

Letters to the Editor

Tisdale reunion seeks residents

To the editor of The Herald;
This year Saskatchewan is celebrating the 75th anniversary of its provincehood. Tisdale and other nearby communities are planning celebrations to suitably observe the occasion. Through the medium of your newspaper, we hope to make any former residents of our area, who now make their homes in your area, aware of these celebrations.

and the program for July 1 will include an ecumenical church service, a community breakfast and other such events. Special entertainment is being planned for young people.
More information about our celebration can be obtained by former district residents by writing to the Tisdale District Homecoming Committee, Box 1090, Tisdale, Sask. S0E 1T0.
Other area celebrations planned include those for Eldersley on August 2; Golburn at their fair on August 6; Sylvania on July 26 and 27; Connaught at the fair on July

29 and 30; Star City on July 4, 5 and 6; Ridgedale on August 2 and 3; McKague on August 2 and 3; and New Osgoode and Forester on July 31. Further information on these celebrations can be obtained from the Celebrate Saskatchewan committees they have formed.
Any assistance your newspaper may be in spreading the word of these activities would be greatly appreciated.
Yours truly,
Rosemary O'Bertos,
Chairperson of the Tisdale District Homecoming Com.

Red Cross money goes many places

To the editor of The Herald;
We are wondering if the residents of Georgetown and District realize that the local Red Cross Corps (uniformed and non-uniformed volunteers) drive people, including cancer patients, for thousands of miles to and from in and out-of-town clinics and hospitals and the Loan of Sickroom Supplies Service also loan out equipment as hospital beds, wheelchairs, commodes, etc. to cancer patients, and that blood, collected by this Branch and other Red Cross branches,

is also used in large amounts for open heart surgery and leukemia patients.
So may we ask you all to please be generous towards our Campaign-for-Funds, so that we can go on giving you these and other services in time of need. If you are not canvassed, please, make your donation to The Canadian Red Cross Society, P.O. Box 106, Georgetown, Ontario, L7G 4T1.
Yours sincerely,
Connie Nieuwhof,
Public Relations Chairman,
Georgetown and District Branch.



WOMEN'S PLACE BOWLATHON

Janice Kron is seen here demonstrating her bowling prowess at the Ladies sponsored Bowlathon on Sunday night. More than 18 ladies bowled at the event with all money being raised by the group going to Halton Women's Place.

(Herald photo)

Boss lost the battle, won the war - maybe

EDITOR'S NOTE: Former Herald staff writer Maggie Hannah, now working for the Guelph Daily Mercury, covered the trial of Casey Boss, who was charged with growing asparagus illegally. Mrs. Hannah, being a farmer's daughter herself, has good perspective from which to comment on the issue of marketing boards.

When a Canadian farmer gets hauled into court for growing food, my initial reaction has to be one of incredulity. Having a dairy farmer for a father, I grew up knowing that marketing boards had some weird effects on farming and market prices. It was not uncommon to find farmers feeding crops to their stock or finding some alternate method of selling them if the bottom fell out of the market for whatever reason, and some alternate use could provide a better profit on their investment of time and energy.
That alternative was not open to Acton area farmer Casey Boss, however. The Ontario Asparagus Growers' Marketing Board hauled him into court Friday on a charge of growing asparagus without a licence. Mr. Boss must either pay his licence fee of \$25 an acre or plough it under. No one seemed to care that he wasn't harvesting the crop so he wasn't deriving any profit from it. At the same time his son may want to harvest it this year and if he ploughs it down it will take two full years of

lead time before the plants are big enough to begin cutting.
Nor did anyone seem to agree with Mr. Boss that the marketing board couldn't do anything helpful for fresh market growers. They already have all the market they can handle, situated as they are close to Toronto. All the board can do is cost them fees for a licence, so why do farmers need to pay for something that isn't helping them?
The board felt they had to haul Mr. Boss into court to make an example out of him as a "dissident" who was rebelling against having rules imposed on him which were restricting his business and providing no benefits in return.
Sitting in court listening to Judge Doug Latimer tell Mr. Boss he admired his free spirit and strength to stand up for his beliefs when others seemed to prefer rules to guide them and restrictions to provide excuses for their lack of initiative, it was obvious that the law was being upheld because it was the law - not because the judge was convinced the board was right.
Although he was convicted, Mr. Boss may well have struck more of a blow for farmers' rights than the board would care to admit. He had his chance to state his reasons and expose the ridiculous nature of board regulations. Not only will legislators see the details in the press, so will consumers. A few, like one reporter from

a competitive paper, will take the view that the state should regulate everything because legislators know better than the general public what's good for the economy.
Many, however, will shake their heads in dismay and acknowledge that the law looks like the north end of a south-bound mule. - again! No wonder prices in the grocery store are rising all the time when the government has its super-efficient little fingers in things.
If the board hoped the case would go unnoticed, they hoped in vain. This reporter's immediate cynical reaction to hearing that a man has been charged with growing asparagus illegally was to question when they started smoking asparagus. That certain leafy, green plant-like substance referred to in police reports has a lot of street names, but this is the first time I'd heard it called asparagus.
I was wrong, of course. It wasn't a new name for marijuana. It really was the same genuine, long, green, terrible-tasting stuff I've hated ever since my mother used to make me go to the patch on the edge of the lawn and cut it for supper. (When I got big enough to cut the grass I started harvesting it with the lawn mower when no one was looking and it took a whole

Student's poem recognized

This poem by Chrysta Mayhew received recognition in the 1979 Poetry Contest: a national competition. The poem was one of five selected from Halton Region and one of

29 selected from Ontario.
Chrysta, who was nineteen when she composed it, is now attending the University of Guelph and hopes to study veterinary medicine.

ATAVIST

The firelight shimmered and caressed the lustrous depths of the felines eyes as she stretched on Michael's hearth, snugly bathing her form in sensuous heat.

The warm, brown soul glowed through the Labrador's implicitly trusting, adoring eyes as he worshipped at Michael's feet.

Pain wailed out through the racoon's masked eyes as he deliberately, exorcisingly gnawed off his own crushed leg and was free of the jagged, gleaming steel jaws which Michael had laid in the forest.



OFF TO THE RACES

That annual funfest known as the Crazy Boat Races, organized by the Georgetown Jaycees, is scheduled for March 29 this year. Last year's race had 400 participants, with 47 canoes and 82 crazy boats. This year the Jaycees are hoping for an even better turnout for the race, and for the awards dance being held at the Acton Legion at 8 p.m. in the evening. The starting line is in Chellenham at noon for the canoes, and in Terra Cotta at 12:30 for the crazy boats. The finish line is in Glen Williams.

(Herald photo)

Wilmot to hold school reunion

To the editor of The Herald;
Waterloo-Oxford District Secondary School, Baden, Ontario, proudly announces a Victoria Day weekend of special events commemorating the founding of the school in 1955. Celebrations begin May 16 and conclude May 18.

Return to your roots in Wilmot! Meet I.W. McNaughton and other first generation staff members. Bill Weichel is still coaching the basketball Crusaders and Ron Evans continues to hold forth in the tech wing.
All former students and staff, and other friends of W.O. are invited to contact the 25th Anniversary Committee, Waterloo-Oxford District Secondary School, R.R.2, Baden, Ontario N0B 1G0, for specific program information and registration data.
Lewis Weber, publicist, W-ODSS, Baden.

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Crazies invading religion but nobody seems to care

By GERRY LANDSBOROUGH
Well folks, it's the last half of the final inning, and the "Crazies" are winning 18 to 3. Whoever has the ball right now is anybody's guess. A case in point is the following...
A group of dignified crazies in Britain called the British Council of Churches (dignified but crazy) are urging young people to pray to Our Father instead of Our Father - apparently Parent God is in.
Personally, I feel very sorry for the Good Lord these days. First we had a group who insisted He was dead; I am sure you remember the God-is-dead group. Next came the "interpreters", all the miscellaneous groups who tell us what God really means. Now of course the Good Lord Himself was rather specific. He started His rules off with Thou Shalt Not - then along come the interpreters saying what He really means is "not" thou shalt not, but.....and on they go.
Think of it this way - in the Old Testament, which is nothing but a giant history book (like most history books some words could be exaggerated but again like most history books most is based on fact) we are told how the Father, not the Parent, but the Father, looked down and discovered that things hadn't gone too well since His gardening days.
You remember He created 'Eden', the utmost in garden resort living. Dress optional, all you can eat, good company and beautiful surroundings, and of course like all resorts no one elaborated on the problem with snakes.
Nevertheless, when the Good Lord looked down on His creation, He discovered the world had run amuck. Now you've got to admit that's pretty discouraging considering He had given everything an extremely decent beginning. Apparently according to the Good Book He could only find one

just man in all the mess, so He packed the fellow off along with his family on a boat, and proceeded to make a lake out of everything else.
Now look at it this way - if you developed a beautiful garden and campsite, one of a kind, mind you, and the campers run amuck and destroyed the place, you wouldn't be too happy and I'm not sure how many would have the patience to continue on.
After all let us give credit where credit's due. God the Father, not The Parent, decided to try again. This time He sent His Son, according to the Good Book, His Only Son.
I'm sure most of you can sympathize with that - either go yourself or send someone who really understands how you feel - a trusted family member. Considering what had happened since the gardening venture, going yourself would be out of the question.
Now picture this - the Father sends the Son out of love for the Son and love for the original creation - the Son coming from the Father, not the parent is very specific. He said quite plainly when you pray (that's a word for communication) pray this way: "Our FATHER who art in heaven.....and on a beautiful prayer goes. Now don't you think its rather presumptuous to suggest that the Son didn't know what the Father wanted to hear? After all wouldn't it have been as easy to pray to Our God who art in heaven? Yet the Son specified "Our Father".
Now here's where the crazies really take the cake - the British Council of Churches in its new prayer book for young people pray this way - Our Parent....."Give us a vision of equality which transcends that of human lawmakers and free us from prejudice about the roles of the sexes."
Now imagine they want equality that transcends human

lawmakers - surely they are not asking equality with the Father? Absurd - unbelievable - yet they presume to adjust His word - they adjust His contracts ("Though shalt not" to "maybes"), they suggest His Son doesn't represent the Father because they have so little respect for His message, which, by the way, according to the Son, came directly from the Father.
Well, as we suggested in the beginning, let's think of the discouragement of the Good

Lord having to watch all these goings on - personally I don't think we can possibly do enough to make it up considering how badly we have botched things.
The words of J. Kennedy come to mind - If you're not part of the solution you're part of the problem!
As I see it the crazies are winning the game and the rest of us don't take the game seriously enough to scream FOUL when we see it.

COURSE INFORMATION

The University of Waterloo will be holding information sessions at the Acton and Georgetown branches of the library March 25 to provide information on social work courses the university proposes to offer this fall in Halton Hills. The first session will be held in the Acton library from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and the second session will be held in Georgetown from 7 to 9 p.m.

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