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## OMB ruling renders library in limbo

The citizens have won their case against the use of parkland for a library. What happens now awaits the direction of the Halton Hills library board.

There is without question a need to improve existing facilities at the Church Street library, so the question is now what direction should such improvements take.

But included in that new perspective is a comment by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), which ruled out the Cedarvale site in a decision last week, and whether there will be opposition toward a new site elsewhere in Georgetown. If one can be found.

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the existing site couldn't be used as such a facility.

If John Ferguson, one of the leaders of the opposition to the Cedarvale site, is correct in stating that opponents don't oppose the improvement of services, only the use of parkland, then library board members could possibly seek a location elsewhere in Georgetown. If one can be found.

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## Halton Hills target: \$32,000

The 1978 objective for our province is \$7.8 million. Our own target for Halton Hills is \$32,000, and our unit of the Cancer Society is once more counting on the public's generosity during our annual fund-raising campaign to help us achieve our goal. We surpassed our objective of \$28,000 last year, and raised \$30,000.

It is this time that the Society asks people everywhere to offer financial assistance and prayers. Each dollar that you give to the campaign goes to work in the battle against Cancer in three ways: research, public education, and services to patients.

Finding a cure for Cancer is a concern of scientists all over the world, and thanks to the work of dedicated people more and more effective treatments are being discovered. But research is extremely costly, and like all of us, the programs have been hard hit by inflation.

In the field of public education, volunteers visit schools, industries, and offices. They encourage early detection and treatment of this disease, and spread the message of good health habits. Our unit is holding an educational evening on May 11th, at the Georgetown high school, which will include a panel of local doctors, and a guest speaker from Princess Margaret Hospital, and there

will also be audience participation. Everyone is welcome to attend this event, and there will be no admission charge.

Statistics reveal that one out of every six persons will have to deal with some form of cancer in their lifetime.

Defeating cancer is a community responsibility and every citizen can share in the fight against it by supporting Cancer Research.

In closing, the executive of our unit would like to ask for your continued support during the month of April. Our annual Daffodil Day will be held on Saturday, April 8th, with daffodils being sold in the streets of Georgetown.

With the co-operation of McDonald's in Georgetown, we are also holding a Daffodil Sunday, on April 9th, at McDonald's between 7 and 11:30 a.m. The proceeds from every Egg McMuffin sold will be donated to the campaign fund of Halton Hills.

We hope that you will want to participate in either or both of these two special events. Please be generous and fight cancer in the way of your choice. CANCER CAN BE BEATEN. What's it worth to you?

The Executive of the Halton Hills Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society

## Still 'messaging around' with bilingualism

By STEWART MacLEOD

Ottawa Bureau

Of The Herald

All things being considered, I think it's fair to conclude that Max Yalden, our commissioner of official languages, doesn't think much of the way bilingualism is being promoted in the country.

He thinks it's a great mistake to phase out second-language training in the public service, he thinks the bilingual bonuses do more damage than good, he thinks the government has been doing a horrible job of explaining its bilingualism program, and he's far from happy with second-language instruction in schools.

It's not an upbeat annual report. Unlike Keith Spicer, his predecessor, Yalden tends to be gentle in his criticisms, but nonetheless his message is clear. Nine years after the Official Languages Act

became law we are still messaging around somewhat aimlessly with a greatly misunderstood bilingualism program. The commissioner says it's "the understatement of the year" to say the government has not been successful in explaining its policies.

This has been true since the Pearson government first began promoting its bilingualism program in the mid-1960s. On one hand, Canadians were told that French and English Canadians should be able to feel at home anywhere in the country, and on the other hand they were being told it wasn't necessary to become bilingual.

And on one hand, we were constantly being told that French-speaking Canadians should be able to deal with their federal government in that language while, on the other hand, unilingual public servants were being assured they wouldn't be forced to

learn a second language. "We are not shoving French down your throats," was a common government cry, particularly in the West. Yet, we were also being told that we had to recognize Canada as a bilingual country and we should all do our part for national unity.

And in Ottawa, the government began spending hundreds of millions of dollars in a crash effort to bilingualize the public service. Some public servants in their 60s were told they had to learn a second language, promotions were affected, and so was morale. Even the bilingual bonuses, intended as an incentive, caused dissension.

It's true that the percentage of bilingual public servants has increased - partly due to new recruits - but the government, in its enthusiasm, has frequently been unrealistic in assessing the success of the program. One of the assessments is that Canada's public

service now is irreversibly bilingual. "How they conceive of this, I don't know," says Yalden.

DOESN'T AGREE

The government has also said that with the success of the language training program so far, coupled with second-language training now underway in schools, the public service can ease the program by 1982.

Yalden doesn't think so. "It is sheer foolishness to assume that future public servants, now 16 years old and in secondary school in British Columbia, Nova Scotia, or for that matter in parts of Quebec, will show up in 1983 fully bilingual and ready to provide service in English and French." Government instruction should still be made available, he argues.

The government decided to phase out its training program after Spicer last year concluded that the bilingual program has attained "cruising speed." But Yalden's assessment doesn't support this view.

"It is an unhappy fact of life that, more than eight years after the proclamation of the Official Languages Act, language reform still does not enjoy a high priority among senior government officials and managers."

As for the \$800 annual bilingual bonus, the new commissioner thinks it will "prove to be enormously costly, harmful to morale and essentially out of line with the government's own language policy."

Yalden may not have the wit of Spicer, but then perhaps his view of the government's bilingualism program doesn't inspire much witicism.



## Looking through our files

THIRTY YEARS AGO

It was quite a surprise Saturday morning to wake up and find the ground white with snow again. There has been considerable nice, bright sunshine this week, which makes it look warm, anyway. To compare the temperature for the past month of March, it really wasn't far out of line. The average maximum was 40, being only three degrees below normal. The average minimum was 15, which was five degrees above normal, while the coldest day last month was 28 degrees below zero and the highest 65 degrees above zero.

A letter received by council from Dr. Berry, Chief Sanitary Engineer of the Ontario Department of Health concerning chlorination of the town water supply, brought on a general discussion on water. Reeve MacLaren was of the opinion that tree cutting and swamp clearance on the Acton side would eventually reduce the reservoir supply at Silvercreek and thought Council with Dr. Berry should visit the reservoir and look over the whole situation.

A transient who gave his home address as Napawan almost came to grief last Sunday night when he became buried in the coal car of the eastbound CNR train at Georgetown station. The train, Number 40, which stops here at 10:11 p.m. was delayed for 36 minutes while the man was extricated from the car. If the fireman had not noticed something was wrong and stopped the train, the man's feet would have been caught in the automatic coal feeder.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Sharing in the country-wide Conservative sweep which saw Prime Minister Diefenbaker's government returned to office with the largest majority in history, Halton's Sandy Best scored his own personal triumph in Halton. Mr. Best, elected for the first time last year, had a whopping 7,500 majority over his combined opposition and more than doubled the 9,224 votes received by Liberal candidate Ken Dick, with a total of 20,937.

A Georgetown historical landmark will disappear this summer when the old high school is demolished to make way for a new 12-room wing on the building. Last week North Halton high school board engineer Barnett and Ruder, the firm of architects which designed the first new school wing, to design the new structure. The board plans a parking lot and a new football field with a cinder track field encircling it.

A proposal which would guarantee the town receiving industrial and commercial assessment equivalent to the 40 per cent ratio on 582 housing units which would be built on Delrex land was made to council by the company last night. The company, with Harold Baird as spokesman, offered a guarantee of \$147,322 over and above the taxes on the houses, which would either reach the town treasury from taxes on commercial and industrial property which might come, or would be paid by the company in yearly instalments during the term of the 3-year agreement.

TEN YEARS AGO

Every April 1st is another milestone for Joe Martin, Georgetown's most senior of citizens, and one of Canada's oldest men. Mr. Martin marked his 102nd birthday Monday at 9 Union St., where he has lived with a daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. George Glassford, for the past 22 years.

An armed robbery, the first attempted here in recent years, is being investigated by the Georgetown police department. Police said a man wearing a mask and armed with a revolver entered Eckert's Store at the corner of Mountainview Road and Maple Avenue East, and demanded that the clerk hand over the contents of the till. He escaped with approximately \$100.

## Queen's Park report

By DEREK NELSON

Queen's Park Bureau

Of The Herald

Certain children are suffering because their bodies lack the human growth hormone. The provincial government bears the blame.

Because of a refusal to amend a law some children could be doomed to dwarfism, or their families subjected to acute financial distress to pay for treatment.

The pituitary gland manufactures a protein hormone needed for growth by the young. In rare cases people's pituitary malfunction.

Unless they receive treatment their growth is stunted, averaging less than an inch per year where it might be three inches in a normal person.

The cure is constant injections of a serum made from the pituitary glands of dead human beings. There is no other source. It requires up to 200 glands per child per year for treatment.

NO DONORS  
Only half the 60 cases currently known in Ontario are receiving treatment. There aren't enough donors. Some families pay \$12,000 a year per child to import serum but, unlike domestic treatment, OHIP won't pick up the cost.

MPP Monty Davidson (NDP-Cambridge) recently introduced a petition in the legislature calling for mandatory use to make serum of the 10,000 pituitaries removed annually during autopsies.

By law autopsies must be performed in certain deaths, such as those that occur in hospitals within 24 hours of admission.

Solicitor-General George Kerr flubbed the government's response to the petition. He refused to change the existing law.

ARGUMENT

First, he suggested voluntary donations of pituitaries are rising to the point where compulsion would not be necessary in the "very near future."

But Dr. Morris Jenner, who treats youth with the deficiency at London's War Memorial Children's Hospital, doubts the voluntary method will ever provide enough serum.

Kerr's second line of defence is that taking the extract without next-of-kin approval is "unfair and inequitable."

But shouldn't these children's future happiness outweigh the use made of a pea-sized piece of tissue being discarded during the autopsy anyway?

Last, Kerr argued that "in the event glands are not forthcoming in the numbers required" he would amend the Coroner's Act to allow use of glands taken "after obtaining the consent of the next of kin."

Wonderful. That is exactly what can be done now.

SOLUTIONS  
When socialist millionaire and former NDP member Morton Stollman was Ontario's Chief Coroner he ordered pituitaries taken during autopsies used to produce the serum.

When the government fired him the practice apparently stopped.

How many children have suffered in the decade since?

If Kerr continues to resist using autopsy glands, then the very least he can do is convince his cabinet colleagues to order OHIP to absorb some of the \$12,000 annual costs per family for imported serum.

They only import because they can't get it here. And frankly they should be able to.

## 'No name brands' heralds economic crunch

By GERRY LANDSHOROUGH

The big headlines these past few days seem to center around the new advertising gimmick "no name brand" foods. It's rather ironic that after years of brainwashing the consumer with snappy little jingles and catchy commercials that established brands now have to compete with the "no name" gimmick. I guess the economic crunch is here because a few years back no self-respecting housewife would dream of serving anything but Heinz catsup or the Jolly Green whatshisname vegetables.

Each time I read about the lack of jobs I recall our "wonderful open immigration policy" - the government revised it just in time to keep us all out of the bread lines - now only half of us are so honored.

Probably in the nitty-gritty of it all we would find that even more than half of us are feeling the crunch if not "no brand names" wouldn't stand a chance.

It's hard to know where to draw the line and say when financial pressures and economic ills cause people to snap. The death of 17-year-old William Darbison who was pushed onto the subway tracks and the fortunate saving of May Lei (Chi) who was also pushed from behind just a few days earlier might be the result of a type of madness that effects people under severe pressure. People need motivation and hope in order to keep going.

Laboratory rats in experiments with overcrowding and deprivation snap and turn on one another ripping fellow inmates to shreds. Humans are not so far removed from such laboratory experiments.

So-called authorities would have a hard time convincing me that the sudden increase in family murders where the head of the house kills his or her entire family is not related, and very much so that at that, to the economic pressures. It becomes part of the economic straight jacket that we are all caught up in.

Money they say is supposedly the root of all evil and if you are a regular reader of this column by now you must be aware that even if I don't consider it the root, it certainly is the chief fertilizer.

The recent money-making scheme by two Toronto-born businessmen Peter Munk and David Gilmour to build a \$500,000,000 jet-set resort at the base of the Egyptian pyramids is a prime example. The pyramids have withstood the test of time but will they be able to withstand the insult of what the Egyptian Mail calls "the most colossal ripoff the 20th century."

Egyptians regard their pyramids as a sacred part of their heritage and culture. Dr. Neimat Fuad, a professor of ancient civilizations said "the plateau of the pyramids is sacred-nothing should be built on it - it will destroy the pyramids forever."

Montaz Nassar are of the members of Egyptian Parliament fighting the project said "no one should prostitute the pyramids with buildings." All of which might be well and good, but history and good taste (after all the pyramids were the final resting place of kings) will all go down the tube because nothing I know of will stand up against \$500 million dollars. I'm sure for that kind of money you could find millions who would

gladly stack up their dead grandmothers and use them as foundation blocks. Like the song says "they took paradise and built up a parking lot."

Another gem to catch my eye this week is the North York mother Mrs. Boris Krivy who wants professional development days in schools rescheduled so as not to interfere with the time spent in the classrooms with the children.

Hear, hear, Mrs. Krivy. Teachers of all the professionals get the longest holidays - all statutory ones along with long summer vacations. Students should not have to give up the precious little time that is spent in learning in order to further someone else's career. As I've said before picture your doctor stopping in the middle of an operation in order to bone up on the latest in surgery. Hogwash.

Last, but not least is a super idea for the long hot summer from the Canadian magazine. Build a totem pole. Picture your families trials and tribulations all there in painstaking carvings - the whole family could take part. Depict yucky old uncles who were named with mouth agape - or unucky old uncle Moe with the bird of sorrow perched upon his balding brow.

A swell conversation piece for your next garden party or barbecue bash.

P.S. If times really get tough you can always chop it up at the end of the season and use it for winter firewood - a sort of a family burning at the stake you might say. (Editor's note: Ohhhhh!)  
Till next week happy carving.

## AROUND THE RIM

# Jelinek generates political interest

By BOB RUTTER

Herald editor

Otto Jelinek's entry into Halton federal politics seems to have created a new sense of worth for Progressive Conservatives.

Not only has his presence brought about national exposure and tagged the riding as a possible turnover seat in the expected spring election, but he appears the man to beat in tomorrow's nomination convention.

Jelinek's supporters have fought hard for the member from High Park-Humber Valley. Rumors have it that more than half the eligible voters in the nomination were signed into the party by his faction.

And the nomination race has created headaches of the kind all political riding organizations might like to have. There are 3,400 members that many members caught organizers off guard and last minute attempts to shift the nomination convention from Thomas A. Blakelock high school in

Oakville to a larger facility failed. Unfortunately, many party faithfuls attending the event will have to be satisfied with six rooms of closed circuit television.

The high profile of Jelinek has also caused much media attention on this riding. Speculation has it that almost all major Canadian television and radio stations, as well as most major newspapers will be in the riding tomorrow.

Aside from Jelinek being a national figure because of his figure skating (pardon the pun) background, he has also had a high profile in the one single Tory issue of the past year. He has been closely linked with Tom Cossitt in embarrassing the government over the HCMP scandals.

It seems therefore, that to the unaligned undecided voter Jelinek's name has a mystique which would likely count higher than Dr. Frank Philbrook's generally accepted advantage of incumbency.

But the nomination will be close. Jelinek will have to contend with a strong contest from Dr. Art Ross, and the final selection will be based, I suspect, on speaking strength at the convention and the candidate's supporting organization.

The first round appears straight-forward. It will be the swing vote of the second ballot that will tell the tale.

Tristan Lett, the third candidate in the nomination race, will in all probability be dropped in the first round voting. His profile in North Halton has been less than high and most insiders admit his supporters will become the key element in the final decision.

The election contest in Halton will be interesting should Jelinek receive the PC nod. He will be able to stand off Dr. Philbrook on the one platform the Liberal incumbent can exploit: his record in Parliament.

And speaking of the election, the comment made by Jelinek as reported in The

Herald two weeks ago, that whoever wins the nomination tomorrow also wins the election, appears valid.

More than 30 per cent (maybe with a big of exaggeration) of the membership consists of converted Liberals and new grass roots support which has never before been aligned politically.

So the prospect of the turnover in Halton is real. It appears that voters in Halton are trying saying something to Dr. Philbrook.

It also appears that capital punishment and the accountability of the elected member will be a major issue nationally. My early hunch that the issue would surface has been vindicated by a Canadian Press roundup story released over the weekend which shows the issue gaining in strength across the country.

In North Halton, street-corner comments

generally berate Dr. Philbrook for his inept handling of the capital punishment question. Most observers agree that his cutting the question in the riding, by mail referendum then voting by his conscience for abolitionism will place him in a poor position.

Already, I might add, there are sitting MPs who have been rejected for nomination on this question alone.

In Brampton-Georgetown riding the question is also surfacing and early indications are that accountability and the need to retain constant communication within the riding to hear the general mood of the people will play an important part in the election of the member.

All-in-all the two local ridings will provide interesting news coverage and might cause some excitement among generally apathetic voters.

That's how I see it.

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