



SOME FAMOUS FACES

Already making headlines 30 years before being elected mayor of Halton Hills, Pete Pomeroy is depicted here with his teammates on the 1919 Norval Bantam Hornets hockey team, one of several Norval-based Little NHL teams of the day that turned out to include some celebrated alumni. Others involved in the Norval Bantam and Peewee teams of 1919 and 1920 include Halton Hills clerk-administrator, Ken Richardson, His Honor Judge Kenneth Langdon and Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed. Pictured here are (front row, left to right) unknown player, Bill Richardson, Ron McLean, Bill Donaldson, Jerry Terimoto, Paul Armstrong and unknown player; (middle row) Francis Hulme, Mike Armstrong (presently Halton Hills' Ward 4 regional councillor), Pete Pomeroy, Bob Hill, unknown player and Ed McLean (manager); (back row) Len Self (coach), Carl Sedore, Laurie Reed (brother of Julian), Doug Richardson and Danny Martin. Any readers who know the names of players in the photograph whom the Herald has been unable to identify are invited to contact us with the information.

Ongoing issues unanswered but solutions nearer in 1979

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Reflected generally throughout the world, the past year saw few major issues facing Halton Hills resolved, although several were brought closer toward finalization than they have been during the past several years.

The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing which began Tuesday in Georgetown could turn out to be the final hurdle Ontario Hydro will have to cross before obtaining final permission to construct the last remaining section of the 100-mile long Bruce to Milton transmission corridor through Halton Hills.

At the heart of a five-year-old controversy, the 500,000-volt corridor has been all but completed to the north and south boundaries of the municipality, with towers now awaiting the connecting link in order to bring power south from the Bruce generating station on Lake Huron.

Halton Hills, Halton region and the Interested Citizens Group are continuing their opposition to the corridor before the OMB, which last month defended its jurisdiction over the issue in the face of a challenge by the corridor opponents. The opponents also kept up their requests to the ministry of energy during 1978

to conduct an independent study of the corridor route, the selection of which has been a contentious issue itself from the outset. All such requests were denied.

CORRIDOR ISSUE

During 1978, the corridor issue remained largely out of public view, as did the controversy surrounding Halton regional council's intention to locate a major landfill site on prime agricultural land south of urban Milton. Both issues had commanded enough widespread attention in the past to become factors in the success and failure of several bids for election on the municipal political scene.

Regional council went cap in hand to Milton town council last fall with a formalized response that attempted to answer many of the town's concerns over the landfill site proposal. The region's request for the necessary zoning and official plan amendments for the dump site were nevertheless refused by Milton council, and the issue will go before the OMB next week.

Regional planning director Ed Cumming told The Herald that the OMB has set aside "several weeks" for hearing, which will be held at Halton Centennial Manor in Milton. At stake is the region's proposal to expropriate 240-acres of farmland near the intersection of Tremaine and Britannia Roads for a landfill site that would serve the entire region once existing sites at various locations are filled to capacity during the course of this year.

ONGOING ISSUE

An ongoing issue that did become an election issue last year was the proposal by Focal Properties Ltd. to build 1,740 homes just south of urban Georgetown, a proposal rejected by Halton Hills council because of its anticipated effects upon the community's sewage treatment capacity and tax assessment ratio. The issue came to a head late in 1977 with the announcement by Focal that the company was going to sue Halton Hills and Halton region for \$27 million in damages resulting from the municipalities' alleged breach of contract.

The Focal issue appeared ready to draw both the town and Focal's parent company, S.B. McLaughlin Associates, into a potentially volatile confrontation before the OMB and courts of law until last fall, when initial, cautious steps were attempted by both parties in the hope of resolving the dispute amicably. Focal officials prepared a list of compromises the company was willing to make in exchange for the town allowing the partial development of the company's land.

The onus is now upon Halton Hills' newly-elected council to examine Focal's revised proposals and meet with company officials to plan a compromise solution. An OMB session set for next week has been tentatively set aside as have plans for the company's lawsuit.

Another topic foremost in the minds of many Halton Hills voters prior to the Nov. 13 election was the town's long-standing need for rental accommodations.

FOCAL ISSUES

As with the landfilling and Focal issues, the latter part of 1978 brought the most progress in the town's efforts to revitalize the development of apartment accommodations after years of planning that saw virtually no development in that area. It was, in fact, not until the new council was installed in Halton Hills that a fresh opportunity appeared to finalize one of the area's largest development projects, a 209-unit apartment building proposed for Georgetown's Park Avenue by William Mc-



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Give 1978 a break

If you're like me you have probably had it up to here with turkey, stuffing, well-wishing and all of the other trappings of this hectic holiday season. And it will be, oh, probably a year before I can face another New Year's Eve party.

I hate to sound Scrooge-like, knocking the holiday season, but it does seem that this year has been particularly hectic. Both New Years and Christmas fell on strange days this year with both days' Eves landing on Sundays. It was rough losing Christmas Eve as a shopping day. I had to do all my last minute shopping a day in advance.

The Monday holidays were particularly difficult for us at The Herald because since Mondays and Tuesdays are usually our key newspaper production days, we had to find ways to work around the holidays.

PLEASANT HOLIDAY

But despite the annual craziness, it's been a pleasant holiday season and as it wraps up it provides a good opportunity to reflect on the year past as well as the one ahead.

Unlike many writers in the press, I am not about to coldly turn my back in 1978 and try to dismiss it as a lousy year. It simply wasn't that bad.

It is becoming an annual exercise for the media to dump the exciting year at New Year's time and attach all kinds of hope to the upcoming year. I hate to be a pessimist, but if your 1978 was that bad, changing the last digit on the date isn't going to change all that much.

One of the things that makes 1978 a particularly pleasant year for me is that I saw my changing newspaper editorships and moving from Orangeville to Georgetown. I hope you have been enjoying the change as much as I have.

For Halton Hills it's also been a big year with the biggest event being the November municipal elections. Those elections saw the end of an era as the town's longtime mayor Tom Hill was ousted by an aggressive newcomer, Pete Pomeroy.

Both of the town's major communities—Acton and Georgetown—got to kick up their heels on a number of successful occasions during the year including: Canada Day, Acton's Acton Days and Georgetown's Summerfest and Pioneer Days.

EVENTFUL YEAR

While 1978 was an eventful year, a number of issues that dominated our front pages will continue to make headlines in 1979. The Georgetown library, Focal Properties, the Acton town hall and the hydro corridor controversies remain unresolved.

It is difficult to attach one all encompassing characteristic to the recently departed year although it was colored with the Seventies' attitude of self-preservation in the midst of a year-fall of chaos. Locally, government's tried to provide acceptable levels of service while operating within shrinking budgets. Both the town and regional councils desperately tried to entice industries into locating locally without compromising planning by-laws. Coming to grips with these and other tradeoffs will continue to be a big job for politicians in 1979.

EXCITING YEAR

1978 was an exciting year in sports locally as area residents got a hearty taste of international hockey when the Georgetown Raiders beat the visiting Yugoslavian national team last January 9-5. A similar matchup in on tap this week as the Raiders faceoff against the Austrian National team this week.

While it may not have always been the best of times, it certainly wasn't the worst of times and for that reason 1978 deserves more than a cursory "shove off" from those who survived it. I have more than a few pleasant memories of the recently ended year and I hope the same can be said for you.

And here's hoping we have even more pleasant memories of 1979—Happy New Year.

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