

## Get out

This is what we call our "Get Out and Vote" editorial. It's one we pull out every so often (at least once a year these days) and run up the flagpole to see if anyone pays any attention.

The idea is we try to prod and job you into hopping in your car or taking a short walk tomorrow over to your polling station. There you go through a totally painless registering process and then cast your vote for a candidate.

Simple enough, right? Now we could use such highfaluting words as "democratic right" "basis of our democratic society" but that doesn't particularly get the point across.

The point is: speak now or forever hold your peace. Or, to be even blunter, put up or shut up!

That's all there is to it. The polls open tomorrow at 9 a.m. They will remain open until 8 p.m. GET OUT AND VOTE.

## Park a mess

Remembrance Park. Our supposedly scenic little park in the heart of Georgetown is, in two words, or less a mess.

For the second time, in less than a week a person has brought to our attention the terrible state of Remembrance Park.

Their concerns were well founded. The pond is stagnant and overgrown with weeds. The small waterfall is now little more than a poor imitation of a leaky drainage pipe.

If we must remind the powers that look after such things (and with the changes in responsibilities between works and parks departments, that's a good area for confusion), Remembrance Park was originally proposed and designed to be a con-

tinuing reminder of a very great aspect of Canada's and Georgetown's history.

Continuing, which means 365 days a year.

To let our responsibility lapse by neglecting the proper maintenance of Remembrance Park is to fail in paying continual and visible honor to our war dead.

Besides that's a nice little park. It could be quite a comfortable place to sit on a hot summer or a cool autumn afternoon, provided the grounds were in a presentable state.

Let's not wait for the week before Remembrance Day to begin an intense clean-up campaign at the park. We've blown the entire summer watching the weeds slowly take over Remembrance Park, let's not waste another week.

## Years Ago

### Last Baptist service

From the files of the Herald:

#### FIVE YEARS AGO

A 36-bed hospital addition estimated to cost \$2,007,000 is in the planning stages by the hospital board. Besides actual construction costs, a number of improvements to the present facility are included in the building plan. The board approached town council Monday evening. However, the town will not take any specific action until studies can be made.

The First Baptist Church on Main Street North will have their last Sunday services this coming Sunday. The church is being closed as part of a project which will unite the congregations of the First and St. Paul's Baptist Church on Mountainview Road.

A major Canadian department store wants to locate in Georgetown. Zellars has made an agreement with Focal Properties, owner of the Georgetown Market Centre, to lease a 67,000-square foot store.

Daryl Harding, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harding, 70 Main Street South, has been awarded a silver medal by the Royal Conservatory of Music for achieving the highest

marks in Ontario in the Conservatory's practical examinations. Daryl's exams were in Grade Three classical guitar.

#### TEN YEARS AGO

An agreement was finally signed between Rex Healop, president of Delrex Developments, and the town of Georgetown. The agreement will release all land in Healop's subdivision for residential building. The document was signed last Monday night after months of negotiations between Healop's firm and town council.

A gang working the Metro Toronto area hit Loblaw's Supermarket in the Delrex Market Centre and made off with \$100 in cigarettes. Police Chief Roy Haley said the theft made during the store's open hours, was linked with a rash of similar occurrences at Loblaw's stores all around Toronto earlier the same day. He said in each case the police have just missed catching the thieves by minutes.

#### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

The Planters' "Peanut Man" will be coming to Georgetown on Friday afternoon to help Delrex Market merchants

celebrate their first anniversary. The big Peanut Float will be arriving in town shortly after noon and remain for the better part of the day.

Maple Avenue Baptist Church will be the new name for the Grace Baptist Church. The new title appropriately names the new church which will be constructed on Maple Avenue. Plans and architects' drawings are to be completed shortly.

A hydro pole opposite Scott Motors on Guelph St. was the own casualty when a large bus owned by Georgetown Transportation Company decided to skip its regular bath. The large yellow bus was being washed on the Scott lot when the brakes slipped and the vehicle rolled across the road and collided with the pole.

Hurricane Donna, which raked the coast of Florida caused some concern for local residents who have relatives and property there. The most serious loss suffered by a local resident was Mrs. W. Cook, RR1 Glen Williams. The roof of their southern home was ripped off by the wind and the huge waves swamped the entire property.



## A new Herald columnist is born!



This week we welcome a new name to the Herald's editorial page, namely Susan De Facendis. Susan is already a busy columnist adding her bright touch to two large newspapers at present.

Her style is...well, we'd suggest you read her introduction to best discover just what kind of person she is and what you can expect in the coming weeks.

By Susan De Facendis

As a suburban housewife, who has led a somewhat sheltered life, it is with a considerable amount of trepidation that I move into this little space on a regular basis.

My first reaction at being allowed to write a column for you, was one of total joy that now, numbering amongst the ranks of the employed, I will no longer have to be classified as "..." on the Electoral List,

surely the ultimate in put-downs.

To write about myself apart from my family, is impossible for me at this stage of my life. The day I first looked down at the perfection of the tiny, red wrinkled little miracle I had borne, I was hooked.

I try, once in a while, to listen for the beat of my own particular drummer, but most of the time in our house you would have trouble in hearing

a 50-piece brass band, so I have temporarily given up listening for him.

I have been blessed with three children, all uniquely marvellous, of course. They showed a high intelligence level at a very tender age, learning to open cupboard doors before they could crawl. I think they must have over-extended themselves however, because they still haven't learned that cupboard doors can also be closed.

My son Richard, has defied medical science by attaining the age of 12 on a diet of cookies and allergy shots. He intends, with a terrifying single-mindedness, to be an airline pilot. For a boy who has trouble finding his socks in the morning, I can foresee certain problems ahead. I wonder if passengers boarding a plane for New York will mind being set down in Goose Bay?

Louisa, just turned 11, is a sun-filled meadow of wildflowers. All femininity one moment and a soccer player the next. Her father always wanted a soccer player in the family—he just hadn't planned on it being his daughter.

Teresa, at age five, otherwise known as Little Toad, is really a 'not-so-instant' replay. You know you have been through it all before, but are not so sure you can survive another time around.

As for myself, when my grade six writes "dirt birds" I go into a tirade at the educational system. I like trees and grass and animals; most kinds of music and all kinds of well-behaved children. I have a washing machine that eats socks and a child who eats petunias.

In short, I am probably much like the majority of you. I hope we can be friends.

## Viewpoint

# Measure your stress for \$50

By Gerry Landsborough

I entered the realm of the strange and unknown this past week when I attended the second annual ESP Psychic Fair held at the Four Seasons Sheraton in Toronto.

On display were more than 50 exhibits set up by psychics selling their wares and presenting lectures on their various specialties.

"Kirlian" photographers who took photos of auras not visible to the naked eye—unless of course you're a psychic—were there. Those who didn't photograph auras offered to paint one for you in various shades of bright pastels.

One chap standing beside me was looking through a sketch book rather sceptically when the man running the booth said "Please...those drawings are originals, you just don't realize what you are handling." Unfortunately I can't say that I appreciated their artistic value any more than the chap beside me and we both moved on simultaneously.

One chap appeared to have mastered the techniques of Hindu yoga as he lay on a bed of nails and invited people from the audience to

step up and walk or jump on him.

Young people from the Foundation Church of the Millennium, each wearing a large, distinctive medallion, offered to tell me about my past life before I was born. I declined and moved on.

Many strange sights in the manner of dress of both the exhibitors and the visitors made for a colourful, carnival atmosphere. One lady had flaming red hair and was dressed in a beautiful long black robe and matching cape with a large design of something-or-other in glitter in the centre of the outfit. If you remember Endora from the old Bewitched TV series you'll have a good idea of what she looked like.

Grapho-analysis offered to answer the questions of the "real you" by handwriting analysis; "the first step in understanding yourself."

For the more scientific-minded there was a solid-state device called a "thought galvanic skin response meter" referred to as the product of psychologists and engineers working in the field of stress.

The GSRI is a bio-feedback device with an impressive list of professors and doctors recommending it. By placing two fingers on

two brass plates a person can monitor which thoughts produce the most stress by a humming tone. Thought Technology Ltd. of Toronto markets the device for \$50.

Another gadget that had the support of many professors and doctors from various universities was the "negative ion generator." According to those backing the device, the air around us is filled with millions upon millions of electrically charged particles known as ions. Some are positive and some are negative.

Usually there is a balance between the two but due to pollution and modern intervention the air around cities and urban centers is filled with too many positive ions. This causes, tiredness, depression, irritability, aches and pains, and a rise in suicides and crimes.

When the air is filled with negative ions the opposite is the case. It creates a feeling of well-being and exhilaration. Biotron International Ltd. markets the negative generators; a desk model Bion 791 or car model Bion 78. According to those marketing the device, every home in the future will have one as many homes and offices already do in Europe.

One of the most unusual sights I came across was that of a clairvoyant I know who arrived incognito, complete with heavy dark glasses. She confided she came to have a "reading" done by an excellent psychic from India, who might be referred to as a psychics' psychic.

They had a "Readers Row" where, for the small sum of \$5, you could take your choice and be seen by various palmists, pneumatologists, tarot readers, card readers who use a regular deck of cards, numerologists or psychics.

I chose a tarot reader. The reading was done by a man who was about 50. It was surprisingly accurate. I was surprised by the length of time each reader spent with an individual; about 25 minutes each.

In the carnival atmosphere with strong smells of incense, and strange health foods, mystics and mediums and gadgets supported by respected members of the various medical professions, one got the feeling of 85 percent ballyhoo. The remaining 15 percent gave food for thought.

Wishing you a good week filled with negative ions and may all your trances be happy ones.

## Queen's Park Commentary

# Davis, Lewis and Nixon: Out for the top

By Don O'Hearn  
Thomson News Service

Tomorrow will be a big day in the lives of William Davis, Robert Nixon and Stephen Lewis.

By the end of the evening one of these three, a 46-year-old lawyer, 53-year-old teacher-farmer and 38-year-old former teacher but mainly politician will have the top job in the province and the second biggest in Canada. He will be premier of Ontario. And the other two will be licking their wounds.

Just what is the public choice? What about these three men?

Premier Mackenzie King has been a chance to judge him in four years in office.

Out of this experience the outstanding impression is that in the present premier we are dealing with a complex man.

Bill Davis is an innate politician but also a dedicated servant of the public. He has been mixed up in politics since his early teens and knows all the old-time tricks, yet at the same time he says his big attraction in public life is to serve people, and there is good

reason to believe this. The problem is to know when he is being the politician and when the dedicated public servant.

As a premier Davis has shown some boldness. His land speculation tax was an innovative and somewhat daring step, as one example.

He also has been able to choose men well. His cabinets have been better than average. And he has shown some imagination. The Kraus-Maffei rapid transit scheme was imaginative, even if it didn't work.

But then there must be question of his capacity as an administrator. His government has always seemed to be catching up to problems. Meeting them at the last moment. It was not at all alert to industrial pollution, for example, until forced into it by the opposition.

He has shown a lack of foresight. Again, Kraus-Maffei can be cited. The evidence would indicate not enough early investigation and thought was given to this. Or there is the case of Toronto's Spadina expressway which he cancelled on the eve of the 1971 election and reinstated on the eve of this one.

While he has picked good men for his

cabinet (and with a number of them he has been instrumental in having them run in the first place) there is some question about his choice of other advisers. He seems to be impressed by labels and perhaps influenced more by who a man is than what he is.

Finally there is the question of money. When he was education minister you had to feel he was not overly money-conscious. He pushed through most expensive programs (community colleges for one) without apparent regard for spending. And he still carried this stamp in his early days as premier (his trips on government planes to Vermont and to his cottage). There have been indications that he now is more conscious of this. But still spending is one of the major criticisms of his government.

Nixon the Man Band

Bob Nixon also is complex, or perhaps it might be better to class him as a contradiction.

He also grew up in politics, his father, eventually premier for a short term, having held a record of over 40 years in the legislature, the second longest span in history.

Just what his main drive is in aiming for

lon office has never been too clear. He has shown various zeals but no over-riding cause for his ambition to lead the province. It could be to fulfill a fate which he feels has been ordained for him.

Nixon is more down-to-earth than Davis, and he has other strong points. He is economy-minded. He does believe in the legislature. He would make it a stronger representative body. And he would curb the mandarins in the civil service, which sees the top echelon having much too much of a say in running the province and the lower levels more conscious of the fact that their job is to serve the public.

His beliefs are strong. He genuinely is convinced that Ontario is not getting good government. And he wouldn't back down or delay before tough decisions.

But then he is quick on the trigger. He came out against the land speculation tax program when asked a question by a developer. And this is good policy, even if the legislation is not perfect.

And there is evidence he doesn't think through to consequences. He would go overboard in giving autonomy to municipal councils. Yet he also wants housing, and local

councils have been the biggest block in getting quick housing. Also he reversed himself, when he came out in favor of Toronto Island residents which was directly against the policy of Metro Toronto council.

Then there are a couple of personal characteristics. One is that he is a stubborn man, to the point of obstinacy. Some of his own party are afraid that if he were premier he would be tempted to run a one-man show. Also he has left suspicion that he wants office so much he is resorting to opportunism.

Finally there is the question of money. With him, as with Davis, there wouldn't be the question of extravagance. But there is the question, abetted by various mis-statements he has made in the campaign, of his capacity to analyze finance and spending.

He's brilliant - But? With Stephen Lewis there is not the question of complexity. It is not a characteristic of a question. It essentially only considers "doing good". Particularly it doesn't give much thought to the business and economic aspects of society, even though they provide the fuel which makes it run. It plans a trip without worrying where the gas

is going to come from. This leads to simplicity of decision which, of course, leads to simplicity of thought and motivation as against complexity.

Which makes life easier for Lewis. He is a man of causes, and though these are undoubtedly good overall, the perspective of he and his party on them is one-sided.

In other words he is prejudiced and being so, how can one in seriousness grant him an assessment as a leader of the province?

He is a man of tremendous ability. As premier he would be very forceful in getting done those things he wanted to get done. But on the way what would he do to the economy and the province?

He is a brilliant man. The pity is that he isn't a rounded one.

So that, in capsule form, is your choice for Thursday, at least as seen through one set of eyes.

Much of it is negative? Well, as it happens there is much of the negative in these three men who are running for our top office. Which could be one reason why polls show such an extremely large undecided vote in this election.