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Subdivision is not needed in the Glen

For decades, that scenic, sleepy hamlet we know fondly as Glen Williams seems to have endured its close proximity to the slow but sure urban sprawl of neighboring Georgetown with a minimum of friction and only an occasional newspaper headline.

In recent years, the Glen's headlines have been largely devoted to its highly-successful Canada Day celebrations, but this year in particular, there is news of the hamlet which many of its residents consider ominous and unwanted.

Accompanying the public debut of the town's Secondary Plan for Glen Williams last week was a proposal which, if approved by council, could see the hamlet's population boosted by 200 new residents.

The irony of the situation must have been obvious to those in attendance at last week's planning board meeting: no sooner had the Secondary Plan been described as a municipal planning device aimed at preserving the Glen's "hamlet nature" than a spokesman for Chateau Belair Developments Ltd. rose to introduce the firm's new baby, a 61unit, large-lot subdivision complete with town water which the developer would pay to pipe in.

There is no question that Chateau Belair's principals, local residents Al Pilutti and Phil Carney among them have come up with an enticing offer for town council. For the right to sell their 61 homes and lots at an average price of \$90,000 each, the firm is offering to install septic tanks so that Georgetown's sewage plant will not be further taxed, and to pay for the extension of Georgetown's water supply to the subdivision, generating water bill revenue which, on a much smaller scale, could help Glen residents get the

The party's over

So long to the cast and crew of Never Trust an Honest Thief, it's been fun.

It's been a little over a month since the film crew rolled into town and, it's safe to say for many Georgetown residents it's a month that will be long remembered.

Few could complain about the way the film crew have conducted themselves during their stay in Georgetown. Almost all of the inconveniences that resulted because of the movie were pleasant ones, like the days Main St. was shutdown for the July 4 parade or the sight of American bunting and flags hung throughout the downtown core. When they rolled into town, someone in the film crew said he hoped their, stay would create a festival atomosphere in the town. They did that and more so it will be with more than a little regret that as we say goodbye, the party's over.

Already Honest Thief's filming locally has brought the town plenty of good publicity both on television and through newspaper coverage of the event. Who knows how much more good publicity is in store for the town once the film opens? It's a safe bet that at least a few people will pop through Georgetown to take a peek at the locations once the movie hits the theatres.

At the same time as we compliment the makers of Honest Thief, the people of Georgetown should give themselves a collective pat on the back for begin the perfect hosts to the filmmakers.

water service they've wanted for some time.

For absolutely no capital output, the town of Halton Hills would reap \$90,000 a year in property taxes and \$150,000 extra in one-shot lot levies for the development.

The 45 children expected to find homes in the proposed subdivision would fill out enrollment at the Glen Williams public school, enabling the Halton Board of Education to justify the construction of a general purpose room for students and perhaps even keep the small school open, unlike itseven smaller counterpart in Norval.

With proposals like this, planning board has its work cut out

The question, as we see it, is whether or not to approve a development which would greatly alter the physical and aesthetic character of a community muchloved for its small size and scenic vistas, but would at the same time contribute substantially the municipality's ever-emptying

It should be of no little concern that Chateau Belair's proposed site is among the surrounding hilltons overlooking the Credit Valley. Would-be residents of the site will be thrilled. Hikers and other nature lovers will not.

Critics may well advise us to take a hike, but we'll gladly join the nature lovers and recommend the aesthetic over the functional in this

Planning board and council have come a long way in their efforts to revitalize essential growth in Halton Hills, taking advantage of the current term and, to some extent, the new mayoralty administration, to at least pry some development proposals off the drawing boards where they'd been gathering dust.

Quick scans of the town's development situation are now possible thanks to the planning department's monthly reports on the status of various proposals. And lately, the southern Ontario universe we call home seems to be unfolding as it should.

Georgetown, in particular; will witness substantial growth during. the next few months, with the McNally apartment buildings underway downtown, the River Run townhouses revived above the Glen and Marport's 126-home subdivision ready for finalization behind the Delrex market.

Still, the majority . proposal are pending, and perhaps our elected representatives will properly remain cautious about accepting new development until several far-reaching questions are answered about them. If one looks closely enough, for example, there are tiny wires of red tape connecting virtually every development proposal in town to the mssive subdivision planned by Focal Properties Ltd. The fate of that development remains undecided.

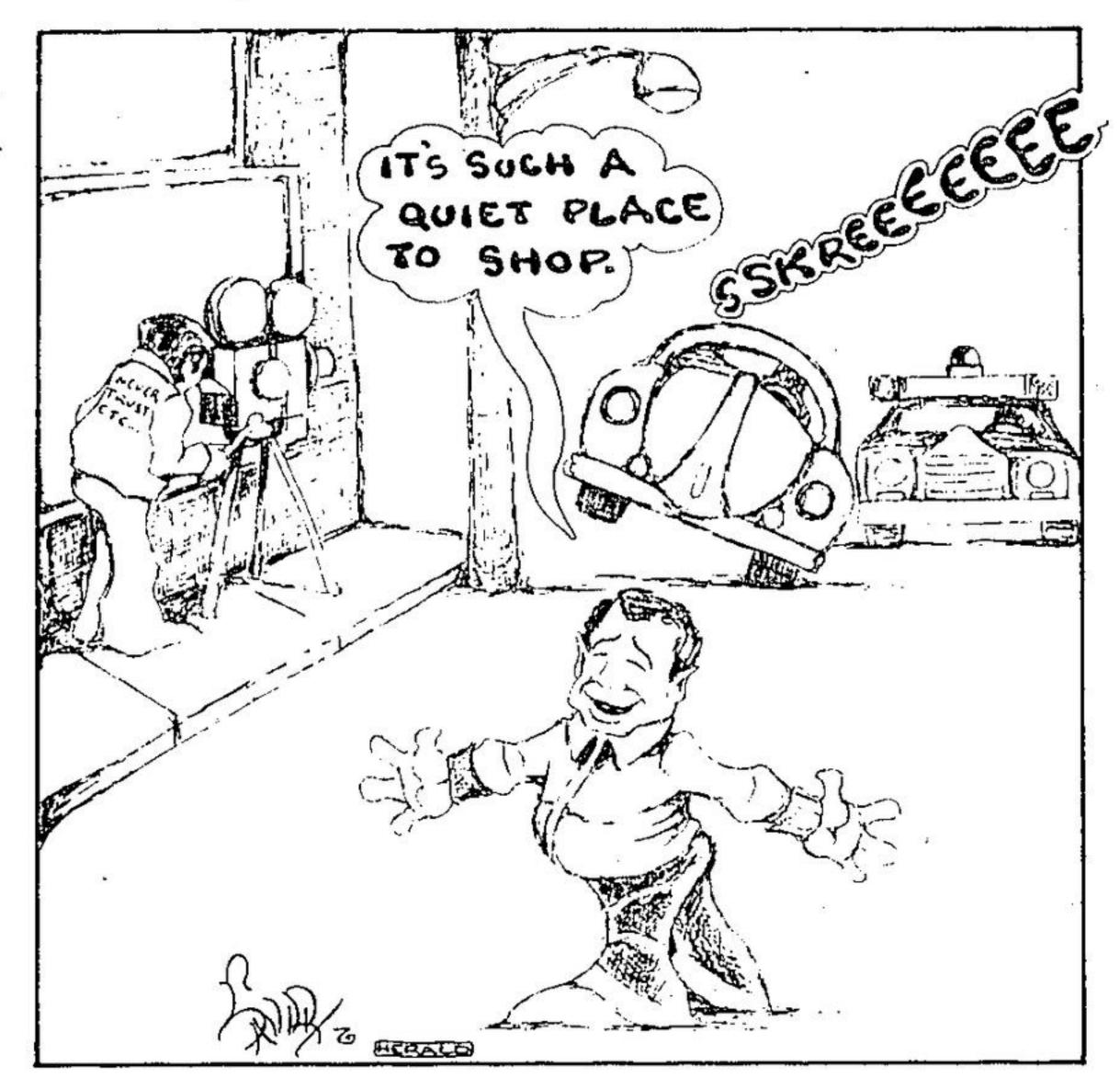
Nevertheless, we feel there is sufficient room to relax and let a couple of offers go by in the interest of preserving our lifestyle.

Glen Williams residents, more than 100 of whom recently signed a petition questioning the Secondary Plan's population forecasts, which they see as being too high, have made it clear that they live in the Glen because they want to be residents of a small community.

We're not suggesting that Chatcau Belair's proposal will create traffic jams on the Glen's Main Street or overcrowd the community's attractive shops, churches and halls to the point where the older residents can't

But, like Mayor Pete Pomeroy noted last week when the proposal was unveiled before a gallery of wide-eyed Glen residents, the development of 61 homes could

open the door. Leave the door to Glen Williams closed, and let sleepy hamlets lie.



Senate blissfully ignored but role may be changing



Report

By Stewart MacLeod

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For the last two decades - ever since the so-called "Coyne affair" - the Senate has plodded along in relative silence, rubber-stamping government legislation with only an occasional gentle grumble, and being blissfully ignored by an uncaring public.

There have been occasions in the last few years when the Senate has operated without the benefit of any spectators, including members of the press. Although it has to approve all legislation coming from the elected Commons, it is generally assumed -- with good reason -- that such approval is automatic. Apart from an occasional committee

inquiry, the Senate seldom stands accused of initiating much excitement.

Well, that may be about to change. When the new Parliament meets on Oct. 9, the staid old Senate will take on new lustre. It will once again become a spectator sport, no longer a rubber-stamping machine for the Commons. Who knows, it might even bring down the government. No one can remember when there has been such anticipation about a senatorial session.

It could be great fun.

We have become so accustomed to successive Liberal governments, working hand in hand with the Liberal-dominated Senate, that it's difficult to envisage the effects of an Upper Chamber, not only dominated by the opposition, but which includes three senior cabinet ministers.

There haven't been three cabinet ministers in the Senate for more than 40 years and, barring some new appointments, these three can count only 15 fellow Conservatives to protect them against the onslaught of 70 Liberals.

LIBERAL OVERLOAD With Senate appointments the personal prerogative of the prime ministers,

it's understandable that in recent history there has been an unrelenting building of Liberal strength in the chamber. Many of these 70 Liberals are still fairly enthusiastic, perhaps a bit bored by previous sessions in which they felt an obligation to offer silent support of their government.

Not any more. They now can go on the attack and facing them in the chamber will be Justice Minister Jacques Flynn, International Aid Minister Martial Asselin and -- the biggest target of all -- Trade Minister Robert de Cotret, who was shunted into the Senate by Prime Minister Clark after being rejected by the voters of Ottawa Centre, More than a few Liberals are ready to ambusy de Cotret.

The daily question period in the Senate - many people forget it exists will suddenly take on new life. The three ministers will have to answer for their government, and without any time limits. these daily sessions could become marathon events. The Liberal-dominated House can also reject Commons legislation, sending it back for revision, and

trustrating the Conservatives' legislative program.

FUTURE UNCLEAR

No one is quite sure what is going to happen. Conservative spokesmen, including the prime minister, say they expect responsible co-operation from the Senate. Liberal spokesmen, including party leader Trudeau, are still thinking about what to expect.

"I would certainly want to have consultation with the Senate and discuss this with them," said the Liberal leader, not long ago. He said he doubted whether senators would want to see an election campaign fought on the fact that the Senate had blocked legislation that was formulated by elected parliamentarians, "but I am in the area of speculation."

Obviously if the blocked legislation had strong public opposition -- something like the destruction of Petro Canada -then the Senate might be on safe political grounds. As the chamber of "sobre second thought" it could have a marvellous time inviting witnesses into committee hearings to talk about unpopular legislation. Even without rejecting bills, the Senate will be able to delay them indefinitely under the sheer force of conversation. Without any time limits -- and with weekly sessions that seldom go beyond a total of five hours -- it's not difficult to imagine how 70 opposition Senators could aggravate an impalient government.

And unless the constitution is overhauled and the current Senate is abolished, the prime minister probably won't live long enough to see a Conservative majority in the Upper House.

Since Senators are not forced to retire until they are 75, few Liberals are likely to take an early leave -- especially when they are looking forward to so much fun.

Ontario oil war continues as new minister joins battle



Queen's Park By Derek

Nelson

Queen's Park Bureau of the Herald

TORONTO - The Oil Wars continue. The appointment of Robert Welch as energy minister here is being looked at in some circles as a desire by Premier William Davis to have a "strongman" in the fight over national energy policy.

Meanwhile Treasurer Frank Miller goes to Calgary with a speech entitled "Who Gets The Canadian Petrodollar?" which is more than a little provocative in that city.

And the premier himself makes a speech in the Niagara Peninsula demanding Canada "not be subjected to oil prices arbitrarily dictated by foreign potentales."

But it is all in a losing cause. We are going to world price for our oil for more accurately close to Chicago gate price, and that won't reach world levels until 1981) because we have no choice.

We import 20 per cent of our oil now, and that'll likely reach 30 per cent within six years.

NO CHOICE Until we achieve oil self-sufficiency, and even with luck that won't happen earlier than 1995, we are subject to world forces, including price.

Moreover it is unfair to ask Alberta

and Saskatchewan to continue to subsidize -- through lower oil prices -- the rest of us as we cheerfully burn up their irreplacable resources.

The real issue, and here Ontario is on much firmer ground, is what the West does with its new-found wealth Miller made the point well in Calgary.

"Cutting through the jargon, pelrodollars, not constitutional lawyers, are re-writing our federal system. These money flows are quickly destroying the authority of our federal government to pursue its historic responsibilities."

These were to "use its powers to equalize basic services across Canada and to pursue agreed national economic

TAKE MUCH Yet every dollar increase in the price of a barrel of oil removes \$1 annually from the Canadian economy.

As a result the "goals of shared economic opportunity, nation-wide social advance, and adequate employment growth without rapid inflation may soon be unattainable."

Ontario's solution is to "insist that a new method of reinvesting (the West's oil wealth) be put in place immediately" under strong federal leadership.

Miller noted that when OPEC made the first massive price boost in 1973 Canadian inflation and unemployment doubled, to 10 and nine per cent respec-"These may not be the exact ratios for

the future, but they are a good measure of what is likely to happen without wise reinvestment," he said. NOT PETROCAN

Too true. The money has to come back into the economy, not remain dead-ended in an Alberta government bank account. All the other disagreements Ontario

has over energy with Ottawa or the West. whether world price or Petrocan (and the latter is much exaggerated by the media), pale before the reinvestment question.

And it is towards solving that disagreement Ontario should channel its political energy, not futile opposition to world price.

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Halton's History From our files

LEGION KNOCKS COUNCIL THIRTY YEARS AGO . Glen Williams third annual fall fair, sponsored by the St. Alban's Ladies' Guild, was held over the weekend Archdeacon W.G.O. Thompson opened Saturday's event which drew a record attendance and Frank Petch was master of ceremonies for the afternoon, Georgetown Girls Pipe Band provided music for the afternoon and children's races, men's ball games and decorated bikes and trikes all kept the spectators basy. Exhibits were displayed in a marquee loaned to the ladies by Dr. CH Reid of Georgetown The fair even

Esquesing township council hired K.C. Lindsay as assistant assessor with

boasted a baby show.

his duties to begin on Sept. 15. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120 executive rapped council's knuckles in a letter to the editor for not giving sufficient publicity to the fact the town was looking for an assessor. Council had apparently stated at the end of World War Il that veterans would be given priority for any vacant town positions they were qualified to fill. The 1949 council, however, ignored that statement and appointed a new assessor without giving veterans a chance to apply for the position. The situation was in fact, so thorny, a meeting was held over it in the Legion Hall on Sept,

Rev. Charles Gower also wrote the editor taking a swing at council for approving a request for a liquor store in Georgetown without giving citizens the opportunity to have their say.

Annie Clifton's marriage to George Currie in Bethel United Church, Drumquin on Sept. 3 made the front page of the Herald.

WAR MEMORIAL MOVED

TWENTY YEARS AGO . Council finally decided to move the town's war memorial from its Guelph-Main Street location to a site in a new park to be developed at the corner of Charles and James Streets. The move had been discussed intermittently for several years since the increasing traffic on Highway Seven made it difficult to hold functions like Remembrance Day services at the present memorial site.

St. Andrew's United Church began holding Sunday services as well as Sunday School classes in a portable building constructed by Zorge Construction on their Mountainview Road South and Sinclair Avenue location. The building is built in sections and bolted together so that it can be removed to another site when the permanent structure is erected.

Ten Georgetown and Glen Williams industries planned to participate in the week long Georgetown Industrial Exhibition jointly sponsored by the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Delrex Develupments. The exhibits were set up in a store in the Market Centre and opened to the public from noon to 9 p.m. daily. Guided tours were available to classes during the morning hours. The exhibition was to involve the local school children too because Delrex Developments general manager Harry Bairstow announced \$150 worth of prizes to youngsters entering an essay competition on The Industries that Provide Work and Wealth in Georgetown.

FIRE DESTROYS WAREHOUSE

TEN YEARS AGO - Fire destroyed the main warehouse and attached sales office of the Beaver Lumber Company on Water Street Saturday morning including an estimated \$30,000 worth of stock. The blaze was discovered at 6 a.m. and raged out of control for nearly four bours attracting a large crowd to watch the volunteer firefighters in action. Windows cracked with the heat at both the adjacent Canadian Tire store and the Georgetown Hydro Commission office across the street. Flaming debris also lit on the roof of the Canadian Tire building threatening to start a new blaze. Veteran firefighter Bill Hyde had to be taken to Georgetown hospital to have a deep cut over his eye stitched up after he was trapped between a filing cabinet and a wall which collapsed in the office. The Ontario Fire Marshall's office poked through the rubble Monday and Tuesday looking for the cause of the spectacular blaze.

Montreal Canadian all-star centre, Jean Beliveau, was the main attraction at a dinner Monday night to launch the Royal Canadian Legion sponsored Little N.H.L. Hockey Hall of Fame. Other special guests at the dinner in the Branch 120 hall were Bob Goldham, Brian McFarlane, Rev. Bob Rumball, Little NHL founder Gordon Alcott, mayor Wheldon Emmerson, MP Rud Whiting, MPP Jim Snow, Hall of Fame director Jack Armstrong

and Legion president Buster Hale. Council authorized the building inspector to issue a building permit for an A and W drive-in on Guelph Street even though they weren't totally happy with the plans. Some councillors noted that they were disappointed to see a string of car lots, garages, signs and drive-in restaurants as they entered town but since the lot was properly zoned for such a business

they couldn't refuse the permit. Bicycle licences became mandatory on September 15 for the first time. Mr. and Mrs. Ole Knutson of R.R.1,

Georgetown celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 7. Harriet Beeney celebrated her 100th birthday on Sept. 3 with a family party at the home of her son, Edgar Beeney, R.R.1,

RUNNING FILMED HERE ONE YEAR AGO - Council asked the

Georgetown.

Ontario Supreme Court to make a ruling on whether the Ontario Municipal Board had jurisdiction in the ongoing dispute with Ontario Hydro concerning construction of a 500 KV corridor through Halton Hills as part of the Millon to Bradley transmission line. Mike Douglas and a movie crew were

using Georgetown's Main Street to shoot scenes from Running last Monday. This was the second movie filmed in the town. In a nip and tuck decision last week

regional council decided to give Acton and Milton flouridated water.

Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board approved its first two-year teachers' contract last week giving its teachers an 8.5 per cent increase in each year. Contract negotiations had been going on for three months.