand, the average Joe in the States must be becoming a little skeptical, to say the least. He has been lied to and lied to. He must be wondering whether he can believe anybody any more. I know I would be.

There's nothing new in powerful leaders lying to the people they are leading. Hitler lied to the Germans, Mussolini to the Italians, Stalin to the Russians.

Unfortunately, their lies were not discovered by their peoples until the damage had been done and the world was staggering back from the holocaust they unleashed.

This time the truth is coming out, haltingly, so that the damage to a nation and a nation's pride may be halted before it becomes irreparable. Let's hope so.

And let's hope the Americans come out of the sordid little mess, smelling of violets and ready to get back to the real problems they must solve: inflation, pollution, integration. They're great solvers of problems, and they have great problems to solve.

In the meantime, it behooves us in Canada not to sneer and point the finger.

Let's pretend our neighbors are having a domestic quarrel which is none of our business. Let's cultivate our own garden. It needs it.