

New riding strikes out on 3 counts

So you thought you were having trouble somehow feeling connected—even remotely—to the political scene in Oakville.

Well how would you feel about being involved in a campaign to elect an MP for Thornhill? Maple? King City? Nobleton? Bolton? or Caledon?

Those (from right to left) are some of the larger centres in the newly revised federal riding—as proposed last week by the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission of Ontario—in which Georgetown is included.

The composition of the proposed riding is, in two words, utterly ridiculous. Another perfect example of a bad bureaucratic blunder.

This proposed new riding stretches from just west of Georgetown, north through Caledon and King, and over to the eastern edges of the town of Vaughan.

Vaughan? For those who may not be completely sure of just where Vaughan is, it lies north of Etobicoke and North York.

Once again we are seeing just how little government take into consideration we, the people, when it comes to decisions.

Their total premise behind their few misdirected swipes on the electoral map seems to have been to come up with a certain population total, in this case 66,790.

They forgot to consider such things as distance, social and economic similarities, and historical development of each area.

On all three of those points the new riding fails.

By rough approximations we calculate the distance from west to east to be about 35 miles. Head north to include Caledon on your tour of this proposed riding of Halton-Peel and you can tack on another 15 miles.

We pity the poor federal politician trying to provide close contact with

the constituents of Halton-Peel. It would be, to say the least, extremely difficult.

As far as a common economic and social basis is concerned, we can only ask what does the rural populace of Caledon have in common with suburban Thornhill? What does Georgetown have in common with Snowball, a small village in King?

Finally, the historical growth patterns of the three different areas—Georgetown, Caledon and King, and Vaughan—are widely different. We have been connected strongly with Halton, Caledon with Peel and King and Vaughan with York.

The provincial boundary change brought about by regional government at least identified that interconnection of interests. This proposed change totally ignores it.

Have we not had enough of this governmental re-shuffling of our political setups in the past two years?

In two years we've seen our municipal riding structure totally eradicated, our provincial riding grossly altered and now they're trying to slice our federal riding.

And for whose benefit?

Not for those of us in these slower growing pockets around Toronto, no sir.

We're changing to allow rapidly expanding urban centres such as Brampton, Mississauga, and Burlington gain better representation.

What's left is nothing more than those areas that don't fit into the suburban centres. Lump them all together and you have the imperfect solution: Halton-Peel.

The federal riding of Halton is not the epitome of a good riding, but at least it's workable. Halton-Peel is not even that.

October 3 is the day that Halton residents can air their dissatisfaction before the commission. We urge you to do so.

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Queen's Park Comments

Big Blue Machine running quietly

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The Big Blue Machine has decided to don a mask for this election.

The Tory's power-house organization which got so much publicity in 1971, both for the premier and itself, this time apparently has decided that both should be more low profile.

On the campaign tour there is no gaudily-decorated bus or aircraft as in other years. Commercial flights are to be used where possible. On other occasions planes and buses will be chartered by the day. Also there will be no bands or girl cheerleaders along with the leader.

This, of course, is partly a bow to inflation.

In these times of high prices and high government spending a campaign such as the party conducted in '71 would look

vulgar. It would also be aimed at reflecting the government's claim that it has been practising economy.

FIGHT SUBSTITUTED

The party election council apparently decided that this time fight would be substituted for flair.

In this election to date the premier has been very much in a fighting mood.

Bob Nixon of course, gave him an opportunity to get publicly mad with his crack about integrity, and he has maintained the impetus that opening gave him.

The contrast to '71 is strong. Then the premier was Mr. Nice Guy.

This doesn't mean that the Blue Machine (it also has added a touch of yellow this time) isn't hard at work and as potent as ever.

It is, it's just that the

strategy has changed. After Labor Day we probably will see more evidence of the old methods and be more aware of its presence.

The campaign is expected to really peak following the holiday, and by then the wraps will be off advertising under the new Elections Act advertising is restricted to the last three weeks of the campaign.)

NDP Problem

Stephen Lewis has a tricky problem in devising his strategy.

The NDP leader's aim has to be to become the official opposition. He has no dreams of winning the election.

This means undermining the Liberals.

But if he does too good a job he could be defeating himself.

For the Liberals are expected to take away Conservative votes. And this will include ridings in which if the

PC's are cut down the NDP could win.

So, just how far can Lewis go in his own interest in attacking the Grits?

Election notes:
Stephen Lewis is playing a very cosy and subtle campaign.

He is very cool, on the surface almost taking the election lightly. But behind the front he is getting in his shots.

For example, he says he intends to concentrate his whole attack on the government. And does attack it in various fields such as housing and environment.

But then he says he isn't bothering about the Liberals because they aren't worth it.

Which attack hurts the most, and registers most with the public?

It was noteworthy that in the first few days of the campaign

the NDP leader visited Ottawa.

This is one of the few areas in the province where the party is considered to have a good chance of making advances.

Michael Cassidy is considered a sure thing to hold his Ottawa Centre seat.

And it is believed that Evelyn Gigantes has a good chance of dropping Liberal Paul Taylor in Carleton East.

Taylor defeated Gigantes, a CBC worker, in the by-election last winter.

But she is personable and respected and people on the scene say that this time around she will probably defeat him.

Wally Downer who has been here since 1937, at time of writing is after his Dufferin-Simcoe nomination again, though he is being opposed by George McCague.

While Jim Allan, in his eighties, is in the field again in Haldimand-Norfolk.

has run in the riding twice and gave Morningstar, who had an extremely strong grip on the riding, close fights. In 1967 he came within a few hundred votes.

It is also said that John Turner, the sitting Conservative member in Peterborough, may have his troubles with the NDP.

He is being opposed by Gill Sandeman, a well-known and popular local woman.

In each of these ridings the Liberals are being rated as automatic thirds.

The two Tory veterans of the legislature have no inclination to get out.

Another possible NDP gain is in Welland, where Ellis Morningstar has retired.

Mayor Allan E. Pietz is to replace him as the Conservative candidate.

But he will be opposed for the NDP by Mel Swart. Swart

Good time

We hope all you "Doubting Thomases" were around Main Street sometime during this past weekend. If you weren't, you missed some good times, good food, good people and plenty of good fun.

Our proverbial "pat on the back" goes to the Downtown Business Association for organizing the whole affair plus a specially hearty one to all those people who took part.

Never let it be said that this town can't jump when it wants to.

As always we have to throw our "two cents" in. How about getting a few more of the town's service clubs involved? A bingo game is always a great attraction as are a few games of chance.

The purpose in future Pioneer Days, we hope, will be to draw more of the town into its planning and activities. By the tremendous response shown this year it's obvious that Pioneer Days could be, with the Fall Fair, one of the annual highlights of town life in Georgetown.

It should grow to be more than merely another downtown promotion, and the way to do that is to get the entire town involved.

Pioneer Days 1975 was an obvious display of just how many people would be willing to visit downtown Georgetown if there was an enticing gimmick to draw them here. Once here we're sure they found that the people along Main Street can be very friendly.

Years Ago

New seats for the town's arena

From the files of the Herald:

FIVE YEARS AGO

Perhaps one of the oldest buildings in town will be destroyed if there are no interested buyers willing to pay \$49.95 for the building. The old blacksmith shop presently stands on the Beaver Lumber property on Water Street. The 25 by 50-foot building

was used primarily as a blacksmith shop for the Grand Trunk Railway and was believed to be built by Georgetown's founder, George Kennedy.

The Georgetown Public Library will be opening in the mornings on a trial basis beginning in September. Until that time the library had conducted business in the afternoon and evenings only.

The Georgetown Citizens Band will be in competition with five other bands at this year's Canadian National Exhibition. The Georgetown band has not competed at the CNE since 1966.

When school resumes in just a few short weeks, students attending Joseph Gibbons Public School from the Anne and Ontario Street area will not have to walk up the narrow Ontario Street Hill but will be bused by the Halton Board of Education.

Parents of the area, concerned with the safety of their children had hoped the town would install a walk to assist those children who will not be bused from their homes to Holy Cross School and Stewarttown.

Two Georgetown lads, Robert Howson and Roger Street were sworn in as officer cadets at the Royal Military College in Kingston. Once they have completed their course of instruction they will become

commissioned in the armed forces.

The Halton County All-Star Baseball Association presented Marlon Biggs and Mrs. W. Anderson with a television set and a transistor radio. Bob Neil also of Georgetown won a prize in the annual draw.

Lois McNabb of Ashgrove has won the Sisco Bursary in the amount of \$2,000 for continuing education at any institution of her choice.

TEN YEARS AGO

Patrons of the Georgetown Memorial Arena will have the comfort of a theatre as the new seats were installed this past week. Altogether there are 625 seats of the molded wood, tip-up type complete with arms.

The new seats were purchased at a price of 50 cents each.

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the same deal as the other schools in Georgetown

received when purchasing land for their newest school in the Delrex subdivision.

A letter read to council indicates that another school paid \$1. for five acres. The current price for land that the school is considering is \$3,000 an acre.

Georgetown area customers may be able to call Milton if the toll free dialing area is expanded as predicted by a representative of Bell Canada. The fall of 1967 has been the date for introduction of the plan.

It now costs \$1.45 to travel to Toronto by train, one way.

Joan Beatty, Nancy Hunter and Barbara Evans will take part in the recitals held at the Canadian National Exhibition Music Auditorium. The free recitals are open to the public and will feature the girls in trio, duet and solo numbers.

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University of Western Ontario.

Council decided that Wesleyan Street may be Georgetown's only one way thoroughfare. Discussion of the traffic pattern on Main Street and parking problems prompted the decision.

Over \$50,000 will be spent on a sewage lift facility to serve the new industrial park in east

Georgetown. Approval for the expenditure must come from the Ontario Municipal Board before work begins.

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Didn't they look nice!



One of the more "elegant" couples strolling Main Street Saturday happened to be—we say with a certain pride—our own reporters-photographers Doris Lindauer and Richard Forster.

While Richard was busy clicking the shutter to get the many photos you see elsewhere in today's paper Doris was leading a hand in the judging of the best costume which, considering the many beautiful outfits we saw on the street throughout the three days, could not have been an easy selection.

It's preventable

Drowning, in most cases, is an event that should never take place! Panic is probably the greatest factor contributing to lack of aquatic skill and knowledge! There is really no excuse for such occurrences, and here are a few Red Cross tips, which, if followed, might water-proof your family:

1. Everyone (including mom and dad) should take swimming lessons. Not only do you learn swimming skills, but at every level from pre-beginners to seniors, self survival and lifesaving techniques are taught.
2. When cottaging, boating, canoeing, skiing etc. follow the common sense water safety rules such as wearing a lifejacket, supervising small children, no horse play, etc. (Write or contact the local Red Cross branch for pamphlets on water safety if you have never had the opportunity to learn these rules)
3. Always set a good example for the younger ones to follow. They are sure to imitate your behaviour.
4. Plan ahead for emergencies. Have the proper equipment available and know what you would do in various situations. (Don't wait until it happens to think about it!)
5. Learn rescue breathing.