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North Halton deserves better

If Halton Region is to succeed and prime agricultural land. overcome its parochial nature, better North Halton.

Halton. They were raised in rural and tres. small town settings that are now passing nod that they exist.

officials held the first two meetings have access to the material. designed to explain its decision to funds in its 1976 campaign.

locally without United Way funds.

But the biggest concern by local the journey. organizations, including those with not consulting you first."

several instances when regional agendas and associated material government and the board of each Friday. education have indicated an almost lethargic attitude toward North cessive cost or time to deliver some pear to be taken grudgingly.

closing of the Acton water billing service, the opportunity of comoffice. More than 1,000 people signed munication would exist.

a petition opposing the closing, but the . . The sooner those living below the

And the board of education last communication must be maintained week, in a minor matter, postponed between services, government, action on a rather innocuous proposal volunteer agencies and ratepayers in to have lists of textbooks used in schools available to residents at the There are 35,000 people in North east, west and north education cen-

While it can be argued that there feeling the effect of rapid ur- may be little if any public concern banization. They deserve more than a over textbook lists, the principle remains the same - a requirement for Last week Oakville United Way taxpayers to journey to Burlington to

What the southerly top-loaded canvass North Halton industry for regional council and board of education fails to realize is that it is 60 While, most people support the miles or more round trip from role of the United Way, it has not Georgetown to take advantage of the functioned in North Halton previously rights of the taxpayer. That may and there is concern over the ability seem small to some members, but of the community to support it and the without public transportation eleven other agencies supported available in Halton, it remains a long way and limits those that can make

As well, regional government Oakville branches and provincial makes available agendas for public organizations funded in part by the perusal prior to council and com-Oakville United Way, is that, as mittee meetings. But only if you go to chairman Terry O'Connor said, Burlington to view them. That's a "Maybe we went about it wrongly by ludicrous position to maintain since each regional councillor has delivered In recent weeks there have been to his door a package containing all

It certainly wouldn't add ex-Halton. All decisions of benefit ap- copies to local municipal offices for North Halton ratepayer perusal and A good example is the recent even if no one takes advantage of the

matter was left to town council to demarcation line -- Highway 401 -realize there's a North Halton, the Then there's the seemingly intent sooner this region will become the of some urban members of regional community everyone says he's council to dump a garbage heap midst working toward.

deputy nunister, it's all about travel.

For years, the government has operated

But the letter announces a new exclusive

"There now will be two unlisted VIP

The letter says "this service, by its

FIRST-CLASS CALLS

trying to figure out what type of travel ser-

vice is required by an assistant deputy

minister that's not required by any other

letter. "I guess it's because they cut out first-

class plane tickets for us," he said, "They are

the Public Service Commission. It's aimed at

those senior execulives who have prime

responsibilities in the information area as

well as those senior executives who are faced

"solving the medla mystery" and it will be

"resourced" by some real live journalists.

but I just can't sistify winding \$125 to solve a

mystery I di ' know e dated. So this note

There is stil. a fair amount of lunk in that

I thought about trying to gain admission.

It announces a one-day seminar on

today with greater direct media contact."

substituting first-class phone calls."

He didn't sound impressed,

The registration fee is \$125.

also goes in to garringe

I know why I kept this letter I have been

So I phoned the deputy who received the

Here is another interesting little one on

Air Canada operations."

public servant.

its own "Central Travel Service" to make

On Parliament Hill --

Just a little

By STEWART MacLEOD

Ottawa Bureau

Of The Herald

Why for instance, should I keep a copy of

to suggest the establishment of a joint

seemed like a long time to await a reply from .

Surely Mr. Rhodes has answered by now.

Now here's one I had forgotten about. It's

Anyway, I am throwing that June letter in the

a government announcment of a \$19,990

contract to Carleton University in Ottawa for

a study on "interpersonal communication in

The price isn't bad either. By com-

parision, the government is spending \$32,600

for a study on the "effect of pulping aged

chips on the toxicity of draft mill effluents."

and \$35,185 is being spent on the "inspection

and up-dating of the national gravity net in

MONEY MATTERS

top right hand drawer deal with money in one

form or another. Perhaps it's because we are

in the midst of the government's restraints

program and there happens to be more

correspondence on that subject.

Oddly enough, most of the papers in that

And speaking about restraints, here is an

of Supply and Services and it is addressed to a a few more days.

Northern Ontario and southern Quebec.'

That should make great reading.

Since Mr. Danson referred to the

this proposal at an early date ..."

another cabinet minister.

an emergency environment."

wastebasket.

drawer cleaning

continue to congregate. Most of it isn't worth sensible arrangment.

because it began, "Iwrote to you last October making their travel plans."

thinking at the time that eight months level of service required."

Please bear with me as I clean out the top reservations and other travel arrangements

right-hand desk drawer, that catch-all corner for public servants. And with more than where old letters and little bits of paper 400,000 federal public servant, it's probably a

a letter written last June to by Urban Affairs service. It's a section within the Central

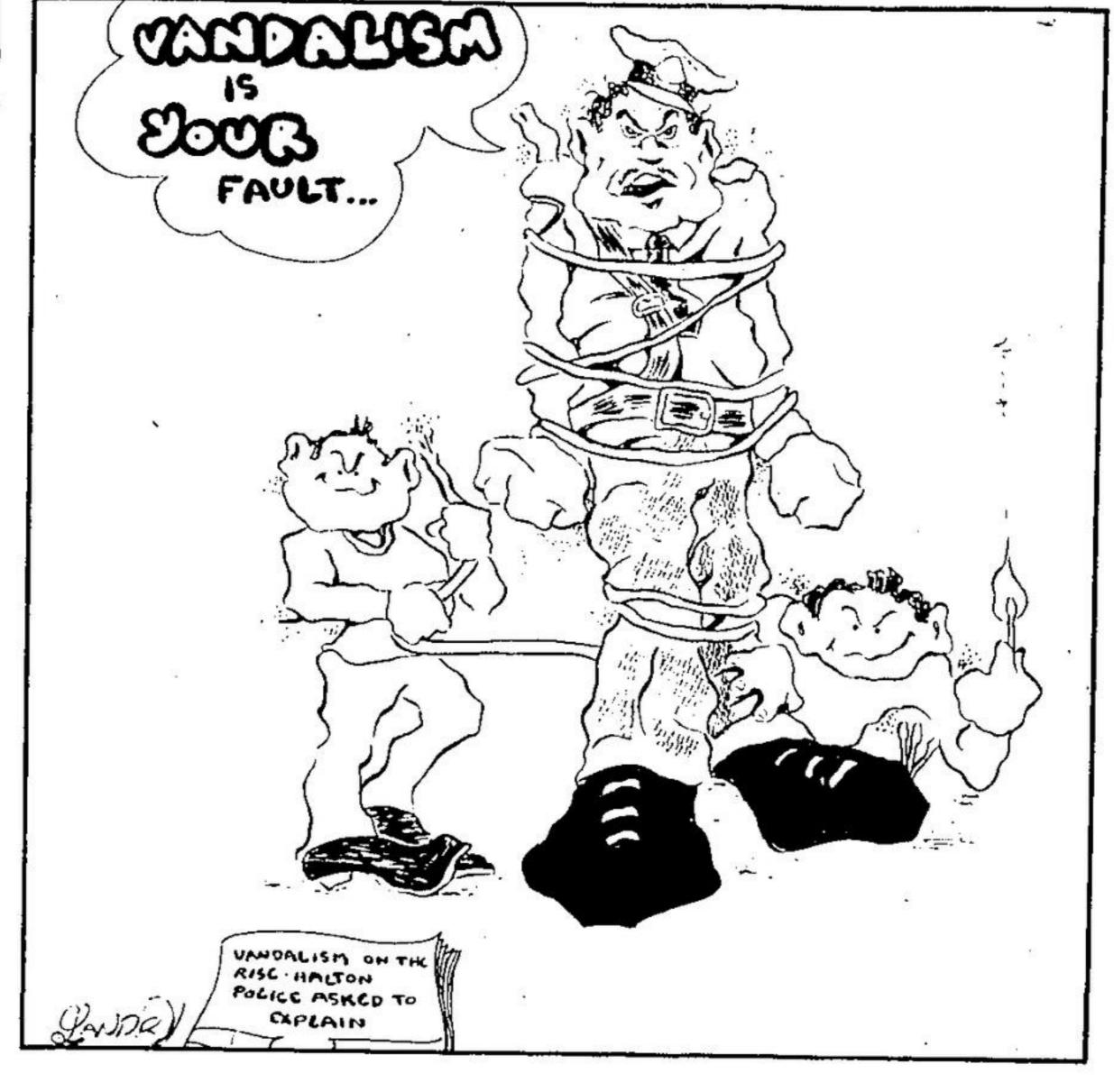
Minister Barney Danson and addressed to Travel Service to "provide a more per-

Ontario Housing Minister John Rhodes? The sonalized service to assist deputy ministers, only reason I threw it in the drawer was saistant deputy ministers and equivalents in

committee..." and it ended with "I would lines, 3-6080 and 3-6081 linked directly to CP very much appreciate hearing from you on Air operations and 3-3695 linked directly to

"urgency of the subject" I remember nature, is restricted in order to preserve the

interesting letter. It is from the Department top right-interesting letter. It is from the Department top right-interesting letter.



A tongue-in-cheek look at coffin sleeping and going to your own funeral?

By GERRY LANDSBOROUGH

It's time again for potpourri, a regular feature of this column. Here we take a sometimes serious but mostly not so serious tongue in cheek look at some of the happenings on this wonderful wacky world around us.

First let us travel to the outskirts of Chicago where a strange and errie sight takes place in the dark of night in a local cemetery.

A man wrapped up in a black cape and carrying a coffin enters in and after placing a local high school band proceeding the truck. silver helmet on his head lies down in the coffin closes his little eyes and goes nightey a few times over the years but this year the

According to Sgt. John Marker the chap is known only as the "Son of Satan" and the locals are quite used to him - but people driving by get nervous and call the police. Gee I wonder why-and how do you deal

with your insomnia? It's the silver helmet that gets me-something tells me there must be an easier way.

this "sand breeding."

Your kit comes complete with a test tube of its unscheduled trip. male sand and a test tube of female sand. Mix How so you ask? Well, the Inn backs on to a them together and away you go. The kit local hillside where the bull had climbed and contains a 42 page booklet suggests you can was nibbling away at some tender leaves. "make your own beach . raise kitty litter . Unfortunately the roof of the Punch Bowl Inn make a private desert or you might want to isn't bull proof. continue breeding until you have your very Flash! Flash ... and now from Sheffield

According to Dahl "this kit is for people wedding of the year award. who are bored with or incompetent at what they have been doing . those who are unable prepare for their up and coming nuptials. He to master upholstering or accounting."

Guess what folks? People are buying them your sand - and breed them yourself thus mother in law. eliminating the middleman.

Jim Gernhart who will soon reach the grand was happening Roy up and socked his

Jim who could be described as rather an unususal chap had his first funeral way back

"I didn't have anybody left in my family and I thought I would have my Juneral so I would know how it went. It's better to have it before you die - you don't know anything about it after your are dead."

Well, I can sure go along with that Jim. The event takes place with Jim sitting in a Model T Ford beer truck next to his coffin. He drives through the main street of the town with the

This musical extravaganza has taken place town outdid themselves in honor of Jim's up

and coming 100th birthday. On Nov. 20, he'll reach his 100th year and he believes this was probably the last dress rehearsal before the real thing. That's a bigee

in Burlington. Off to Reeth, England, now where the regular patrons of the Punch dowl Inn sure don't shoot the bull. No sirce - the bull in question came crashing through the roof

Here's a pip from Gary Dahl. He's the chap landing in a space between the refrigerator who made millions with his invention of the and the back wall - they didn't shoot it. They "pet rock." His latest brain-child from his just sent for the local farmer who owned the map-cap laboratory is - I hope your ready for bull and he removed it with the bull only suffering from the odd scape and bruise from

England, comes potpourri's nominee for the

Roy Butler stopped over to help his bride to did, however, stop off at a stag first.

On his way to his future bride's house he like crazy - but I maintain that if you were at dropped the wedding cake in the front garall gutsy you could go out into the wilds . trap den. This was much to the upset of his future

A shouting match follwed with one thing Away to Burlington, Colorado, now where leading to another and before you knew what old age of 100 had another funeral the other mother-in-law-to-be in the Jaw.

From here and there

Tax reform: Is it fair?

Local farmers, criticising proposed tax argue that repayment of 10 years taxes reforms regarding farm land, would appear places and "encumbrance" on their farms. to be looking a gift horse in the mouth. The But the system they have now stipulates protest has been mounting since it was repayment if the farm is pulled out of learned that the province plans to tax farms agriculture. on their market value, pick up the tab and to demand 10 years' back taxes if the land is

taken out of production. The province hopes to thereby control farm land use because it pays the shot. The revenue to pay the farmer's taxes will come from income and sales taxes. And with our graduated system of income taxes tie. the more you earn the more you pay! those who can most afford to pay the farmer's taxes \$85,000.

Just suppose urbanites were able to persuade the province to wage war against the disappearance of the single-family worth \$850,000, or to pay land tax amounting detached dwelling. Each one of us owning a typically overpriced bungalow on city turf would have our land taxes paid for by the province. As for our house, we would only pay 50 per cent of the taxbill. Anyone who sold his land to a developer for high-rise or commercial use would have to repay to mland. years' back taxes. We certainly would not object to such a deal

Farmers say they prefer the present system of taxation by productivity. They

The difference between the present and proposed schemes is the amount of repayment which will become payable if and when the farm is sold for development.

It was disclosed recently that on 50 acres in Brampton, with a market value of \$850,000 and present assessed value of \$30,500, the farmer would have to repay \$1,500.

Proposals would demand a repayment of

It would seem unfair to ask the rest of the taxpayers in Ontario to allow farm land to only \$150 per year on it.

Urbanites have not been complaining about the proposals on farm land taxes. That may be because they agree with provincial attempts to control the development of far-

We agree with most people unit good farm land must be protected because there is only so much of it left.

(BRAMPTON TIMES)

His flancesa Athea said: "The wedding is off I never want to see you again." Later in court she told the judge: "If he had

hit me of instead of my mother I probably would have married him all the same - but I'm not having any man hitting my mum." And how did your wedding go?

Now this next bit of stuff and nonsense comes to you straight from the heart of donwtown Brampton. Remember Shaws dictum . . . Those who

can do - those you can't teach. To which June has added with a eartyy wisdom containing common dignity: Those who can do neither bitch! Amen. Amen.

Now before we leave you for this week that strange and mysterious character the Maharishi Sometimes Yogi has stopped by again, and if I know the Maharlshi he's bound to enlighten us with words of wisdom.

Take it away Maharishi. "Remember that though it is written that the meek shall inherit the earth - the whole truth is seldom spoken. The meek SHALL

inherit the earth - over them." Oh really, Maharishl. . you obviously haven't read "The power of Positive Thinking" over them indeed. I just don't know what were going to do about that fellow.

On The Home Front

Some problems can't be solved

SUSAN De FACENDIS

Have you ever heard a slience quite so profound? - A silence so intense that you can actually hear the whiskers twitch on a neighbour's cat?

Well, here I sit in the early stages of another school year, listening to the sounds of nothing and still puzzled as to how I accomplished so much housework in such a short time.

The telephone hasn't once shrilled out an urgent call for Louisa; Flintstones aren't Yabba Dabba Do-lng' up from the bowels of the basement; 'Kiss' isn't deafening me with it's cacophony from the stereo and there is a definite lack of little six year old noses pressed against my screen door.

The bathrooms and refrigerator are having a well-earned rest and my battleweary constitution is in shock. Let's face it, without sandwich fixings permanently in evidence on the kitchen table and cheesles or potato chips scattered in front of the television, it just does not look like home.

Yes, September finally arrived in all its glory and so begins another school season of professional days, hopefully interrupted by uluminating moments of education and the pursuite of knowledge.

Three eager, shining faces burst forth from my house, all scattering to three different schools, meaning, even with my limited grasp of mathematics, three 'meet the teacher' nights, three talent nights and a whole new group of teachers names to be

memorized. Of course, the rivers of life can never run completely smoothly and young Teresa polsed on the threshold of grade one, decided once again to drop out of the school system, I have the distinct impression that this is going to be an annual challenge - a 'choose your weapons' situation at dawn, between mother and daughter on the first day of each new

school year. To me, the situation is perfectly clear . daughter goes to school, or mother goes to jail. However, when we reached a point somewhere between fastening dress buttons and doing up pony-tails, a suprisingly concise

list of insurmountable problems emerged. To begin with, Teresa was quite sure she would never find the right classroom. She would finish up in a grade six homeroom, never be able to do the work and, (horrors), wind up in the principal's office. Secondly, assuming she was lucky enough to find the right class she was quite convinced that she would never, ever, learn her new teacher's name.

Finally, she was worried about the possibility of her class having to perform a play, because she knew beyond all doubt that the would forget her lines in front of an audience. - And you thought you had problems?

Well, we managed to resolve some of those first day misgivings and, a little less apprehensively, away she went. She returned home at lunchtime with enough paperwork to cover the refrigerator door and bubbling with

exictement. "Guess what?" she exclaimed. "I got the very teacher I wanted and I didn't even cross

my fingers for luck - but - I can't remember her name!"

Oh well, I suppose some problems are unsolvable.

•Queen's Park

Till next week - keep on smiling.

Write off any chance of a majority government

By DONO'HEARN Queen's Park Bureau Of The Herald

Sometimes those of us who write politics get stack too much in this place. We are at the heart and tend perhaps not

to be able to see the forest for the trees. Recently I have been out in the province a hit and this has brought about some new outlook on political prospects in the election when it comes.

MISTAKESTEGISTER The thinking here these days is to pretty well write off any prospect of the government being returned with a majority. This is mainly because those of us writing

about it see it in action day by day and are sharply aware of its mistakes, its fumbles and in general its performance as a government And, of course, as it's natural, the mistakes it makes tend to stick with us longer than any achievements.

But most of all we tend to come to our conclusions on its governmental performance rather than its political performance.

FRESH LOOK But when you get away from the heart there is more perspective and you tend to look more at politics than administration. Also you talk politics rather than government

And there comes a fresh viewpoint. Things that have meant a lot here at the Park can be of slight, if any, interest locally such as hospital closings.

With the more detached viewpoint, in fact, there can be appreciation of the longterm benefit of various actions rather than awareness of any clumsiness in handlings again as with the hospital closings.

Some action, such as regional government tend to be highly resented. But more run-of-the-mill affairs tend to be unim-LEWISTHREAT

But above all there is the political per-

spective. And association with it can be most valuable.

For example, and most pertinently, tending to be almost forgotten around here in our too-hurried assessments is that the main reason for the Davis fall-off in the last election was that the Conservative vote didn't

The measage from outside is that this time it probably will.

One reason given for this is that the drop last time was a personal resentment against Bill Davis. Now this resentment has incu expressed and once volced much of it has gone away.

And probably even more important is that now Stephen Lewis is standing in the wings, opposition leader and holding 38 seats. instead of 19.

The feeling is that this in itself will pull out a big Tory vote. In other words majority government is

probably still wide open for Bill Davis.

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