

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Government suffocates initiative, reader says

The slow, creeping
Barely moving
The Danger
Yes
Is in the slow
Imperceptible
Flow
Quicksand
Covering
Smothering
Flow
Of our Governments
Barely admitting
Slowly moving
Suffocating
Es
Stifling
Initiative
Muzzling
That ox
Yes
That ox, that treadeth out the corn
That beast of burden
O God
Yes
You said
Do not muzzle that ox
That treadeth out the corn
But God
These people
Our Government
They muzzle that ox
They do not believe
The labourer is worthy of his reward

Jack K. Martin
R.R. 5
Georgetown

Story irresponsible, plant manager says

To the editor of The Herald:
I am very annoyed in the manner you reported the incidents that occurred in this plant on Friday, February 11th. As far as I am concerned, this is irresponsible reporting and you should print a retraction of your article.
Granted that mischief of this type should not happen, but in no way do we suspect all nine employees.
I would suggest in the future that you get the correct facts before going to print.
Yours very truly,
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Abitibi Forest Products Ltd.
G.A. Lockwood,
Mill Manager

George Gray reports

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5) Monetary concessions must be made by our Governments to industry in order to stimulate plant and equipment placement to produce employment and balance our trade deficit.
6) Immediate and continuing attention must be paid by our Federal Government to protection of our Domestic Industry in order to improve employment opportunities.
7) Capital must be made available in quantities and at attractive interest rates in order to stimulate plant development.
8) Labour and management must learn to co-operate in their own self interest in order to maintain and better their positions over the years ahead.
9) Energy production must be the prime consideration of Governments in the years ahead.
To I am proud of our Halton Region Chambers of Commerce for their work in developing a comprehensive brief to our Regional Government, in order to spur the initiation of an Industrial Development Commission for the Region of Halton. This commission is necessary in order to bring new manufacturing to Halton. This will provide jobs for our young people. It will hold down our residential taxes, and it will help to make Halton a better place to live, and work in. It will also help our existing businesses to survive, and to prosper.
Yours sincerely,
George A. Gray

REGIONAL BRIEFS

Capital budgets discussed

Capital budgets for Halton Region will be presented at committee meetings today in Burlington. Ontario Municipal Board approved in 1976 place the per capita regional debt at a range of \$285 for Halton Hills to \$405 for Burlington. Treasurer Don Farmer told council last week the proposed budget would not exceed \$279 per capita for Halton Hills and Burlington at \$399.

Norval farmer attends

Norval farmer Peter Branch is expected to attend the March 8 planning committee meeting to further discuss a brief he submitted two weeks ago voicing objections to the proposed official plan designations for agriculture. Planning committee is also expected to discuss more fully the Agricultural Code of Practice which sets out guidelines on farm uses and urban encroachment.



GEORGE HENDERSON

CANCER SERVICE AWARDS

The highest award given by Ontario Division of Canadian Cancer Society was presented to two Halton Hills residents last week. The Certificate of Service for outstanding and inspired service went to Mariene Mackenzie (below) and George Henderson, both of whom drive patients to Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto. Mr. Henderson, a long-time executive of the Halton Hills chapter of the Canadian Cancer Society, has been a driver for five years. Mrs. Mackenzie has been driving patients to Princess Margaret Hospital for 21 years.



MARIENE MACKENZIE

Morrow denied vote

Halton Region chairman Ric Morrow will not be allowed a vote in committee.
Council has overturned a recommendation of the administration committee that he be allowed a vote, and endorsed the present policy which allows him only to cast tie-breaking ballot on recorded votes.
The action came amid calls for Mr. Morrow, who campaigned on a platform of supporting the status quo, to show leadership by providing information from various regional and provincial sources and voting on issues placed before council.
Burlington Coun. Jack Rafitis said he wants "to know where the chairman stands" on various issues.
Mr. Morrow in a letter to administration committee chairman Mac Anderson, stated that he does not see any power vested in the chairmanship office since he is responsible only to 24 members of council and is not elected at large.
He said leadership is not earned through delegation or standing on decision, but through respect gained from colleagues.
The chairman could not be

Burlington Coun. Tom Sutherland endorsed Mr. Rafitis comments saying that the office of the chairman should participate fully in committee business.
The chairman could not be

totally objective in council if he has supported a particular issue at the committee, Halton Hills Coun. Roy Booth added.
Mr. Rafitis also noted that Mr. Morrow has been working three to four full days a week at the region and added that under the previous administration 35 per cent of the meetings were missed by the chairman and "the work is reasonably full-time now."
Oakville Coun. Carl Erikson admonished council for considering an increase in the powers of the chairman's office.
"I am hearing that the power of the chairman is being increased," Mr. Erikson said. "You," he said, pointing to Mr. Morrow, "are here to serve council and I am not interested in the chairman having any power."

DID YOU KNOW?
At B'11, Robert Wadlow of Michigan was the tallest man in the world.

Integration bid fails

A motion by school trustee H.H. (Bert) Hinton that would integrate gifted children in regular classrooms and have them taught by the classroom teacher, has failed to get approval from Halton board of education.
"We're fooling around making guinea pigs of our kids," Mr. Hinton told the board. Thursday, He suggested that there be no segregated classes for gifted children until the population base demands it.
Although no segregated classes for gifted children are in North Halton, there are two in the south. About three to four per cent of the student population is considered gifted.
Mr. Hinton's motion called for removal of all previous motions. Education director Emerson Lavender told the board he could find only two previous motions. One was passed in 1973 and called for the phasing out of segregated classes; the other, passed in 1974, called for the identification of gifted children no later than Grade 4 and the provision of extra work in the classroom and some time together as a group.

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