

Well, here we go again

Well, we've finally got the word we've been expecting...and expecting...and expecting. We're going to have another election.

The entire campaign is going to take less time than it took the government to finally decide on having it.

What would a year be like without an election? Quiet? Calm? No sight of mud being flung or a gerry being handed? Ah, wouldn't it be nice.

Last year the federal parties had their chance. This year it's the provincial parties' turn and then next year our locals will be out in force. With all this door knocking going on it's enough to make one put in an electric doorchime.

A little closer to the serious side, we're pleased with the way this provincial fray is shaping up. Without a doubt this new riding of Halton-Burlington seems to have some alive with the kind of candidates we need, lively election needs.

It promises to be one of the more interesting elections to come along for many a year and definitely the most interesting provincial popularity contest for the past 10 years.

The issues are definitely there in black and white. While the two E's—education and environment—will no doubt be mentioned once or twice in the coming weeks the big words the electorate will be hearing will be regional government.

The provincial government knew they would have to justify to the electorate regional government's existence eventually. Well that time of reckoning has arrived.

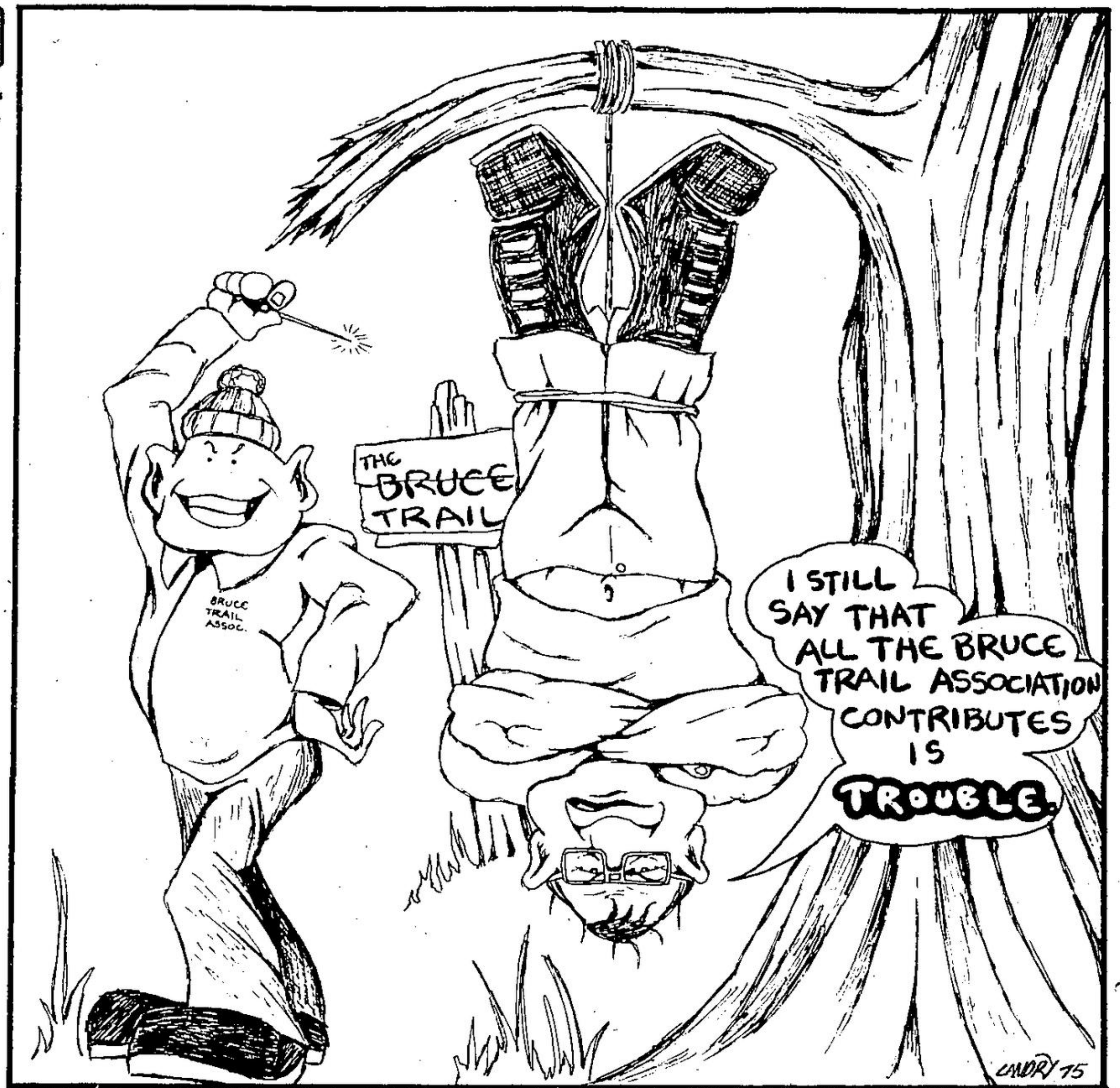
We certainly don't envy Gary Dawkins as he goes about Halton trying to explain the methods and the madness behind the new system.

Besides the issues we've also got an ample stock of capable candidates, which is certainly an encouraging indication of a newsworthy campaign.

Bill Johnson versus Gary Dawkins in a candidates' debate? Interesting, to say the least.

The Liberals are promising great things as well, considering the first name mentioned as a possible candidate is that of Julian Reed. If they are going to come up with a better candidate than Mr. Reed, he's going to have to be impressive.

Election prediction? No thanks, this one is going to go right to the wire.



Viewpoint

Whales sing and women swim in the 'altogether'

by Gerry Landsborough

This week's column is one of stuff and nonsense with items of human foibles intended to amuse you on a hot summer's afternoon.

Our first item comes to us from Washington where an eminent psychiatrist presented this conclusion to the House of Representatives "The gun is a key instrument in gun deaths." You don't say doctor? How very unusual and interesting.

Next we're off to London, England where some irate fishermen have reached the end of their patience. "We are furious about this," said Jim Miller, vice-chairman of a fishing club in Haverhill. The problem? A group of women are using the lake for nude bathing. According to local fishermen "It spoils our angling. We must put a stop to it before it becomes permanent." One local fisherman here in Halton Hills was heard to remark "Only in England you say. Such a bloomin' pity."

Next stop is Ottawa where golfers at the Ottawa Hunt Club didn't let a little thing like the crash of an airplane get in the way of their game. Golfers just dragged the downed Cessna 150 out of the way and played right on through. Now that's what I call true dedication to a sport. "FORE"

Away to Mexico City now where sym-

phony conductor Jose Serebrier was so engrossed while directing a brass percussion ensemble that he stabbed himself with his baton. "The baton broke into pieces," he said. "One piece was sticking through my hand." The orchestra gasped but continued right on playing, while blood dripped quite profusely over the podium. The poor chaps in the orchestra didn't know whether to follow the

"one and a two" or the drip, drip, drip. So much for getting right into your work.

Toronto record stores are finding their biggest singing sensation is that of a singing whale. That's right an L.P. of whale songs that sends out a strange whistling sound and. They are selling like hot cakes, or fish cakes if you prefer. To that I can only add that, after hearing some of my son's hard rock records,

anything would be a most welcome improvement.

This bit of stuff and nonsense comes from Senator Leopold Langlois in Ottawa. He accused a Quebec labor leader of "swearing like a pig". To which I can only reply I didn't even know that pigs could talk, let alone swear! I thought that was another market that man had cornered exclusively. A local pig farm owner was heard to remark "that some of my best friends are pigs and I don't take kindly to Senator Langlois' charges." Silly isn't it.

When hiking around the Hamilton area these days I strongly recommend that you wear boots. Two Hamilton youngsters found a two-foot alligator in a creek alongside their home.

A local pet store owner said he couldn't believe his eyes when the boys brought the reptile to him. The pet store owner said that when fully-mature the alligator could reach a length of 12 to 18 ft. if it managed to survive. However he didn't feel it could live through the winter. Maybe not, but these days whose to say? My friend Mr. Cousteau said that sharks really don't attack people as in the movie Jaws. However many folks seem to be disappearing into the jaws of what appears to be sharks since the movie. Perhaps word got out to the sharks and they are trying to live up to their movie reputation. Meanwhile, when in the Hamilton woodlands wear boots.

A fair trade?

Now that's a good deal...if you can pull it off.

A suggestion from councillor Harry Levy. Considering the province is interested in buying 40 acres of parkland from the town in the Silver Creek area, why not offer it to them for \$1 with the stipulation that we get the same \$1 consideration for the Chapel Street and Norval Public Schools?

After all isn't it just a matter of taking it from one hand and giving it to the other?

Years Ago

Doug Collison has arrived

From the files of the Herald:
FIVE YEARS AGO

Doug Collison will officially assume his duties as Georgetown's new recreation director on Monday, Mr. Collison, a graduate from the two-year recreation course at Guelph University, likes to think of his role as a catalyst, taking the ideas of others and turning them into realities. He hopes to be moving to Georgetown as soon as possible.

The water usage restriction imposed June 9 has been lifted, so go ahead and water your lawn. The fifth well which was developed west of Princess Anne Drive has been linked to the present system and is reported to be running smoothly. The new source is producing a million gallons of water a day.

Mayor Steamer Emmerson cut the official opening ribbon at the new Kinney Shoe Store on Guelph Street. The Georgetown store is the 62nd store for the firm since Kinney

Shoes opened their first Canadian outlet back in 1965. Jim Fitzsimmons has been appointed store manager.

Georgetown might be the home of a new arena. The recreation committee for Georgetown strongly believes that a second arena is greatly needed in town. A walk-a-thon to raise money for the structure is in the planning stages at present. The walk is planned to be held some time this spring.

TEN YEARS AGO

Johnny Bower, the Toronto Maple Leaf goalie visited with hundreds of Georgetown fans at the Georgetown IGA on Friday. The Vezina Trophy winner gave out more than 600 autographed pictures within three hours of his arrival.

A modern day record of 53 trains in one day was established in Georgetown early in July, statistics on rail traffic through the town revealed this week. The old record of 49

trains passing through was established in May.

An inquest will be held this week at the St. Albans Hall concerning the death of Grant Porch of Toronto, a swimming instructor at Camp Norval. Doctor Robert Huston of Oakville, pathologist, found death due to drowning. Mr. Porch was pulled from the pool by lifeguards.

Over 300 head of top Holstein cattle, the largest single shipment ever handled by Georgetown Sales Arena, RRI Georgetown, has left for Milan, Italy. Many of the cattle were from Georgetown area farms.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Two Brampton area men have been apprehended and charged by the OPP in connection with a stabbing which took place on the Tenth Line just east of Glen Williams. The two men reportedly stopped their car and, when two girls refused to talk to them,

one of the men jumped out of the car and stabbed one of the girls twice.

It seems crops will be good for Harold Gilmer of Union Street. Mr. Gilmer caught an oddity to display in the Herald's window office: a fully developed ear of corn with four "baby" cobs growing from the same stalk and all encased in the one husk.

Reverend John Rathbone, has fulfilled his duties as rector of the St. Alban's Church in Glen Williams this week. Rev. Rathbone has been with the parish since it began, two years ago. Rev. Rathbone will be taking on duties at the St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church in Hamilton.

The North Halton Association for Retarded Children are now looking for a location to build a school which is planned to serve Georgetown, Acton, Milton and the surrounding districts. A site in the Hornby-Ashgrove area seems most favorable to the members of the property committee.

Queen's Park Comments

It's time to pay the piper

By Don O'Hearn
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This country and our province have been and are on a binge.

And we have been given warning that the hang-over could be long and probably painful.

The binge has been in our ever-increasing rises in wages and salaries.

And the warning comes from the Bank of Montreal in its July business review.

It says that it appears that the U.S. is now entering the first phase of recovery from decline but that Canada, which went into recession at a later date, will also come out of it later.

And that the bank doesn't go into the full story, which really is just what are our hopes for recovery and how strong can it and will it be.

OUTSTRIPPING U.S.

The federal Labor Department provides pertinent figures on this question.

They show that in wage and salary increases we have been steadily outstripping the U.S. and we may through this, if we haven't already, price ourselves out of our major market.

One statistic tells the story. In Canada in the second quarter the average (and remember these are averages) settlement was for an 18.8 percent increase while the average for one year settlements was a whopping 24.5 percent.

In the U.S. the average second quarter settlement was for 9.8 percent.

Already the wage factor in our production is higher than

that in the U.S. So what will the disparity rise to if this trend continues?

GOVERNMENT LEAD? Labor leaders argue that wages are not the major factor in inflation. In doing so they are talking so much hot air.

Sidney Handelman, of Consumer and Commercial Relations, an economist and very practical man said flatly a short while ago that wages and salaries were the significant cause in inflation.

And few close to the picture, or able to take a detached view, will disagree with him. Accepting his premise what is to be done about it?

Any solution rests with two major interests.

The first is government.

It should be giving leadership. But it has been the reverse, both at Ottawa and here.

Rather than trying to impose restraint, government has been leading the way in the increases it has been granting. (So much so that a leading spokesman has said that industry no longer can afford to compete with government in salaries.)

The second is labor leadership.

Some statesmanship simply has to be uncovered in its ranks.

It must consider the welfare and future of the country rather than concentrating on the buck.

Perhaps a good first step would be to dump the majority of present labor leadership in some handy lake and start afresh.

As for government, the party in the coming election here which promises practical restraint, on wages will get my vote.