



GO Sunday service. Driver Bill Gibson shows to her seat his only passenger, Connie Priestman, on the inaugural run of the Georgetown to Toronto GO bus service, Sunday morning.

Nobody waved goodbye

Slow start for the first GO bus

Only two people came to wave goodbye Sunday morning at 9 a.m. when the first of the GO buses linking Toronto with Georgetown pulled out of the parking lot at the GO station.

For awhile, to Bill Gibson, who had gotten up at 5 a.m. that morning to drive the inaugural bus, it looked like he would be taking an empty bus to the York Mills subway station in Toronto.

Then, a few minutes before nine, in through the front door of the station walked Gerry Hagensen of Georgetown. But Hagensen had not come to take a ride to Toronto. Hagensen has been a bus driver for 17 years and had come down, he told workmate Gibson, to see if Jim Snow, minister of transport and communications would be there to inaugurate the new service. Both drivers laughed.

Hagensen told the Herald the new service which will see 18 buses each day during the week leave Georgetown for Toronto is a boon.

Before, Hagensen explained, he had to drive his car to the Queensway Garage of the GO

transit system where he picked up a bus to drive. Now, he said:

"It takes me five minutes to get to work. It sure cut the cost of driving to work. It's like getting a raise."

At two minutes to nine, after grumbling a bit about the tight schedules on the new run, the two drivers walked out to where GO bus number 1051 was on the new run, the two idling in the parking lot there was one car with a couple sitting in it.

Tony Priestman, in a switch of the stereotyped roles, had driven his wife Connie to the station so she could go to work. It turned out that Mrs. Priestman also works for GO Transit and was going to work at the Dufferin offices of the transit authority in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Priestman made their goodbyes. Mrs. Priestman got on the bus, paid her fare, took a seat while Gibson got ready to pull out.

Hagensen made his goodbyes to his fellow driver, closed the door, waved and at nine a.m. the bus drove away. Nine minutes later Gibson was in front of the Delrex Restaurant in the Georgetown

Market Place where a handful of passengers got on his bus. After another GO bus pulled up alongside, the passengers got

off Gibson's bus to board the Guelph to Toronto bus driven by Ken Fleming of Guelph. Fleming's destination in

Toronto was the Islington Subway station unlike Gibson's bus which was headed for the York Mills subway

station. A few seconds after the passengers settled in, Fleming pulled away behind Gibson.

\$75,000 cheque presented to Halton Conservation Authority

Hilton Falls area.

The Halton Region Conservation Authority received quite a good push as it heads into 1976.

A \$75,000 cheque to aid the conservation authority in acquiring land in the Hilton Falls area was presented to the HRCA Thursday evening during its inaugural meeting held in Burlington.

Charles Sauriol of the Nature Conservancy of Canada and R.B. Willis of the Richard Ivey Long Foundation made the presentation to the past chairman of the Land Use Advisory Committee of the authority, Gordon Krantz of Milton.

With the land acquired thanks to the \$75,000 donation the Halton authority now administers 2,000 acres in the

election of Brock Harris of Burlington for the fifth consecutive term as chairman of the authority.

Gordon Krantz was elected vice-chairman.

Halton Hills' two representatives on the authority, Dick Howitt and Pat McKenzie, will serve on all four of the authority's special committees. Howitt is the vice-chairman of the Land Use Advisory Board and a general member of the Water Control Advisory Board.

Mr. McKenzie will serve on the Hill and Flood Plain Advisory Board and the Conservation Areas Information and Education Advisory Board.

Mr. Howitt was also nominated to the executive committee as representative at-large.

In his summation of the past year Mr. Harris paid special tribute to Halton Hills Councillor Len Cox who died this past summer. "He was an untiring, dedicated conservationist," Mr. Harris said. "He was an inspiration to all of us and his passing was a real blow to the authority."

Susan Kangas, whose woodworking talents are visible throughout the HRCA's conservation areas, was also honored at the meeting. Mr. Kangas has retired from the authority after many years of service. A presentation was made to him by Ralph Sherwood of the Township of Painsch.

Because of financial restraints the per diem payment to the conservation members in the authority's 1976 budget has been reduced sharply and thus, to meet the restrictions, the authority has reduced the number of meetings scheduled this year in half.

The four advisory boards will meet every second month and the authority and the executive will meet every second month.



ANNA MARIE'S "MONTH OF JULY". Anna Marie Stone, grade 7 student of the Holy Cross School was chosen last Thursday to represent Holy Cross School in the Halton Separate School Oral Communications Special which will be held later this month. Anna Marie spoke on the topic, "The Month of July" which was rated the best out of 15 other contestants from the school.

Clergy Comments

Reading the Bible

By Richard Ruggie, minister of St. Alban's Anglican Church in Glen Williams and St. Paul's Church in Norval. I have been enjoying the Bible recently. And that calls for comment, since we so often think of reading the Bible as a sort of solemn duty. With that attitude, we can end up feeling "damned if you don't" read it, but unsatisfied if you do read it.

One of the reasons that we feel uncomfortable reading the Bible is that we have never really learned how to go about it. As with anything else (say, learning to drive a car), we become self-conscious, aware of all the problems involved and all the mistakes we make. It's only after hours and weeks of practice that we begin to feel at ease with what we're doing.

And it helps to have a guide: someone who has travelled through the country before, who can direct us to the best roads, interpret the signs and point out the landmarks. My guide during the past while has been a Jew who has written his memories of growing up in Edinburgh. He drank in so much of the Bible at home, in school and in the synagogue that the book seemed daily to shape the way he thought about things.

Luckily, he was spared the stern, cold, literal approach to the Bible that we too often have today. It wasn't a matter of finding proof-texts or forcing himself to believe something unlikely because "it's in the book." We sometimes fall back on a text to stop us from having to think about things, to excuse ourselves from the hard task of making up our own minds. The Jewish boy found that the Bible started him thinking about God and his people. It didn't prevent him from thinking, by pretending to present all the answers.

He told, for example, of tripping his blazer on the spike of a fence, when climbing out of a neighbour's garden. He expanded on the truth, decorated it a bit, to explain to his mother what happened. It was a sort of poetic licence. When he mentioned to his father that he was glad the ten commandments contained no prohibition of lying, the old man pointed out that other parts of the Pentateuch specifically forbade it.

But, the boy thought, the patriarchs had lied: Abraham had lied to Pharaoh and Jacob had lied to his own father. Here was the Bible sparking discussion between father and son, speaking to each in different ways. And here was the Bible causing wonder in him, that God should deal with patriarchs as devious as he was when being inquisitive about his torn jacket.

For the Bible is about us wayward folk, and God's dealings with us. There is joy in those dealings, and in the record of them. In the best tradition of the old testament, the Jewish guide has great fun playing with the words of scripture. It has been refreshing, with my guide's help, to sense some of that happiness in the Bible.

Canvassers Needed

Be a good citizen, volunteer as a canvasser for the Red Cross in our community. The more canvassers there are, the less time and effort it will take to meet this year's objective. Help spread the work load.

They're OUR cops

Involved churchman

Two nights a week Bill Phipps takes off the uniform of a 4th class constable in the Halton Regional Police and puts on a constable's uniform in the 25th Military Police Platoon of the Toronto Service Battalion, Denison Armoury.

It was ten months ago when Const. Phipps joined the Halton police but he has been in the military police for three years which accounts for his rank there.

After graduating from Wexford Collegiate in Scarborough—from where he commutes 96 miles daily—Const. Phipps spent two years studying law enforcement at Seneca College.

It was a time in Toronto when the Metro police were under heavy criticism. "Public criticism of the police force bothered me," Const. Phipps admits. "But it didn't change my opinion." Also, he adds, "There was a lot of criticism of the programs at community colleges but it prepares you quite well."

In the law enforcement course at Seneca, Const. Phipps studied, along with his police courses, psychology, sociology, a bit of journalism, and forensic science, which is the modern way to describe the identification and collection of clues at the scene of a crime.

"When you come out of there," says Const. Phipps, referring to Seneca College, "you can do all the paperwork, know the fine points of law and case work."

Reminded of the paperwork police do today, Const. Phipps sighs at the inevitability of it. "There's going to be paperwork," he says, "and there's enough."

It was in the military police that Const. Phipps got his first taste of traffic control. Convoy duty, highway escorts and the operation of radar sets to monitor traffic were all part of enforcing the National Defence Act and the Criminal Code, too, on federal government property.

The single biggest difference between being an M.P. and a Halton constable is that there are fewer domestic calls in the military police, although even there, Const. Phipps says, "We get calls off the tops of barracks."

Const. Phipps would like to work with the youth bureau of the court police but he is now "mostly behind the wheel."

It is necessary, he says, because "You've got to keep up with people so you need a car."

"But I see absolutely nothing wrong with foot beat duty." He points out that the foot patrolman gets to know sooner the people and merchants on the street and that on a day to day basis it is easier to notice changes.

During high school when he was not studying history and politics, Const. Phipps was active as an "alter boy" in the service guild of St. Peter's Anglican Church in Scarborough where he also served

as a deputy warden. Other than having been called names a couple of times, Const. Phipps has not yet been forced to risk his life in the line of duty, he says.

"I touch wood and hold my luck." "But people here seem to appreciate your service more," he says. Unlike the "rat race" and the "high pressure" of Toronto, "It's a more relaxed way to work here. You get more co-operation from other police

officers and from the public in general."

In addition to the help of his fellow officers "who bend over backwards to help you", Const. Phipps can look forward to a rumored 19 percent pay hike presently being negotiated between Halton region and the police association.

But, Const. Phipps says, to him it would make no difference, "I would still be on the job even if the pay wasn't as high."



FORMER ALTAR BOY William T. Phipps is now a Constable 4th class with the Halton Regional Police.

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Terra Cotta hall gets water

For the first time in the history of the Terra Cotta Community Hall, the hall has running tap water, thanks to the local Thursday Thimblers Club.

The hall, which is well over 100 years old, has been without running water all these years. Finally, however, the taps can be turned on. Thanks to the financial donation of the local club.

The work has taken place during recent weeks.

Hornby hall ready

Hornby Community Centre, one of three Halton Hills community centres to be renovated, has its interior completed and is back in service.

Hornby, Stewarttown and Cedarvale Community Centres, operated by the Halton Hills Recreation Department, will undergo complete exterior and interior renovations thanks to an \$18,000 Local Initiatives Project grant, awarded to the recreation department.

Roger Nason and Kevin Brandford, employed by the town of Halton Hills, took

charge of the interior renovations to Hornby Hall and completely cleaned, plaster patched, painted walls, stripped the upper hall floor, sanded, varnished and painted the basement floor. There are two halls, each of which can hold 60 people.

At the present time, a euchre party is conducted each Saturday night and it is open to anyone interested in playing.

The hall is available for meetings, banquets and other recreational functions which can be booked through the recreation department.

Renovations have begun to

the Stewarttown hall with Cedarvale next in line. The exteriors of the three centres will be renovated in the spring.

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20 The Narrow Mindedness of Christ (7:45 p.m.)
21 Leadership In The Church: Pierre Berton or The Holy Spirit? (question & answer period to follow) (7:45 p.m.)

22 The Worst Sinner in Halton (8:15 p.m.)
(note change from previous announcement)
Feb. 19, 20 & 22 Georgetown High School
Feb. 21 Maple Avenue Baptist Church

OAKVILLE February 22 - 25

Feb. 22 Go Ask Esther (3:00 p.m.)
23 Spoiled Rotten (7:45 p.m.)
(The Adult-Cop-out that produced a Youth Tragedy)
24 The Streaker and The Exorcist (7:45 p.m.)
(question & answer period to follow)

25 Crisis In The Church (7:45 p.m.)
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