

# Return to past values may endanger freedom of thought

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If you asked me what I believe to be the most tragic loss a people can face, the answer would be freedom of thought.

There are countries throughout the world where freedom of thought is oppressed. In communist countries such as Russia, a musician cannot play progressive jazz, cannot write it, cannot think it. Writing is controlled by the state and only certain kinds of literature are permitted. The state dictates "thoughts" for the people. In countries where communism is in power, "big brother" is always watching, always listening.

Your own flesh and blood

could be an "informer." Informers are everywhere and anywhere. Certain thoughts are forbidden and someone is always ready to inform what those thoughts may or may not be. Informing can never be considered worthwhile; you can never trust the informer. If he will squeal for one, he will do the same for the other.

**VANDALISM AND YOUTH**  
Here in Halton, as anywhere else in Canada, or North America or across the world for that matter, we have problems with vandalism and our youth. In Halton the cost of vandalism is estimated to reach nearly \$1 million dollars annually. A suggestion for combatting vandalism is a program already in force in the

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United States called TOPS. TOPS stands for Teens on Patrol. Teens are asked to observe and report or "inform" to the police what they see. It's a concept that, in my mind, can only be viewed as dead wrong.

The steps from one form of informing to another are really not that far apart. It is a repetitive social ill of mankind to treat the symptom instead of the cause. In the case of Teens on Patrol you ask your youth to become informers. If you learn to inform young, it's more readily accepted as you grow older.

Vandalism is a symptom. It screams out, "you built it - just watch us tear it down."

The community has to ask "why" and has to be prepared to accept the responsibility for the answer.

According to the Centre for the Study of Inflation and Productivity, profits are up 21 per cent for Canadian companies. Strange statistics indeed. Here we look at good solid economic growth for the corporation while the wages of those who work for the corporate giants remain at 6.2 per cent. In plain English - the rich get "richer" and the poor get "poorer."

"This kind of economic boom is nothing short of disaster for the man on the street. He walks into the grocery store

with his 6.2 per cent wage increase and the prices literally laugh at him. The corporate world tries to sell the idea that profit increase creates more jobs. That's definitely a truism but if the people working at those jobs that increase the profits are eating tomato soup and bologna sandwiches, you have what I can only term "people gouging". Company profits should not be at the expense of the necessities of life for the working man the backbone of any organization. That kind of economic growth this country doesn't need.

**GOOD OLD DAYS**  
The backlash of hard economic times seems to be a nostalgic look at the so-called good old days. I say "so-called" because they would not fit

our times. The horse and buggy cannot exist in 1984, but that doesn't mean that you automatically have to shoot all the horses left in the world. Progress is never achieved by walking backwards - you have to move forward. You have to move ahead.

However, moving ahead can never mean change for the sake of change alone. In some areas this appears to be the case. Education, for instance, introduced so many new concepts that our youth managed to reach the university level and then found out that they couldn't read. Reading is basic not traditional.

In areas of women's rights, women bought a picture of the trapped housewife and traded that off for a trapped rat race

worker. Women forsook the home and hearth, and because it was done wholesale on the thinking of a few warped minds, family structure throughout the world paid the price. Motherhood, as a concept, is basic, not traditional.

Between issues such as abortion, gay rights, liberation (Male and female) birth control, drugs, economic growth, inflation, voluntary restraint and a dozen more, people took values wholesale without thought or consequence.

Stepping back to past values is not the answer. People today must accept "quality control" or "effectiveness training" as a way of life. We can no longer allow everyone to do our thinking for us. If we do, we will lose what I started out with at the beginning of this column: freedom of thought. If we refuse to think of action and reaction, someone else will do our thinking for us, and whether we want to accept it or not, the crossroads of that choice is here and now. Tomorrow will be too late.

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## Local projects in board budget

A number of Georgetown area projects are included in the Credit Valley Conservation Authority's (CVCA) Water Management Advisory Board budget for 1979.

A preliminary engineering study and design work on Armstrong Avenue, a general erosion assessment study of Metcalfe Ravine and study and design work are included in the surveys and studies budget. The budget for water control projects include the Armstrong Avenue Erosion Control project, the dam alteration of the Paper Mill dam in Glen Williams, if the project is approved, and Phases 1 and 2 of the Metcalfe Ravine project.

Advisory board chairman Ken Whillans said the budget is tailored to the subsidies from the Ministry of Natural Resources, and the money can be moved back and forth among water management projects, or form a study to study. In other words, a project included in the budget may or may not go underway if the board's priorities change during the year, and it decides the funds are needed elsewhere.

**BUDGET FORECASTS**  
The budget forecasts an expenditure of \$89,000 in 1979 on the Metcalfe Ravine Erosion Control project, with further expenditures in 1980 and 1981 of a total of \$96,000. The total estimated cost of the work in the Glen Williams Paper Mill Dam, if the project is approved, is \$400,000 with \$65,000

being set aside for 1979, and the rest being spread from 1980 to 1983.

The Armstrong Avenue Erosion Control project has been budgeted \$30,000 for this year, and a further expenditure of \$50,000 over the following two years.

The water management advisory board has a budget of \$77,500 for studies and surveys and a budget of \$398,200 for water control projects.

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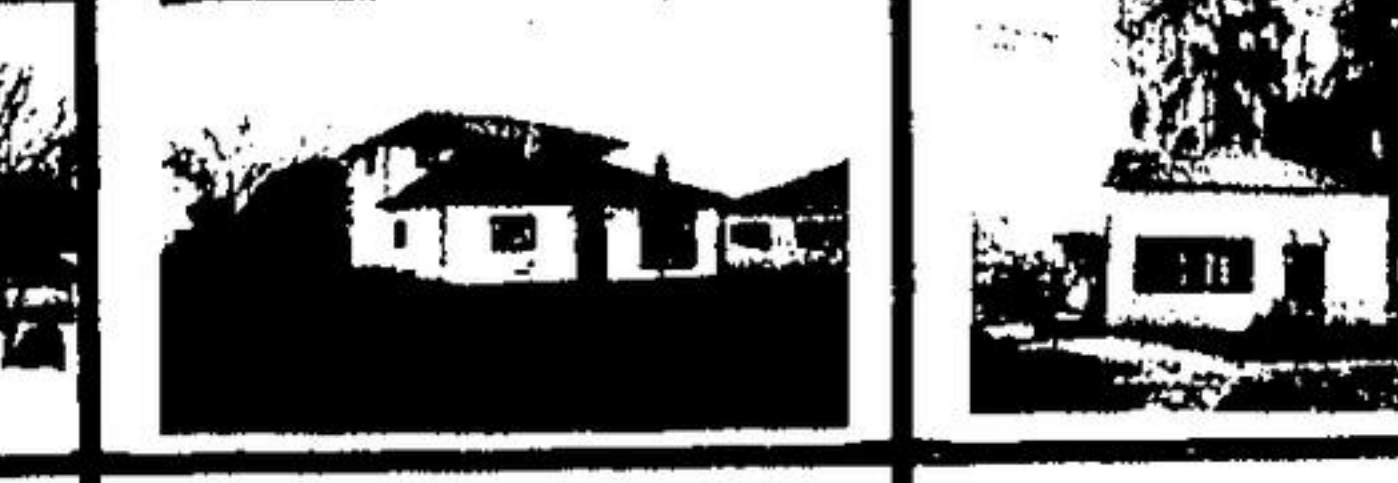

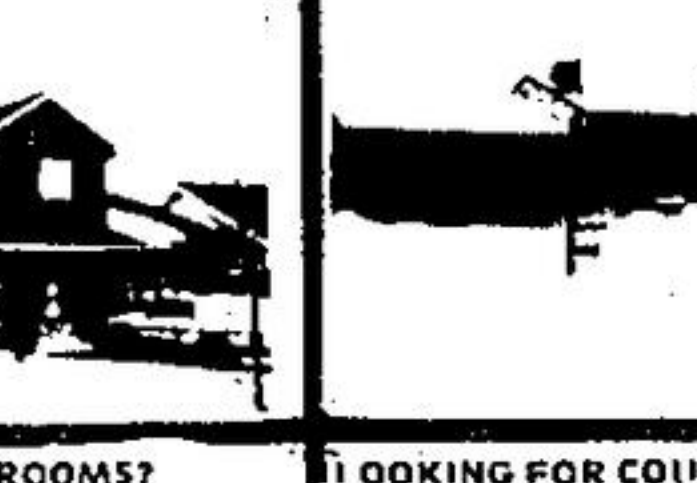


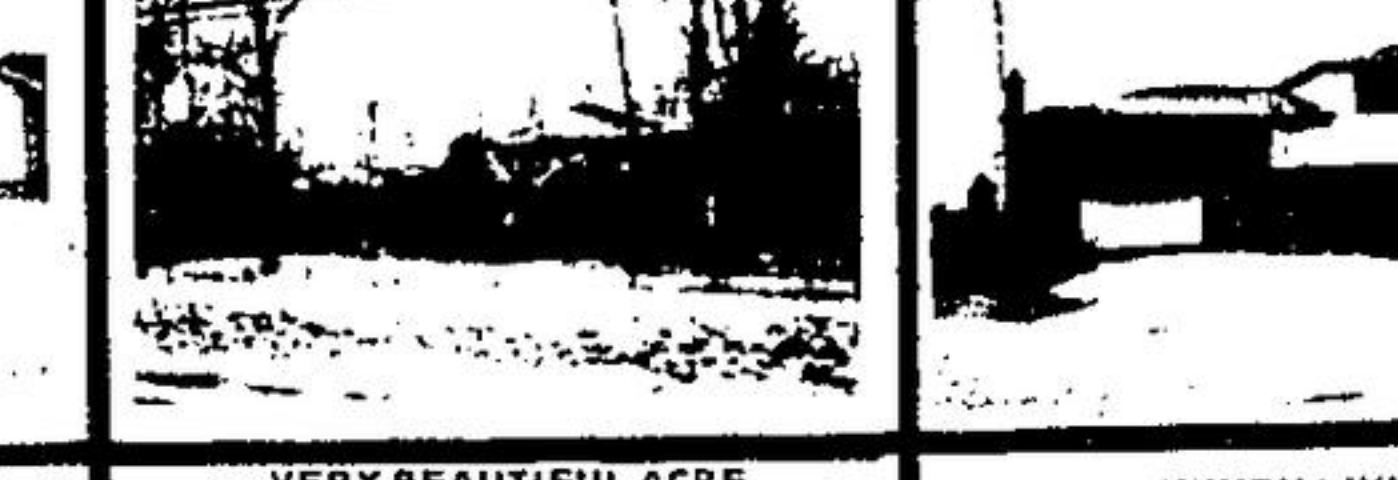
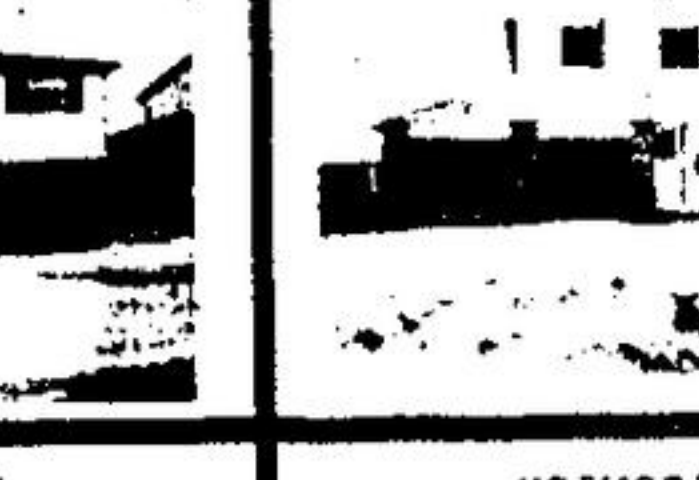

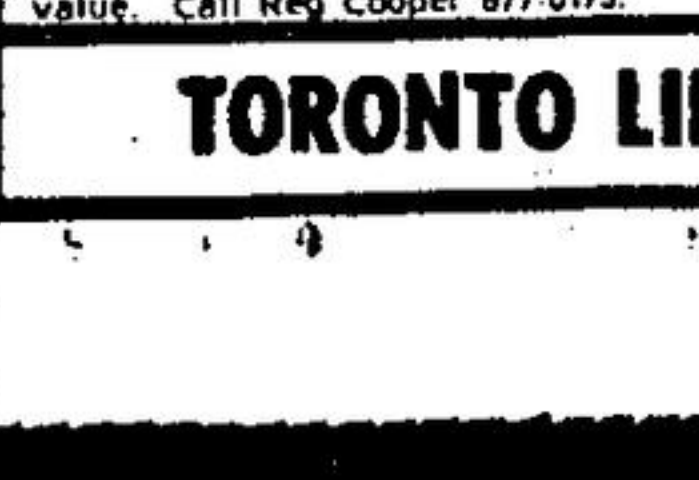
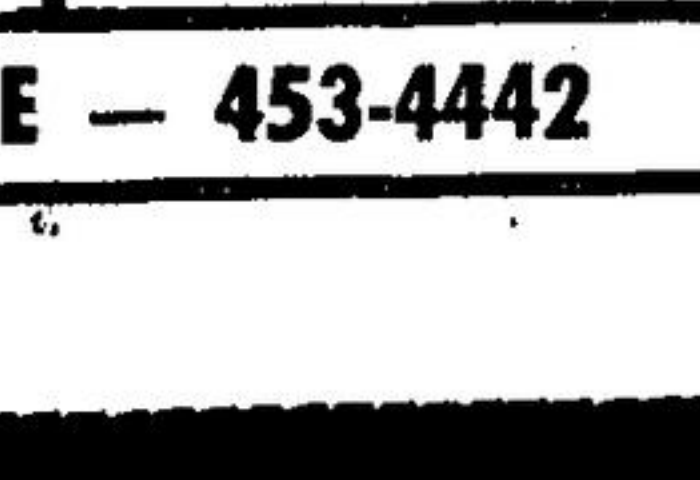
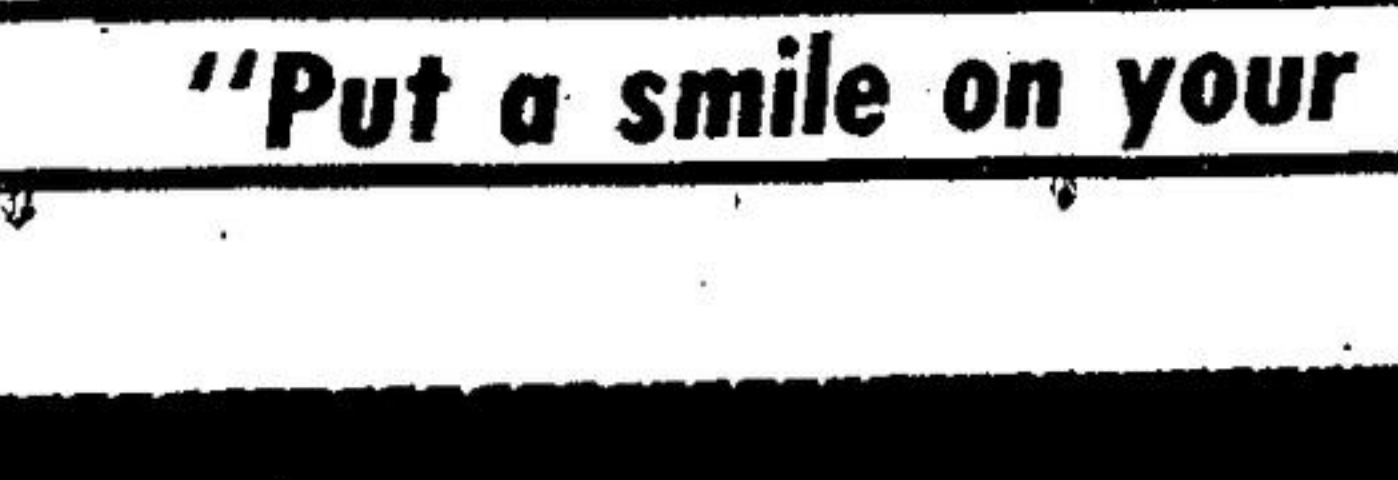
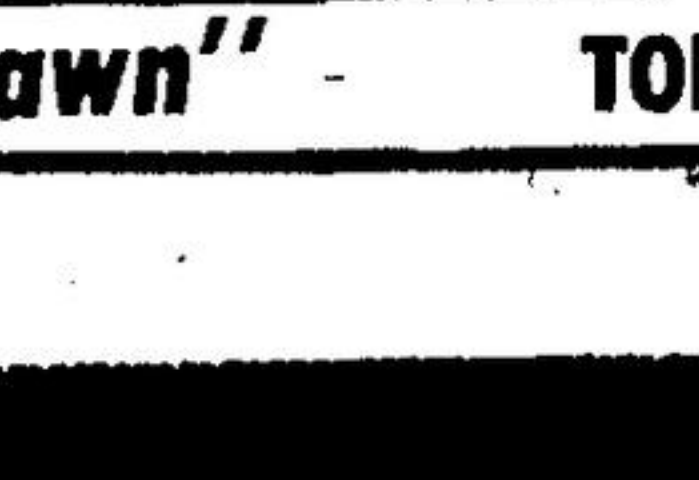
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