

Letters to the Editor

Residents lost their votes, say enumeration done poorly

The following copy of a letter to the Canadian Chief Returning Officers was sent to The Herald for publication.

Mr. Jean Marc Hammell:
I am writing this letter to suggest that in future elections

you either revise your enumeration procedures or resign from your position to let someone capable of handling it, take over.

Being a Canadian Citizen, and having my voting privilege taken away because you

have not done your job properly, is rather disgusting, to say the least.

Case being-Polling Section 340 in the Georgetown-Brampton riding runs to 162 Guelph Street. Polling Section 341 in the same riding, starts at 172 Guelph Street. Therefore, Sir, you missed all of us residing between 163 - 171 Guelph Street.

It has also been brought to my attention that this is not the only area which you neglected. If you know why a citizen

living in a rural area may be sworn in at a polling station the day of an election, but a citizen living in an urban area may not be. I would be most interested in learning from you, what makes the two of us different.

Your personal public apology will be accepted by most all of us whose voting privilege you took away by not performing your job responsibilities properly.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey T. Currah

Award winner says thank you

To the editor of The Herald: To the Georgetown Herald and Miracle Mart. I wish to say this is about one of the greatest things that ever happened to me in all my years in sports. I think the Sports Builder Award is a great thing to have for the town of Georgetown and I wish it every success in the future. To the person or people who nominated me, I would like to

say thank you. My years in sports in Georgetown have been memorable ones, and I have worked with many good people, who have made my work much easier. To the winners ups, Harry Levy and Jim Hall I offer you both my congratulations, you have both done a fine job.

Thank you for your space in the paper.
Gerald "PERKY" Perkins.



Michael Hollett

Herald editor

No nukes is good news

This weekend, Halton Hills MPP Julian Reed and I crossed paths but it wasn't at the Summerfest activities in Acton - someone else was covering that - it was at the anti-nuclear power demonstration in front of Queen's Park Saturday.

I was visiting downtown Toronto with a friend who suggested we drop by the rally at Queen's Park that was supporting demonstrators at the site of the new Darlington nuclear plant near Bowmanville while Reed was there to speak on behalf of his Liberal party.

FESTIVE AFFAIR

It was certainly a festive affair with close to 400 people gathered on the lush Queen's Park grass, basking in the noon-day sun. Live musicians punctuating the many anti-nuclear power speakers added to the festive feel of the day.

The crowd included a broad cross-section of young and old including many, many young children. It's obvious that parents of youngsters are well aware that the legacy of nuclear energy is one that their children, and their children's children will be paying the price of.

Reed is the Liberal party's hydro critic so it made sense that he'd appear at Saturday's rally. As the MPP representing Halton Hills and, his party's longtime hydro critic, Reed, like many of us in the town, knows all too well of the autocratic operating methods used by Ontario Hydro and the provincial government.

Using this as his base, Reed attacked both the government and the power corporation for their insistence upon the construction of nuclear plant, known as Darlington. It's a name worth remembering because if the government is allowed to construct it, Darlington will be the largest nuclear plant in the world. We in Halton Hills think we have our hands full with the hydro corridor, image having the world's largest nuclear plant on your doorstep. And you thought only the people of Harrisburgh had to worry about waking up with a special 'glow' in the morning.

SHOCKING ASPECT

One of the most shocking aspects of the Darlington plant is that despite its incredible size and, therefore, potential for destruction Ontario's Conservative Premier William Davis has decided to allow the plant to go ahead without the standard environmental hearings. Environmental hearings were established by the Tories to calm conservationists fears that Ontario Hydro was plunging unthinkingly into a program of nuclear energy.

Now, with the province about to embark on one of its biggest steps into nuclear power ever, the Premier wants to waive the hearings because he claims that any delays in the plant's construction would leave Ontario short of electrical power. That's a hard one to swallow considering recent announcements of Ontario Hydro's huge power surplus. The arguments sound all too much like government resistance to an independent study of the hydro corridor through Halton

Hills. It's more likely that the Premier does not want the type of open discussion and evaluation of nuclear power that would take place at an environmental hearing.

The local MPP has blasted the Premier for this power surplus and hesitancy to discuss it in the past and that's what he did Saturday.

In his speech, Reed discussed his party's long opposition to the Darlington plant and quoted one of his own recent speeches in which he termed the plant "insane". He said Ontario does not need another nuclear plant nor should we pursue the Tory policy that would see nuclear power become the province's chief source of energy by the century's end.

DON'T NEED ANY

Of course I agree with Reed when he says that we don't need Darlington however, when he says we don't need "another" nuclear plant, I think we don't need any.

The recently narrowly averted disaster at Three Mile Island in the U.S. brought home the immediate dangers that nuclear power plants present and the seemingly steady stream of foulups and mishaps at nuclear plants remind us just how close our dance with disaster is when we pursue nuclear power. This has resulted in many thousands of people joining the anti-nuclear cause, and that's great.

But an equally serious danger in nuclear energy that is not as often discussed is the legacy of radiation our nuclear plants will leave future generations. Nuclear power waste does not breakdown, it does not lose significant amounts of its radioactivity for centuries.

As a result our 'scientists' are attempting to deal with the problem by covering the waste in cement, burying it by slicking it under water. It is really not a very scientific or effective way of dealing with the problem. Since it's hard enough to try and predict what happens tomorrow, it's impossible for us to be sure that once we stash radioactive waste it will remain securely disposed of forever. Our nuclear waste could and probably will rear its lethal head hundreds of years from now causing destruction in societies that played no role in its development. It doesn't sound like a very responsible way for us to be dealing with our energy problems. Why should our energy crisis become another generation's nuclear crisis?

MAKE SENSE

It seems that it would make sense if the hundreds of millions of dollars that are being plugged in Ontario's nuclear industry alone were used to seriously develop other energy sources like wind and sun that a reasonable, safe alternative to nuclear power could be found. Of course, top ranking Tories like Stephen Roman of Denison mines don't own the sun but they do own uranium mines, a substance necessary for the development of nuclear power.

So when Norval native Julian Reed says he wants the Darlington plant stopped, I say three cheers. But I'd be a lot happier to hear our MPP speaking out for a wholesale freeze and phaseout of nuclear power in this province. The stakes are just too high to gamble with nuclear power.

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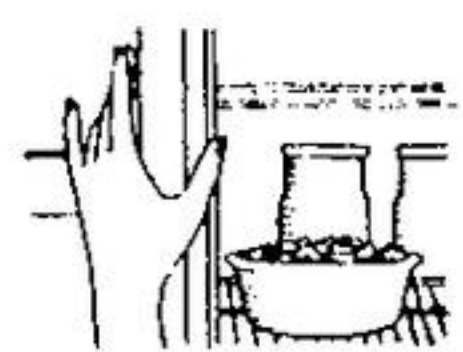
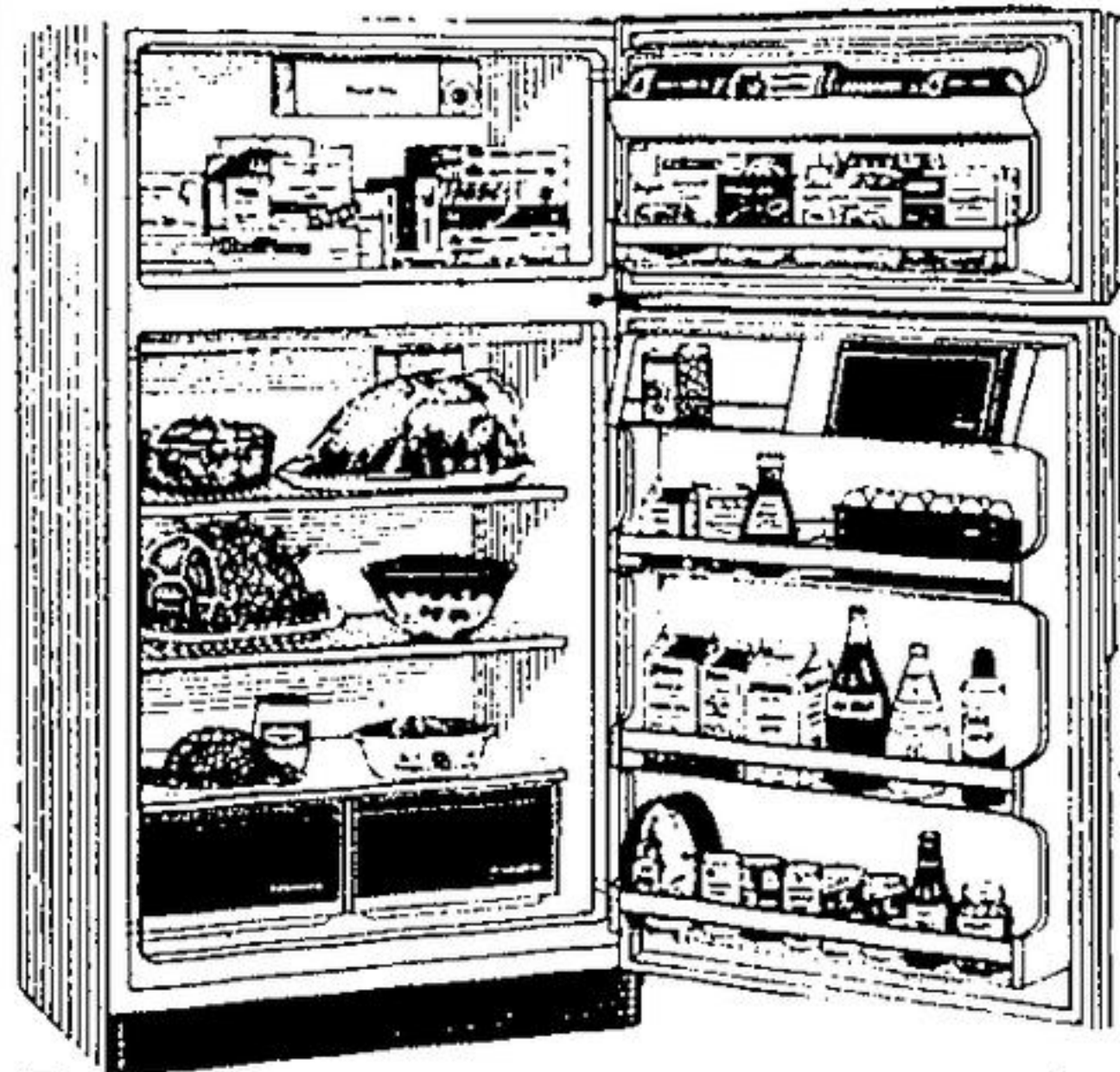
Three architectural firms will be invited to town council's next meeting June 19 to submit contract proposals for the design of the library and cultural complex planned for Church Street in Georgetown. From a working list of about nine firms, council Monday night chose Keith Wagland, who helped prepare the feasibility report on the complex, as well as the firms of Paul Martel and Brooke-Shaw-Carruthers, both of which have been retained by the town in the past. A report on methods of financing the \$1.5 million project will also be considered at the June 19 public meeting. "I'm determined we're going to get this thing going as soon as possible," Mayor Pete Pomeroy commented.



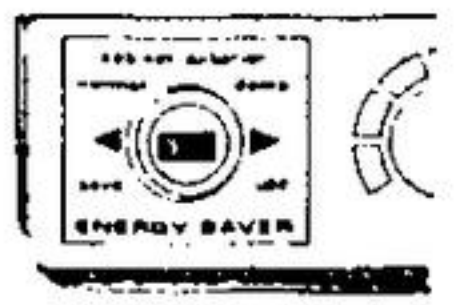
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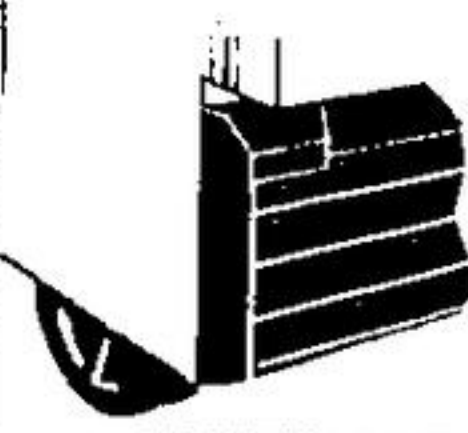
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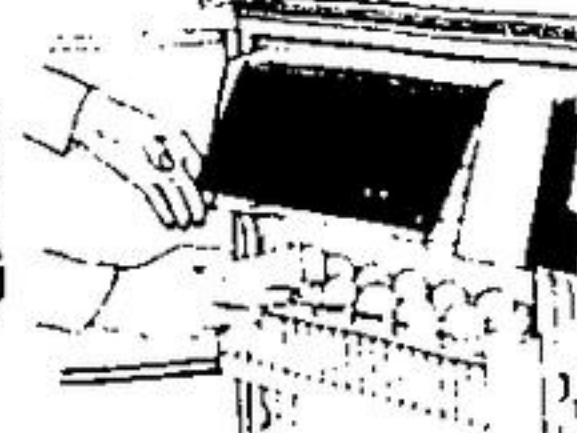
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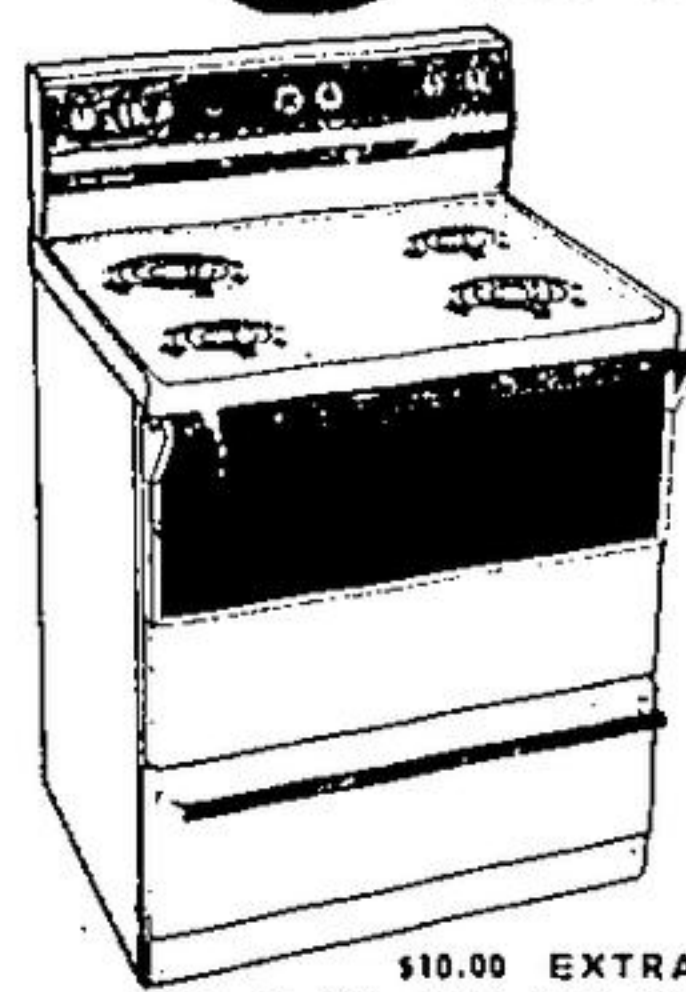
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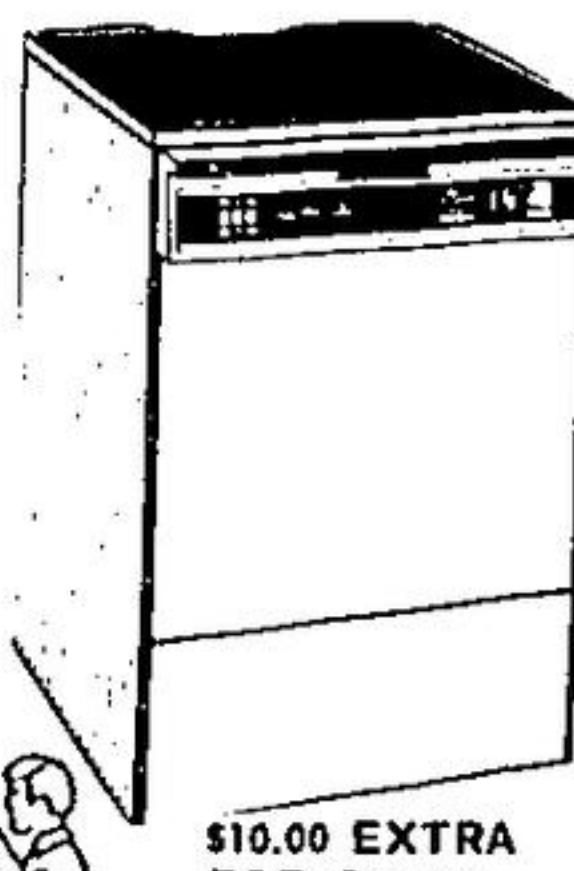
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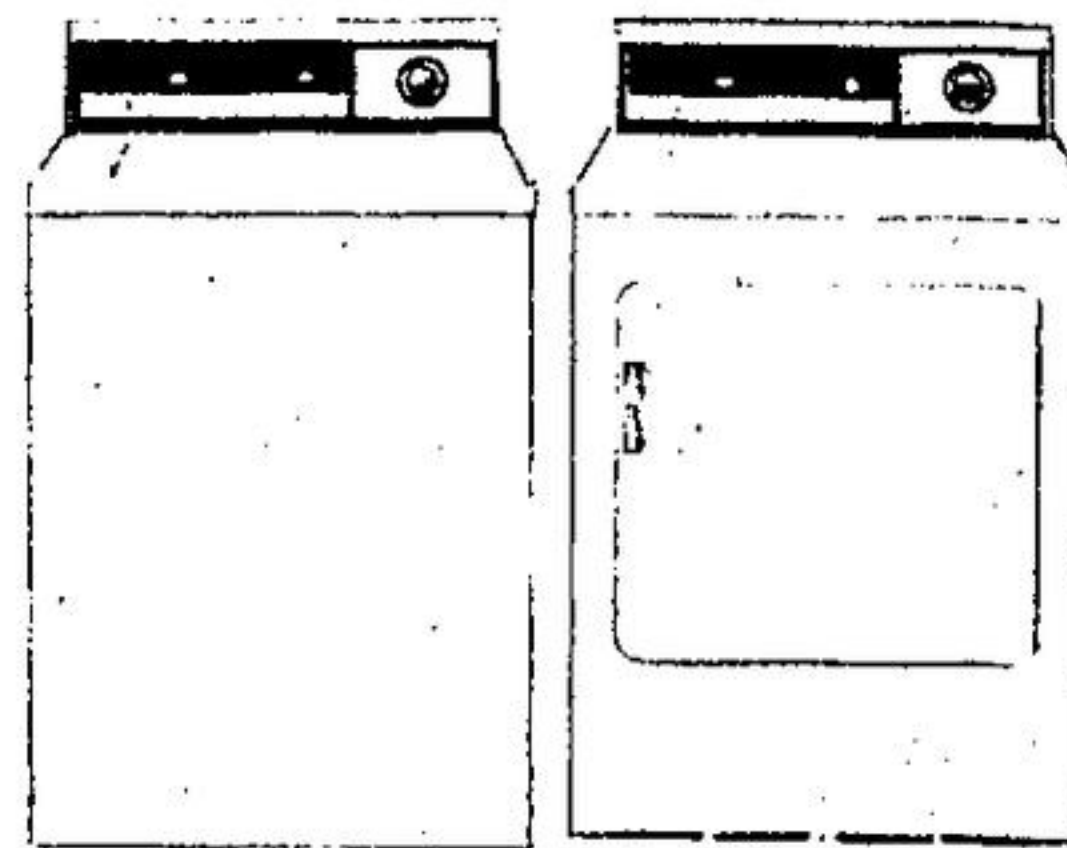


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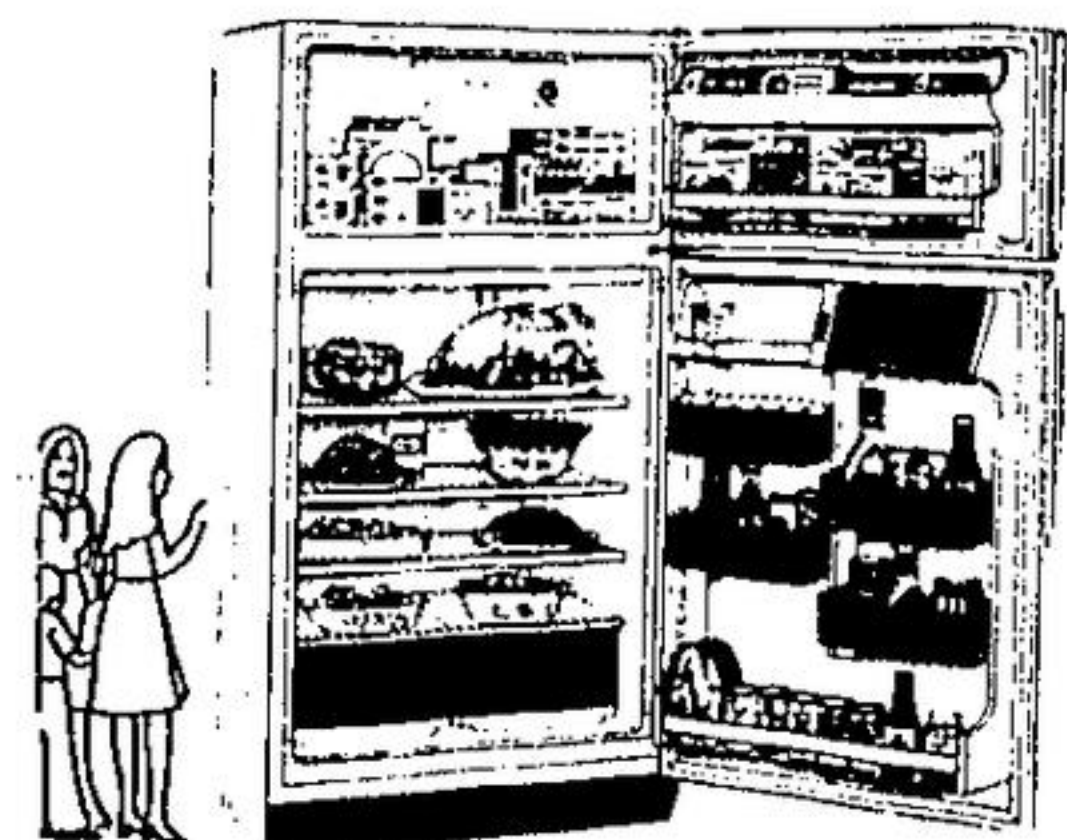
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