

Red Cross urgently needs blood

In the midst of the light-hearted spirit of these holiday, summer months Halton Hills residents are again being called upon to help out those in need.

Many Halton Hills residents have already opened their hearts to the plight of the "Boat People" and now the Red Cross have made an urgent appeal for blood donors at a special summer clinic.

Because of a serious blood shortage in this part of Ontario, Red Cross units throughout the area are organizing clinics to try and bolster their supply of life giving blood.

Already hospitals in Toronto have been reduced to delaying elective surgery and Red Cross spokesman could wipeout regional blood supplies.

Locally, the Red Cross clinic will be held next Monday from 1:30 to 8 pm at the Holy Cross auditorium. Dozens of volunteers will be involved in the preparation and running of the clinic.

While the Red Cross does not usually hold summer blood donor clinics the current blood shortage crisis has prompted the breaking of precedence. It's more important than ever that Halton Hills residents get out and give blood at this clinic. If local residents don't turn out in significant numbers at Monday's clinic, Halton Hills may find itself in a blood shortage crisis that's especially dangerous during this season of numerous traffic accidents.



Conservatives are surprised by poor economic situation

Ottawa Report
By Stewart MacLeod

Since I have never understood economics or government finances, perhaps I should stay out of this. But, speaking as a layman, I think those economic heavyweights of the Conservative government are beginning to sound a bit silly when, feigning surprise, they complain about the sorry state of the nation's financial health.

You would think they had expected to inherit a veritable goldmine. I thought that Treasury Board President Sinclair Stevens looked positively pained when he felt it necessary to go before the cameras and say that the economic situation inherited from the defeated Liberals was "even worse than we expected." The implication was that Canadians shouldn't expect the Tories to implement all their campaign promises right now.

Finance Minister John Crosbie is peddling a similar message. It will, he says, take two or three years of disciplined restraint to pull the country out from

under 10 years of Liberal mismanagement. He, too, seemed pained.

Now I am not for one moment suggesting the Tories didn't inherit a sorry economic situation, and there are many experts who feel the Liberals were masters of mismanagement.

ECONOMIC COLLAPSE

In fact, for the last few years I had been led to believe we were on the verge of economic collapse, led by a misguided government, galloping down the road to ruin. For a time, I was measuring our survival in terms of weeks, not years.

And where did these dire messages come from? They came from the same Conservative politicians who now are telling us that, surprise, surprise, we shouldn't expect all those campaign goodies because the horrible Grits left them an unexpected mess. In the circumstances, I think it's fair to ask just what the Conservatives did expect to inherit when all the promises were made.

Well, we have this view from Crosbie, delivered to the Commons last October. "Economics is a dismal science, but that science has become much more dismal in the last three or four years of this government. It is now so dismal that one does not even like to refer to the economic statistics because the dismalness is so terrible that I do not think the people of Canada can stand much more of it."

Things were so bad, Crosbie suggested, he found them difficult to face. "I will only refer to one forecast because I cannot stand to refer to any more."

It was the considered opinion of the future finance minister that the Canadian economy was in a "shambles".

About the same time, Stevens was warning Canadians that their economy was in "chaos". He used such words as "terrible" to describe the situation.

SUNSHINE PROMISED

A few days later, Conservative Leader Joe Clark offered the view that the government's handling of the economy would be laughed at if it weren't so sad. He used the word "pitiful".

"What is miserable," he said, "is to have a government of Canada that is prepared to trust the people of Canada more than this government does." After the next election, we were told, "a new government will break that bad habit and let the sun shine in on the five-year forecasts and projections on which national economic policy is based."

The messages were clear and consistent: Our economy was in ruins, things could not be worse, and our only hope lay in promised conservative incentives, such as \$2 billion in tax cuts. Now, it's being suggested that the incentives may have to be delayed because the economic situation is worse than the incoming government expected.

If the situation had indeed deteriorated beyond shambles, chaos and ruin, I think these new ministers at least owe us the courtesy of some new words to describe the current state of our economy. But, as I said, I will never really understand economics.

Halton's History

From our files

OUTDOOR PRIVY OUTLAWED THIRTY YEARS AGO — The day of the "outdoor privy" is almost over in Georgetown. Progress has taken its toll and the installation of a sanitary sewerage system spelled the death knell of this relic of the horse and buggy days. A new bylaw passed by council at the suggestion of Halton Health Unit puts the kibosh on any future outdoor installations, and new generations of Georgetowners, Chic Sale will be as antiquated as all lamps, high bottom shoes or the ukelele.

The tax rate in Esqueving Township has been set for 42 mills for 1979, an increase of 5 mills over the 1978 rate. This does not include trustee rates for school purposes, which are extra.

YOUTHS ON WANTED LIST

Twenty years ago — On Thursday August 6, 75 4-H Club Members and five Club Leaders travelled to Toronto on the annual Halton County 4-H bus trip. At the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation the members were present for the Farm Broadcast at 12:30 over CBL. The members were then introduced to "The Craigs" and three of them - Margaret Lawson, Eugene Coulter, and Russell Murray, were interviewed by Mr. Harold Dadds of the CBC. Local people will remember Mr. Dadds as a former manager of the Georgetown branch of the Halton Co-Op Supplies.

Possibility of a camp of 150 trailers locating in Esqueving Township was vetoed Monday, when, at a special meeting of the township council, a decision was made to restrict such an establishment to a designated area. The proposed area for the camp is a motel location which does not allow for such expansion.

From the Herald Classified column: For Sale - 3 bedroom almost new, solid brick, semi-detached bungalow. Aluminum storm doors and screens, fenced and sodded back yard, other extras, close to schools and shopping. Full price - \$11,300.

FIRE DESTROY COTTAGE TEN YEARS AGO — Georgetown area family lost their possessions last Wednesday afternoon when fire burned their rented cottage to the ground. The blaze started in a barn located next to the RR3, Georgetown home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilgard Duguay. The barn was also levelled. Hay and farm equipment in the barn were lost. There has been no estimate of damage.

Halton County councillors will make a pitch for a separate Halton regional government when they confront four Ontario cabinet ministers at a special meeting August 14 at the Riviera Club in Norval. Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough, Energy and Resources Minister George Kerr, Education Minister William Davis and provincial treasurer Charles McNaughton will attend the afternoon meeting. Premier John Roberts may also attend.

For 12-year-old James Virgin of 54 Market Street, the summer of '69 will be a season never quite forgotten. He saw man land on the moon and got his first summer job. And it's the job that's really different. Jamie swims and performs with the trained dolphins at Marineland and Game Farm, Niagara Falls, Canada. He's Canada's "Boy on a dolphin".

RABID FOX ATTACK

ONE YEAR AGO — A 21-year-old Toronto man was killed after he was struck by a Canadian National Railways freight train on the Georgetown trestle Thursday and fell about 110 feet into the Credit River Ravine.

Two dogs are under quarantine and a number of others also face the possibility of quarantine as a result of contact with a suspected rabid fox on the 8th Line just south of Georgetown.

An anonymous phone call tipped off Halton Regional Police to a cache of 14 sticks of stolen dynamite hidden on the Limehouse Church property. The dynamite, which police said was stolen three years ago, had not deteriorated sufficiently to affect its explosive power.

SOME CREATIVE EXCUSES ON WHY NOT TO GIVE BLOOD

Through the years Red Cross has had many opportunities to hear creative excuses as to why someone does not want to donate blood. Here are some of the more creative ones collected, along with a scoreboard so that you can assess them yourself.

	VERY CREATIVE	NOT BAD	HUH?
1. "I ran away to the circus when I was 13 and I had an "I Love You Ethel" tattoo put on my arm. Now that I'm married to Mildred, I couldn't roll up my sleeve in public."	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. "A friend of a sister of a cousin of mine once gave blood and told my cousin's sister, who told me, that it wasn't really all that great, eh. No angus singing. No round of applause. Just a thank you!"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. "One's time has restraints put upon it, as you might well understand. Tomorrow I have a quarts match at the club and the following day mother has asked that I drive her to the pet canopy show. Some of us really don't have the time, you know."	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. "Needles. I can't stand needles. Why needles bother me so much that the mere thought of sewing a button on a shirt gives me a rash."	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. "Normally I am most sincere about considering giving blood. I average three considerations every two months, actually. In fact, I'd consider it today but I'm wearing long-sleeved underwear..."	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. "I'd gladly give blood anytime if only the clinics weren't always close to my home and all my friends were there."	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. "I'd gladly give blood anytime, you know, except that the clinics always seem to be near my office and none of my friends are ever around."	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. "I've been told by a modelling school instructor that I have very sexy elbows, and I'm rather discreet about who sees them."	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. "Yes, well you see, I'm a most energetic person. Tennis every morning, squash on weekends, bit of golf. Can't afford to lose all that energy... can I?"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Kelso Roberts memorable man

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Of all the characters of the forties in and around the legislature and provincial politics one stands out in memory: A. Kelso Roberts.

Kelso Roberts, of course, eventually was twice a contender for the party leadership, attorney-general and minister of lands and forests and wound up with a career of some distinction.

Kelso, who had been born in Belleville, moved to the north after graduation from Osgoode Hall and built up a big mining practice. He was a tall, lean man with a map of Ireland of a face and like many Irishmen he had a besetting love of politics and a strong personal conviction that he was bound to lead and rule.

He contested Toronto St. Patrick for the Conservatives in 1937 and lost to the sitting Liberal, but he ran again in 1943 and won.

In those days there was practically no chance for the government back-bencher to play a part at all, except for one speech a session in the Throne debate. There weren't the question periods, estimates, private members' hours, free-roaming debates on legislation that keep a member tightly occupied today.

This was quite all right with the other members. The session normally only lasted from 34 to 45 days anyway and this was a time which could be occupied congenially.

Toronto members carried on with their usual lives, while the out-of-towners would do a lot of pleasant lobby-sitting (this was pre-TV), a lot of strenuous poker or bridge playing and some quite mild, though perhaps continuous carousing.

But such a life was not for Kelso Roberts.

His own opposition he established himself as still another opposition to the government (there already were the CCF, the official opposition, the Liberals and the LPP). He became as ardent a critic of some of its measures as anyone on the

MPPs eagerly awaiting study on mind development control

Queen's Park
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TORONTO - One of the more eagerly awaited reports from the potpourri of special inquiries going on around here is Dr. Dan Hill's look into mind development organizations.

It should be ready by October, although so far there's no hint of how Hill's thinking is developing.

He was commissioned to do the study, "a thorough review of all available information" on the subject, by Attorney-General Roy Murtry last fall.

That included reading the government's files, as well as receiving submissions and interviewing members of the public.

But he was to do it privately to prevent the inquiry, which is highly informal and doesn't require swearing of oaths, from becoming a circus.

Those who favor the inquiry hope it will lead to some kind of control over those mind development groups that they perceive of as being mind-bending, and hence harmful.

NEXT STEP
McMurtry's terms of reference for

Hill said the government has "received particular expressions of concern in relation to the affects of mind development practices of sects and cults:

- on the mental and physical health of members
- apprehension of physical or psychological coercion
- recruitment methods and business practices used by such groups
- need for a consumer protection machinery in this area
- and the practice of deprogramming.

Perhaps Hill's observations will be useful. Or perhaps not. There is a nagging doubt.

Under his terms of reference he is not allowed to make "adverse finding of fact in relation to any identifiable individuals or groups."

TWO TARGETS

Which kind of limits the impact he might have, especially since it is widely known the government's main targets are People Looking Inward (PSI) and Scientology.

Hill can, however, recommend a full public inquiry or "any other steps" he feels are needed.

Which is plain worrisome.

We might end up with a bill like the one proposed by opposition MPP John Sweeney (L-Kitchener-Wilmot), which basically hands some mind development organizations over to government control.

Not all, mind you, because of the curious separation we make in this country between God-oriented mind development (United Church, Moonies) and cults (PSI, yoga).

And it is difficult to touch the God-oriented for fear of charges of religious persecution.

ONLY HOPE

In fact, all such groups rely on the same principle, faith. To persecute one is to persecute all.

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