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Our very own unsung heroes

While it's generally inappropriate for a newspaper to priase its own employees, we'd like to take this timely occasion to give a special thanks to Herald carriers throughout Acton and Georgetown. We hope readers everywhere will join us.

Although it's not exactly a thankless job, since there are many generous subscribers who remember their carriers at Christmas and express their appreciation at other times during the year, newspaper boys and girls really don't get all the credit due

This week, The Herald takes a closer look at the two youngsters selected as our carriers of the year last month. Billy Gordon in Acton and Penny Bydevaate in Georgetown were chosen for their

outstanding performance in carrying out their duties and demonstrating courteous service to customers on their routes.

While the rest of our carriers may not quite equal the fine standards set by Billy and Penny, each and every one is equally deserving of our gratitude and respect. After all, it's no fun at all shouldering a hefty load of newspapers and flyers for a chilly walk around the neighborhood, rain, snow or shine.

To The Herald carriers, then, may all your delivery days be sunny and all your customers kind. Thanks again from all the rest of the staff for a job well done, once more, in 1979.

And an enjoyable and prosperous New Year to you all.

Due questions for advisors

Norval area farmer Peter Branch continued his long-overdue verbal assault on Halton region and its agricultural "liaison" program last week with some hardhitting criticism of the region's agricultural advisory committee.

Judging from the support Mr. Branch garnered among others at the meeting, his sentiments about the committee's effectiveness are likely shared by many in Halton, including at least one regional councillor.

Milton Coun. Gus Goutouski followed Mr. Branch to the podium . to dress the committee down in even stronger terms, challenging its effectiveness and its ability to represent the Halton farming community as a whole.

The week previous, evidence appeared to underline those contentions as Mr. Branch joined fellow Halton Hills farmer, Rod Pinkney in attacking agricultureoriented provisions in the region's new official plan. Even though Mr. Pinkney was speaking for the substantial number of farmers grouped together in the South Esquesing Landowners Association, his concerns apparently had to be represented personally to regional council.

Less than a year after its formation, the advisory committee has commanded few headlines. positive or negative, which might indicate that something specific is being accomplished. Several issues of significant monthly meetings, but apart from general input into regional council's deliberations. little if any real impact appears to have been made.

last spring in response to a direct

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munity, which felt its interests were not being adequately met while elected officials were debating farm aspects of the regional plan and other planning projects.

Topics discussed at the dozen or so meetings held thus far include crop-depletion problems created by an abundance of Canada geese and deer, the proper disposal of sewage sludge on farmland, the proper cutting of trees and improved relations with the regional planning committee.

It should be noted that the committee's ten members, who gather for as much as three hours each meeting, receive no financial remuneration for their efforts.

Nevertheless, the ability of those ten members to adequately speak for Halton's many farmers has been questioned from the outset, and concerns raised at last week's meeting certainly indicate that not enough is being done to alert council of the farmer's wishes.

Since agriculture is comprised of so many "sub-industries", each with its own particular interests and concerns, it could be very difficult indeed to fully represent the farming community as a whole. Surely, though, some consensus can be readily drawn among those being represented which can indicate clearly to the region

whether alterations are in order. A full-scale review of the committee's format and operation may be asking a bit much at this point in its evolution, but changes are clearly in order as we move into a new decade of renewed development interests and continuing challenges to the rural landscape.

SUBMITTED BY A READER

A is for Angels, who told the Good News.

The Queen speaks to us, on this day,

R for reindeer, who pull Santa along

T stands for tinsel and turkey and tree

Very best wishes for Christmas to all

X the excitement which all of us feel,

2 is the zeal, as we say to all here,

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY

S for the small shepherd lad

Y for the yarns that are told

U · ugly sisters, so bad.

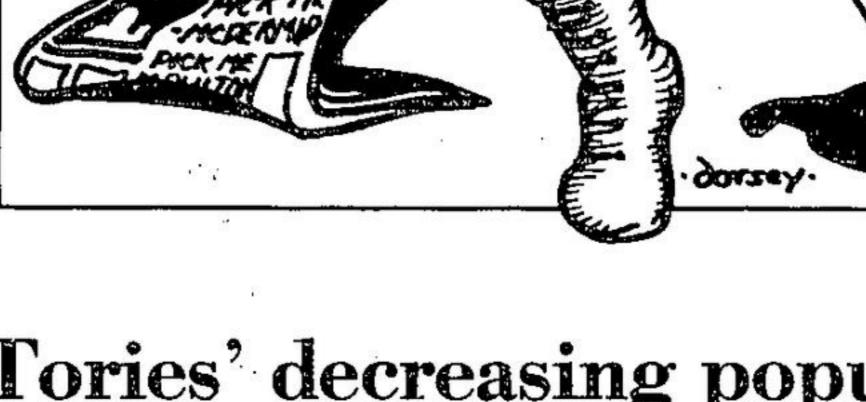
W - winter so cold

NEAR YEAR".

Berries and bell start with B

Council formed the committee request from the farming com-

A Christmas alphabet



Tories' decreasing popularity: prelude to government's end?



Ottawa Report at a contration of a property framework

By Stewart MacLeod

Ottawa Bureau Of The Herald

The Herald salutes

Merry Christmas!

its carriers;

"What we need," said the despondent Conservative MP, "is a nice, easy-to-understand issue that cabinet can grasp and resolve."

What he was talking about -- in fact, it's what most Tory MPs are talking about these days -- was that horrible Gallup poll which showed that the Clark government has managed, in just six short months, to slip into the pit of unpopularlity, supported by only 28 per cent of the electorate. The Liberals, on the other hand, attract support from 47 per cent.

Next to the Liberal leadership race, this latest Gallup poll has become the most popular subject on the parliamentary coffee circuit -- a subject of unbridled delight for the Liberals, of more modest satisfaction for the New Democrats, who were up five percentage points, and of ill-concealed gloom for the Conservatives. You hear a great many comments, like the one quoted above, about the need for exciting new initiatives by the Clark government.

"What really depresses me," said another Tory MP, "is the fact that we have completely lost the momentum that

comes with a new government. Our cabinet ministers keep talking about the enormous amount of paper they must digest, and this means simply that they have become prisoners of the bureaucractic system."

SPEED NEEDED

It was Gerald Baldwin, the veteran Conservative MP from Peace River, who said that a government should institute during new initiatives during its first three months of office - after that it begins to become obsessed with the difficulties involved. But in the first six months of the Clark government, there has been an apparent obsession with trying to clarify assorted election promises while blaming the previous government for all of our ills.

"Trudeau's 'Just Society' in 1968 might have been just a crock," says another Conservative, but at least it was something to keep people excited about the new government." What, by comparison, has the Clark government been offering?

Well, so far as new initiatives are concerned, the major emphasis has been on freedom of information and a reform of parliamentary procedure. And these, like the mortgage deductability plan, become so complicated and academic that few people know the end result. All this talk about increasing the role of back-bench MPs, making cabinet more accountable, and making parliamentary committees more effective, really doesn't thrill many people. I think it would be fair to say that many of the proposed reforms constitute window-dressing, and there is nothing in the current proposals to increase the flow of legislation - the bottom line of any parliamentary reform.

As for freedom of information, the entire package hasn't generated as much attention as the RCMP raid on an Ottawa

journalist's apartment in search of one piece of government information. That particular action, and the government's convoluted explanations, did nothing to polish the image of open government. DIFFERENTROLE

HERE THEY COME!

Newsmen of the '80s?

And the Clark cabinet is also having obvious difficulties in adjusting to the government benches after so many years in opposition. In replying to the most simple Liberal questions, the ministers have a tendency to act like opposition MPs, getting in a shot at the previous regime.

"The Honorable Member should be the last one to ask such a question," is a frequent preface to a reply. "Considering the mess which his party left. . ." is

Even in the latest concern about a possible heating-oil shortage which follows earlier assurances of fuel sufficiency this winter, Prime Minister Clark managed to sound, at one point, like an opposition leader. After saying that the possible shortage would be due to increased consumption, he suddenly shifted the blame to the Liberals. "The shortages that might exist...underline dramatically the failure of the former government to plan ahead. . .'

To say there seems to be confusion surrounding the government's energy policy would be a massive understatement. It is just one area in which the Clark grasp appears, at best, to be loose.

That's what the despondent MP was saying. "We just need that one good issue that's all ours - something that demonstrates positive thinking, and something we can see through without different ministers saying different things. "And perhaps it would help," he

added thoughtfully, "if Joe would just stand up and tell some provincial premier to go to hell."

Halton's History

From our files

THIRTY YEARS AGO - The children of the Holy Cross Sunday School presented their Christmas concert last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. John Cummins, who prepared the concert, was chairman, and as the program was scheduled to take place during the hydro cut-off Sunday, the stage was lighted with candles and gas lamps and the children dressed in their costumes by candlelight.

From The Herald classified columns: Marconi radio phonographs, table model, automatic changer, \$89. G.E. radio phonographs, play four speeds of records, \$239.

This week's weather was unseasonably mild in spots, with a temperature of 53 degrees on December 12. However, it soon dropped to more seasonable temperatures, ranging from 23 degrees to 42

TWENTY YEARS AGO - Councillor Ern Hyde will assume Georgetown's top municipal post in January when he becomes the town's mayor. Unopposed for office when a nomination meeting was held last night, Mr. Hyde accepted the position in a speech following close of nominations in Wrigglesworth School auditorium.

The Christmas spirit may spread to parking lines if a plan mentioned to council Monday by Paul Barber, president of Georgetown Businessmen's Association, is implemented. Mr. Barber sald businessmen are considering two ideas for the Christmas shopping season. One would be to tle shopping bags over the meters and have the merchants rent the meters from the town for the holiday period. The other would be to have someone put an extra nickel in an overdue meter and a courtesy card put on the

ECONOMY NOTE

Council ended the year on an economy note when purchase of extra strings of colored lights, last item of business to come before the retiring council, was cut to two strings when Coun. Era Hyde would not support a resolution to purchase three strings. He said council will be ending the year with a deficit and \$20,000 is made up of a lot of little \$50 items. With Coun. Fred Harrison suggesting that council should end the year without a split vote, a motion by himself and Coun. Anne Currie was reduced to the two strings and passed unanimously.

A Christmas gift suggestion: A Brownie Starflash camera outfit. Everything needed for day and night shooting. Built-in flash-holder, plus batteries, flashbulbs, Verichrome Pan film, instructions. Camera in choice of colors: coral red, skyline blue, alpine white, jet black. From \$11.55.

Swan song for Mayor Jack Armstrong, completing his eighth term as Georgetown's mayor, was made Monday as 1959 council wound up with a full three-hour schedule. The mayor announced his retirement at the recent nomination meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Armstrong spoke briefly his appreciation of council's efforts and the co-operation of town employees during his years in

TEN YEARS AGO - A 25-clause bylaw setting up a community program of recreation was given two readings by council Monday night. The third reading was delayed to give members a chance to pursue it thoroughly. The bylaw authorizes a seven-member committee to be known as the Georgetown Recreation and Parks and Community Centres Commlttee to direct, manage and control the arena, the swimming pool and Cedarvale Centennial Community Centre.

Georgetown council members will be paid \$50 per day for attendance at special meetings as well as committee of the whole or council meetings. In addition, this will apply for meetings attended in 1969, upon submissions to the treasurer. Members will be allowed to attend a maximum of three conventions a year, with travelling expenses and convention registration fees paid, and an expense allowance of \$40 a day.

Choirs from Holy Cross Roman Catholie Church and St. John's United Church, along with a trio from St. Paul's Baptist Church and soloists from both First Baptist and St. John's United Churches provided inspirational music of the season at the Christmas Choral Concert held at St. John's Church December 10. The offering of over \$106 is being sent to the Canairclief Fund to help pay for shipments of food being flown into Biafra. METRO REGION

Legislation to create a giant metro region involving Halton and Pecl counties and squatting between Toronto and Hamilton will come before the Ontario legislature this spring, James Snow, Halton East MPP, confirmed this week. Snow said the department of Municipal Affairs is "close to the time when it will be ready to create the Halton-Peel Metro region."

Producers of Tiny Talent Time, the Channel 11 show which appears every Sunday afternoon, have asked a Georgetown girl to be part of their Christmas special. Angela Martineau, a student of the Donna Haynes Scool of Dancing In Georgetown appeared on Tiny Talent Time's December 14 show and was so well-received she was asked to return for the Christmas special.

ONE YEAR AGO - The need for a hostel in Halton as temporary shelter for abused wives and their children has been proven and the search is underway to find a location for the shelter, it was revealed last week at a meeting of the board of directors of Halton Women's Place.

The Halton board of education appointed Grant Pattullo and Carol McMurray, both of Georgetown, to the Halton Hills Library Board Thursday, Mr. Pattullo has been appointed for a three-year. term, while Mrs. McMurray, who is replacing trustee Betty Fisher, who resigned when she was elected to the board,

will be serving a two-year term. Ontario energy minister James Aud has chosen to follow the example of his predecessors, former ministers Darcy McKeough, Dennis Timbrell and Reuben Bactz, in denying a request by municipal authorities to have an independent study conducted on Ontario Hydro's Bruce to Milton transmission corridor.

Provincial mediator Martin Teplitaky has proposed a settlement in an unusual move to end the ten-month contract dispute between the Halton board of education and its 1,170 high school teach-Crs.

Correctional service strikers failed to achieve key objective



Park By Derek Nelson

Queen's

Queen's Park Bureau Of The Herald

TORONTO - What is important to note about the agreement ending the illegal three-day strike by correctional officers is that they did not win their key demand. A strike against the public in Ontario

not only remains illegal, but ineffectual.

In addition, the aiding and abetting of such a strike by Ontario Public Service Employees Union president Sean O'Flynn has not gone unpunished.

The words of Mr. Justice Douglas Carruthers when he sentenced O'Flynn to 35 days in jail for criminal contempt of court bear repeating.

"At some point you determined that you would rise above the law, dely it, and more importantly, take 3,000 law-abiding cilizens with you. "When the court ordered you not to do

something, you openly and publicly defied it with no reluctance whatsoever, and you made your defiance known to the people of

the province." SO FUTILE

And he might have added futilely. The strike was supposedly launched to secure a separate bargaining category for correctional employees. Currently they are lumped into one category along with nurses and other institutional care work-

The correctional officers believe they can gain more money if they have their own separate wage calegory.

And one has to have sympathy for their claim that they have fallen behind correctional employees elsewhere, although not with their desire to receive OPP-level incomes.

They are not exposed to the same danger as police or even federal prison workers.

The government response is that special consideration for correctional officers already exists within the current categories. Last year, for example, such employ-

ees received an extra two per cent. GOOD POINTS

The government objection to a formal

separate unit is that this could lead to a doubling or tripling of the existing eight categories with which the province nego-What is important here is not the

ment. There are good points on both sides. What is key is that an illegal strike against the public was authorized by the OPSEU to win this separate category. NO LUCK On Nov. 28 - four days prior to the

merits of the separate category argu-

strike - Management Board chairman George McCague told O'Flynn face-toface that the government would agree to binding arbitration on the issue.

He repeated the offer in writing Nov. 29, the same day two-thirds of the province's correctional officers voted to

O'Flynn rejected the offer and the strike began Dec. 3.

(Meanwhile the government obtained an interim injunction Nov. 30 from the Supreme Court of Ontario against OPSEU support of the strike. When the union ignored the injunction the government asked the court Dec. 3 to find O'Flynn in contempt).

The agreement ending the strike Dec. 6 gave the union binding arbitration they rejected Nov. 28, and did not violate the important principle that nothing should be gained by an illegal strike.

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