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#### **AUTO LITTER**

# Attacking the Problem

If Ontario really has half a million abandoned motor vehicles lying about the province, then the new derelict motor vehicle regulations should have come a lot sooner.

The regulations went into effect this month. But enforcement measures will be applied gradually, says James Auld, environment minister, "to establish control over private and commercial accumulations of junked automobiles."

The regulations will apply to anyone with two or more derelict vehicles on his property. When regulations are fully enforced owners of these collections will have to choose proper disposal or establishment of proper waste management.

Unfortunately, the regulations still hit at only half of the problem, derelict vehicles on property whose owners can be

What about those many other junked vehicles that repose on Crown land, or the land holdings of others not responsible for the abandonment, such as mining firms and lumber companies?

Ontario needs a more comprehensive policy of junked vehicle control. While the South, with its development and widespread population, may have more derelict autos in yards, the North has a large percentage of derelict vehicles residing in bushland.

Anyone from the South who has hunted or fished in the North will appreciate the extent of auto litter that exists. It is possible to find at least one junked vehicle along each sideroad.

What cleanup has been done has been small in scope and the litter of old and derelict vehicles remains largely untouched, as the province's own figures attest.

Stringent anti-junking measures have begun, and the province is to be commended for going as far as it has. But some stiffer measures will be required if a continuing attack is to be mounted against the growing numbers of old cars.

Perhaps a deposit fee will have to be instituted. Buyers of cars, and even trucks, will have to pay extra, getting the money back when the vehicle, at the end of its working life, is disposed of properly.

The system would be not unlike the returnable and recycled soft drink container.

### Children and TV Ads

So the cheers go up for the CBC, which as a matter of high principle is going to drop advertising directed at children. Of course, someone else-meaning uswill have to pay for the corporation's display of principle, to the tune of \$2.5 million extra a

Who, to begin with, has urged that children's television should be ad-free? A few MPs, led by Jim McGrath whose bill is now before a committee; the Canadian Broadcast League, which in dealing with the principles of radio and television broadcasting can nicely overlook small matters like balancing budgets; and some selfstyled, if well meaning, defenders of children such as the Citizens' Committee on Children.

But Parliament in its wisdom has not yet voted to ban ads aimed at children; and there has not, so far as we can perceive, been any great outpouring of public distaste at the practice.

Why then has this minority of moralists decided that, for our and our children's good, we must be protected from the evil influence of toy and cereal advertising?

How can especially those who are parents themselves-think that children are so gullible that they will be conned by the claims thrown at them on television, or suffer traumatic experiences if their parents don't buy them everything being advertised? Do they really believe it will serve the

maturing process to protect children from all manner of pressures? And what good will come of banning advertising if it is only replaced with an extra episode of a 13th re-run of a Hercules cartoon show?

For all the well-intentioned clucking about the horrors-of TV advertising, there has been no convincing evidence produced to show the ill-effects on children of the hard-sell technique. It should also be said that much of the advertising is the softest of sells, some of the commercials being at least as imaginative and entertaining as many of the programs.

Of course there is often disillusionment: the gap between the ad and the reality may be painful. But that, alas, is life. Not only can children never have all which they survey, on TV or off, but that which they survey is not always what it seems to be.

The better answer to children's advertising on TV, and to the contents of children's programs, is more strict control-far, far more strict than the insipid, vague, voluntary guidelines adopted by advertisers and broadcasters in 1971. That is what the parliamentarians and especially the broadcasting authorities should be working on, not telling us that we and our children are so gullible

that we must be protected from

reality for our own good. (Ottawa Journal)

# Kids And TV Ads

It is an increasingly saddening spectacle to watch the Watergate scandal as it unfolds week by week. For it demonstrates that many men in high places - people in public positions of trust - are gradually forgetting the meaning of plain honesty.

The Watergate is so much more than a series of monstrous mistakes and serious crimes emanating from the White House. The Watergate is a symbol of our times. Certain men are prepared to go to extremes to gain either wealth or power - and indeed both, for power equals money, and money usually can buy power.

The fact that Watergate and the sex scandals in Britain - as well as the monumental money frauds now coming to light in different nations - capture the headlines is significant. For it indicates a yearning among the ordinary people for good and true men to lead them. An honest man is

Price of Housing

Is Reaching Crisis

BY DON O'HEARN

Queen's Park Horeau

Of The Herald

TORONTO-This is action?

has there been such

widespread protest and

criticism as the price of

it has come from all

directions and it has been

steadily growing-it seems

that almost every day there

is some new statement about

It obviously is reaching a

crisis, if it is not already at

housing and of land

On no question recently

QUEEN'S PARK

the noblest work of creation. And there are countless millions of honest men around the world.

But too often they are deprived, by lack of educational opportunities, by mere circumstance, of the chance to attain positions of leadership. Then there are others, so disgusted by the fact that men who are but common criminals can gain such power and wealth, that they keep away from public life and politics altogether.

No amount of modern technology can replace the basic ethic that has been established by mankind over the centuries. The morality that guides good men along right paths has many names. It is to be hoped that the tragedy that is Watergale will throw forward men with vision - not just south of the border — but in various lands and regions where honest government today is lacking.

-- Unchurched Editorials

now announced that the study will be studied. DUCKING ISSUE?

action this study of a study looks either terribly inept or terribly insensitive to public

The treasurer said the review, which would include expressions of public opinion, would take this long. To which one can only say. why? For goodness sakes

Some points brought out in the Council's report might possibly take a while to study and call for expressions of public opinion. But its basic tenets of land banking and servicing land have been thrown at the government from many sectors and now

for a considerable time. Why has it not studied them or has it? And if it hasn't, why must it take two years to do it

anyway, but my plans were spurred a bit when a small limb fell off and conked my neighbor on the head, and then a large limb came down and fell on my neighbor's house. They're good neighhors, but that's carrying

I'dhéard all sorts of ...orror stories about the fantastle

Harder They Fall horror stories so often are. I located a tree surgeon who works for the hydro. His estimate was \$65. "Each?" my wife queried, and

WAVE OF INFLATION

**ECHOES FROM THE PAST** 

\$136,900.

In YEARS AGO

Echoing the alarm raised in the

recent book "Silent Spring" the Credit

Valley Conservation Authority criticized

the practice of roadside spraying, in a

letter to council Monday night. The

authority feels the detrimental effects far

outweigh the beneficial ones. The spray is

non-discriminating, said the letter,

destroying everything, leaving no food

and cover for wild life and killing all in-

sects which, in turn, control many pests.

The letter was filed, with the mayor

commenting that the town scarecely ever

sprays and that it is normally the domain

tell-tale lettering on the police cruiser

warn would-be speeders that the long arm

of the law is reaching out. A plain, un-

marked car, equipped with radar, will be

used, it was revealed at council Monday

Carrier pigeons were jokingly

suggested by Coun. Walter Gray as the

answer to criticism of municipal

telephone bills. In a lengthy rebuttal of

recent newspaper criticism Mayor Hyde

stated, "This latest bill for the mayor's

office is \$89.70, or about four or five times

the regular amount. For the first five

months of the year the total long distance

calls from the mayor's office were only

\$25." He went on to explain that the large

amount was for a call to England which he

made on behalf of the town to help bring

E. W. Bliss Co. here. He claimed that the

talks were almost stalemated, until his

talk with a Mr. Bryden of Sykes Tools

during which Mr. Bryden committed

himself to the Bliss offer. "It cost the town

.\$75," said the mayor," and it was money

Contract for building a new seven

room high school at Acton was awarded to

the Georgetown firm of J. B. Mackenzic

and Son, when tenders were opened by

North Halton School Board at a Thursday

meeting in Stewarttown. Tenders had

Bigger They Are

well spent."

20 YEARS AGO

BILL SMILEY

This is going to be a tough

column to write. I'm on my

holidays, it's a beautiful

summer day, hot but not

muggy, and I'm as lazy as

the cat, who is curled up in

hog and becomes repulsively

fat. In summer, she subsists

principally on bees, ants and

butterflies, and slims out into

a tigress, stalking her

Her domain underwent a

big change this week. Two

old friends died. You might

say they were cut down in

their prime. They were twin

elms, lofty and graceful. I've

spent many an hour slumped

in leaf, but by mid-summer

they were dead of the Dutch

elm plague which has

blighted my part of the

I was going to have them

domain, the back yard.

In winter, she eats like a

"her" chair, dreaming,

No longer will the dome light and the

of the townships and counties.

been called also for a four room addition

at Georgetown and a two room addition at

Milton. The Mackenzie tender was the

lowest of five submitted and is for

Armstrong and finance chairman

McGilvray differed on whether sidewalk

improvements should be paid for out of

current revenue or by debenture. The

matter came up for discusion when

Joseph Gibbons requested removal of a

tree which blocks his Church Street

driveway. The mayor said there was not

enough funds in the \$20,000 road budget to

even cut a tree down and suggested the

possibility of putting sidewalk repairs

already made in a debenture issue which

would also cover further sidewalk im-

provements. The mayor was supported by

Coun. Norton who said there are two

particularly bad stretches on Victoria

Street and behind the public school which

should be dealt with this year. With the

majority of council favoring it the

municipal board will be asked for ap-

With the Ontaro election date only two

weeks away (August 4) things are

beginning to take form and warm up on

the political front locally. The Liberal

association with LeRoy Dale, KC as

county chairman, have set up

headquarters in the McGibbon block., and

at almost any hour of the day party

supporters will be found frequenting the

rooms, to say nothing of the calls made by

the candidate himself. Thomas A.

Blakelock, of Oakville, Mr. Blakelock is

the only contestant for election who took

part in the last Ontario election in 1937,

and is the present sitting member. The

others are newcomers to the political

arena. Each party has its slogans,

criticisms and promises, and reviewing

Blakelocks he says he is "the proven

friend of the working man." His criticisms

smash at Drew's 22 point program and he

promises nothing but the same same

government which the Liberals have tried

to give in the past. He has been Halton's

representative for 14 years.

proval of a debenture.

10 YEARS AGO

At Monday's council meeting Mayor

several times. thought it was reasonable.

toward the house.

our living-room.

He went up the tree like a mankey and fastened ropes to pull.

Heave went the boys. WHAM! Down came number one, right where he'd lined

'er up. A few minutes later.

down came number two,

almost missing the peony Then they went to work like so many beavers, some wielding chain saws, the others piling brush. In three hours from go, the trees were down, sawed into fireplace length, and everything cleaned up.

NO WORRIES

I have ceased worrying about the energy crisis in this country. I have enough elm blocks stacked in wood piles all over the yard to see us through until at least the year 2,000, and after that somebody else can worry

about it. There's something snug and homely about a wood pile. Now instead of looking nut and seeing flower beds that need weeding. I can sit and look at my wood piles.

I didn't lift a finger myself but I feel as smug and satisfied when I look at all that wood as any pioneer ever did when he'd just finished cutting and stacking

There's only one cloud on the horizon. It's too good to be true. I'll bet that right now, some heady-eyed hureaucrat in the Department of National Revenue is trying to figure out some way of collecting tax on that

wood.

**READER'S FORUM** Heaven Help Halton County

1 have finished studying the 'Progress Report, a Halton County Waste Management by James F. MacLaren I.d., Environmental Engineers,

if this is a progress report, then heaven help Halton

#### "Whole Matter Mismanaged"

The Hon. A.B. Lawrence, Parliament Buildings, . Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir: 1 recently attended a meeting at Queen's Park to reveal the alternative routes proposed by Bruce Howlett Industries for the 500 K.V. Hydro line from Middleport to Pickering. I would like to make some comments as "citizen input" has been stressed.

Much publicity has been given to the environmental aspect, and the objections from farmers that more emphasis was placed on the preservation of scenic spots gond farmland. However, no one has brought a breath of sanity to the whole proceedings and mentioned anything about costs, engineering feasibility or the appearance of the sort Howlett.

of lines suggested by Mr. the of the points emphasised by the Hydro in their early meetings was the necessity of keeping the lines straight and the enormous cost involved in any logs. Now we have Bruce Howlett proposing the most awful hodge podge of zig zagging lines that would look much worse than the Hydro's original proposal. For example, in one area on the Northern route from Ballinafad the line went straight across Erin Township and Chinguacousy now it makes a big jog, ad ding an extra seven miles and involving no less than thirteen changes of directiondiversion one (primarily, I suspect, to avoid a Chinguacousy area where there was the greatest clamor), would probably cost in the neighborhood of seven million dollars. The proposals for the other two routes also involve many changes of direction, apparently to avoid every tree, bush, and stream. In fact, it is very difficult to make any sense of the proposed routes which seem designed for an elaborate maze rather than an efficient utility line. Each

jog in the line, besides the enormous extra cost, also necessitates the use of bigger and uglier towers. Surely Mr. Howlett must have been aware of these considerations? If the Government and Hydro approve these proposals and the lines cavort drunkenly across the countryside, they will be the laughing stock of every utility in the world. I fear that it may take months to figure out the complex routes suggested while we residents in the area involved continue to live in a state of suspense. I would now rather lose my property than have any more of this uncertainty.

Wherever the lines go they will cause some environmental impact and angry objections. These endless engulries are merely dumping the problem in other people's backyards. For instance, hundreds of residents in Georgetown signed a petitlon put out by the Coalition of Concerned Citizens against the original route and will now find the northern proposal runs through their township on the edge of Georgetown-rather a stab in the back and might serve as a warning to other misguided souls who rush in to support causes such as this, without knowing what

they are signing. I think this whole matter grossly been mismanaged-the delays have already been costly. Hydro has had to install a stop-gap line at an extra cost of ten million dollars, consultants fees at \$300 a day plus expenses must have mounted up considerably in the last year (and a waste of money its been), add to this the increase in land costs, labor and materials in three years and the people of Ontario have had to foot a pretty big bill to pacify a few concerned property owners. While it is unfortunate that some will suffer, we do have to have electricity and I think the interests of all the residents of Ontario should be taken into consideration, as they will ultimately pay the bill in some way or another probably greatly increased

Hydro costs). Lurge you to make an early decision and put an end to these expensive and fullle enquiries.

Yours very truly. Mrs. M. Hampshire RR5 Georgetown.

DID YOU KNOW? The largest gold mining area in the world is the Withwatersand gold field extending 30 miles east and west of Johannesburg, South Africa.

will be the final straw and

county, Southern, Central, Northern, or any other

In my opinion, any high school student who has had as a project the subject of garbage and it's disposal. could have written a better report. For instance, this progress report, refers to 'sanitary landfill' and quotes a definition put forward by the American Society of Civil Engineers. In fact there is no such thing as 'sanitary landfill'. The depositing of garbage in the ground causes soil and water pollution, encourages vermin. They also breed methane gas. Anyone who questions this statement, should go to the local dump and see for himherself, bearing in mind that such pumps are policed by health and environment officials.

High school students know That to cut down on garbage. you first hit the source, ie ban non-returnable cans. hottles, and other containers. Secondly, all recyclable material must be recycled. Halton is ideally suited for a long range recycling program as there are nearby markets for metal (Hamilton), paper (Guelph) glass, (Brampton).

Why re-cycle? Garbage collection and disposal cost Ontario residents \$1,000,000,000 per year. We bury or burn resources worth (A) glass, \$15 per ton, (B) paper, \$6 per ton, (C) metals, \$15 per ton, all prices quoted are minimum.

In this report, under the heading 'Comparative Processing Costs' are some figures that should be challenged, ie hydra-pulping \$18.83 per ton, heat recovery \$11.24 per ton, etc. etc. and then sanitary landfill \$2.35

Maybe it costs \$2.35 per ton to dump garbage into valleys, ravines and quarries, but one cannot assess the damage to soil and water courses in dollars and

Can property devaluation in landfill areas be assessed with that \$2.35 per ton

figure? On page 16 it is suggested that three quarries in Halton county could be utilized as carbage dumps. It is noted that if these quarries were used, they could take care of Halton's garbage for the next 10 years. If they are used in conjunction with existing landfill sites. Halton's garbage could be taken care of for the next 20 years. It is insidious to even think of

putting garbage in quarries,

periods. We are on the brink of an energy crisis, yet I see no special consideration given to this crisis in this report. I have on file statistics of a plant that burns tires smokelessly and creates energy. The calorific value of scrap tires can be calculated as 12,000 BTU lb. This particular plant generates 10,000 lbs. of steam per hour, and it is my information that in Canada discarded tires are a main problem in garbage disposal. In my opinion this report is anything but a progress report. It is about 10 years behind the times. With today's technology, with the assured markets for reclaimables, and the guaranteed supply of gar-bage, there should be no long-term policies for landfill sites. Due to the hind sight of our political representatives at the provincial level, and the bad advice given to politicians at the municipal

particularly in this area

where the rainfall is over 30

inches per year. It is juvenile

to consider using garbage

dumps over long term

Sincerely W. A. Johnson. RR2 Rockwood

### MAKE IT LOCAL

level, we are facing a crisis.

Five years is time enough for

landfill sites. This will give

ample time to allow modern

technology to be applied, and

to ensure that Halton is

assured of a 'green belt' in

the future and not a 'garbage

Sir: For the benefit of the local Red Cross and other volunteer (charitable) organizations, who have their yearly campaigns-forfunds in Georgetown and district. I would like to ask the citizens, who received the vinyl cover for the telephone directory with the valuable coupons sponsored by our local businesses, to read the strip "Support Red Cross tive the United Way" as "Support Red Cross and Give in your own Community, where you get all the free

services". No moneys, given at work for United Appeal etc., come back to Georgetown, so please save that money for local appeals, so that the organizations can continue

their volunteer work. Yours sincerely, Connie Nieuwhof 25 McGilvray Cres. Public Relations Chairman

Georgetown and District Branch. Canadian Red Cross Society

O'CONNOR'S

**OTTAWA** 

By TERRY O'CONNOR (PC-Halton)



Marjan Drijber and Christine Sinclair are dead. cold-bloodedly murdered in a spray of machine gun bullets fired by Zambian soldiers Nothing can be done to rectify this fact but much more can and should be done by Canadian external affairs minister Mitchell Sharp to clarify the situation and assist the families of the murdered girls.

Most people are familiar with the events. The girls were travellers visiting the popular Victoria Falls tourist attraction on the Rhodesian-Zambian border. They were on the Rhodesian side of the fast flowing crocodile infested Zambezi River. The Zambian soldiers who fired across the river killing and wounding these girls and other sightseers claimed they thought they were sabateurs attempting to blow

up a power project. Canada's immediate response to this flagrant crime against two of her citizens was to send a note of protest. A note of protest! Mitchell Sharp, not wanting to ruffle feathers, forever the smiling diplomat has failed the families of the girls and the Canadian people by omission and commission. First he should have contacted President Kaunda of Zambia directly and

demanded a full investigation by neutral, perhaps UN authorities, received acknowledgement of the total cuipability of the Zambian soldiers, if the investigation established same, a public apology from President Kaunda and compensation (although admittedly money is not adequate compensation for loss of life). Instead, after offering Mr. Oscar Drijber. Marjan's father, all the assistance the Canadian government could provide, officials of the External Affairs Department tried to dissuade Mr. Drijber from visiting the site of the shooting to carry out his own investigation because neither Canada nor Zambia

CONTINUE AID

would.

And next, Mr. Sharp should not have approved a loan last program to this country which murders our citizens. In the process Mr. Sharp expounded an incredible new theory of international law.

When questioned by Alf Hales, the Member for Wellington who vigorously pursued the matter over the past month he said "The loan we give is not to the government of Zambia, it is to the people of Zambia. . .. It is a fundamental concept

of international law that the government is the people, that it represents, speaks, acts, or fails to speak or act on behalf of the people it represents. The people elected their government for better or for worse. To treat the people of a country as a separate entity from its government is ludicrous. In any event the loan in question was not made directly to the people of Zambia. How could it be? What people? Who would administer it? It was made to those in the government who were responsible for expending funds to the benefit of the people. It is unworthy of Canada's foreign minister to profer such tripe.

Mr. Sharp and Canada have badly handled this international incident. We should stop further aid to Zambia until, we get to the bottom of the two murders. The familles of the girls are suffering unnecessary anguish and Canada is looking like a palsy in international circles.

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do what is the government going to da to meet this

this point. WINDYING STUDY problem of such wide con-It is going to have a study-a two-year study.

It is, in fact, going to have a study of a study. A short while ago a report

was released on a study commissioned by the Ontario Economic Council of provincial land use policies. The study was somewhat critical of the government's record in the field.

And it made certain proposals-among them that the government should get more into land banking und should faunch a program to provide serviced land for housing.

Treasurer John White has

in a lawn chair watching the birds and the squirrels in the elms, listening to the report will be reviewed the whispering of the two lovers as they leaned toward each other and caressed each In view of the clamor for other with their limbs. Hey. this is getting pretty sexy. Last spring they came out

taken down this summer, things a bit far. . montton tales

country.

prices people charged to remove trees. I was assured that it would cost me a couple of hundred dollars per tree.

kicked her sharply on the

She is always worried about any deals I make. She thinks I have no business sense and will be diddled at every turn. She is right about the first premise, but I have never yet been diddled. because I trust people. She doesn't, and has been diddled

Anyway, that was a firm price for both trees, and I didn't shop around because I and there's nothing I detest more than trying to beat somebody down on a price. Well, it was pretty exciting. George arrived with ropes, chain saws and four busky assistants, Instead of taking the trees town in pieces, he was going to fell them in the back yard,

It's a pleasure to see an expert at work. He sized up the trees by eye and recknned they wouldn't hit the house. I had to take his word for it. If he'd misjudged, one tree would have slammed through the French doors and right into

around it. The other ends of the ropes were snubbed. around trees near the house and the boys stood by, ready Snarl went the chain saw.

his wood for the winter.

He'd better not succeed or there'll be trouble. He can sales tax me, income tax me, property tax me, but if he tries to tax my wood pile it

there'll be murder done. The weapon will be a two-foot elm block, dropped from the bathroom window.

week for \$1,000,000. to Zambia until the above steps had been taken. That's right, Mr. Sharp made this loan

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