

Letters to the Editor

Jessie says

People bolster her optimism

An Open Letter To All In Halton Hills:
This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the International Bantam Hockey Tournament, and under the sponsorship of the Georgetown Lions Club, it has been concluded with its usual success, thanks to many individuals and organizations.
As Catering Supervisor for nineteen of those years, I would like to pass along my thanks and some thoughts to all of those I have been associated with.

When one hears so much of the conflicts and confrontations so much of the time, one's own optimism is often shaken just a bit. The privilege of working with and for so many of the local folk and meeting so many from different parts of this great country, my optimism has been renewed and bolstered. I know our future is assured for there are no better people anywhere. Along these lines, sir, I would appreciate it if your paper would convey my heartfelt thanks to the following:

Hazel Dumper, President of the Canadian Auxiliary Legion for her support throughout the week; Alice Mallabon, for her control and dedication; the teenage girls who gave up their school break so they could serve and clear the tables; the faces may change over the years but not the enthusiasm, the members of the various Auxiliary and Ladies' clubs for preparing the food and presenting it so nicely; the Royal Canadian Legion for the use of the auditorium

and the willing help when asked for. The Auxiliary of the Legion for the use of the kitchen and utensils, which are excellent; the Oddfellows for the use of their hall when the Legion was unavailable due to a previous booking; the local merchants for the thoughtful service and excellent supplies.

My humble appreciation to the Lion's Club for the flowers and gift and my thanks for the opportunity of participating in

this annual event that is part of our heritage.

Last but not least, many thanks for the chance of extending my thoughts to all and for your coverage of the event.

Sincerely,
Jessie Hayes,
Catering Supervisor,
The International Bantam Hockey Tournament.

Lions Club thanks their tourney helpers

To the editor of The Herald:
I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the hockey fans who attended the Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament. To Jessie Hayes and all her catering staff for all the fine meals served all week long.
To Karen Harrison, billet supervisor, and all the people in Georgetown and district who opened up their homes to billet all the hockey players that visited our town and tournament.

To Jerry Perkins and his refereeing staff who did just another super job as in the past 19 years.
To Don Fendley and Brian James who looked after team registration and all of their staff who did all the running and work during the week.
To Mayor Peter and wife Judy Pomeroy for organizing the ticket sales staff, thank you.
To Ron McKnight and his time keepers and game announcers for keeping everything on time and the fans informed.

To all the business people who advertised in our program a special thank you to you for your generous donation to make our 20th program a success.
To Robbin Inscoc and Mark Clairmont of the local news papers thank you for your special coverage and reporting.
To Harry Levy, past Tournament Chairman, thank you for your expertise and guidance and help.
To Dave Kentner and the Hockey Heritage Council for their donation of the History Recording Plaque to the tournament.
Again a special thank you from all of the Georgetown Lions Club members to all of the aforementioned people, plus any we may accidentally have missed.
Tournament Chairman
Don Jarvie

Trustees engineering confrontations OSSTF president's letter claims

To the editor of The Herald:
Recent media coverage of a motion with regard to teacher bargaining which was passed at the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation has brought that motion into public debate.
That coverage, centered mainly on one or more comments made outside the meeting, has affected public perception of the intent of OSSTF to deal with a growing problem

for Ontario's 35,000 secondary school teachers - negotiating collective agreements with 79 school boards across the province.
In the majority of collective agreements, settlements are reached through a bargaining process defined in provincial legislation. However, in areas of the province which have experienced strikes and lock-outs, some school boards have taken note of the fact teachers spend considerable time and

effort in quickly restoring normal operations after strikes have been concluded. It's to the teachers' credit and a reflection of their professional integrity that they do so.
The difficulty for teachers is that by minimizing the negative aspect of strikes for the good of their students, they may well be encouraging trustees to create strike situations. To put it another way, because trustees do not see strikes as having a serious effect on their

system, they seem, in some cases, to be engineering confrontation with their employee groups in order to gain an advantage at the bargaining table.
If that is the case (and the point can be argued in many areas where bargaining is now in a crisis situation) then that situation must be stopped.
That is the concern raised by teachers last week and that is

the reason why teachers are prepared to consider strong and unusual action to draw public attention to an inequity in collective bargaining between teachers and trustees.
There is legislation which provides for the orderly development of negotiations even if that development involves sanctions by either side. However, that legislation is predicated upon the serious intent of teachers and trustees to bargain in good faith and avoid confrontation wherever and whenever possible. If either of the parties subverts that intent, prolonged strikes which have negative effects on students, result.

Sincerely,
Margaret Wilson,
President.

Jaycees announce boat race

To the editor of The Herald:
The Jaycees have announced their annual "Crazy Boat Race" on the Credit River March 29th. In the past it has been great fun. I plan to be there.

In previous years, some thoughtless boaters have left oil drums in assorted colours, styrofoam and a lot of colorful garbage to drift and litter the banks for miles downstream.
Many other people use the river for paddling, fishing and wading after the Crazy Boat Race. Out of civic pride and consideration of others, including downstream landowners, every punter, paddler or plunger in the race should make certain that all the parts of his craft are removed from the river. The Jaycees should make this a condition of entry and delegate a group to snag runaway craft and debris below the finish line.
Ric Symmes.

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VIEWPOINT

Alberta's 'King' Lougheed creating an unfriendly west

By GERRY LANDSBOROUGH
Let's shake a few old bones this week....
"The friendly west" (whatever misguided soul ever came up with that one) has been in the news almost regularly lately.
King Lougheed has threatened to cut off development of Alberta oil unless the Liberals come up with the same "oil price" deal that the Tories promised last year. Since when did the principles of Confederation work against us? Do we charge family for use of food from the family fridge, no discount but the going rate please?
Well it appears that it's time for Lougheed to stop thinking like an Albertan King and start thinking like a Canadian - if it's not too late for that already.
Since the federal election, two Conservative MP's have suggested separation. Douglas Christie, a leader of the western separatist party, said "the only option left - the only hope is for the western provinces to form a new nation called "Western Canada". Normally not too many people take this fellow seriously but a new wind is sweeping the west - a new wind fanned by greed.

The following are miscellaneous items that have appeared recently, all from the friendly west, and they all prove one point - the west ain't that friendly.
First there was the group for judge and jury, figuratively speaking, in Camrose, Alberta, that decided the baby of the year didn't qualify when it was revealed that the mother wasn't married, so the rightous group took back all the baby gifts. Nice folks.
Recently there was the case of abuse of the mentally incompetent at the Peace River group home for the retarded. They forced a retarded boy to eat Tabasco sauce and stand for 16 hours in front of a sink for refusing to do the dishes. This is called behavior modification by the Albertan psychologists who dreamed the treatment up - it's called abuse of institutional power by me, not to mention plain stupid.
Alberta trimmed \$25 million

dollars off its welfare rolls by refusing assistance to single mothers whose babe reached 4 months of age. Alberta wants to be known as tough on welfare recipients, so why not start with the group least able to defend themselves, mothers and babies.
In passing, we can note that East Smokey county has its own version of the Scopes trial going, with fundamentalists arguing that evolution is only a theory.
Alberta also sports legal gambling casinos and all that goes with them, but it washes its hands clean by insisting a portion of "the mob's" money go to charities. Considering what moves in with organized crime I'd rather struggle along with the charitable donations.
Now I too have relatives in the west and I too know that there are some very nationalistic Canadians in Alberta but, and it's a big one, if the "oil

curtain" is allowed to drop between us, it is a political gesture, not one of the common people. Most of the above incidents are politically oriented.
I believe that King Lougheed is sitting on a tilting throne - tilt as in pinball machines. He acts more like a Puffball than a premier; after all a puffball is something blown out of all proportion.
We need leaders to unite our nation not sub-divided it.
The friendly west - not by a long shot.
Unless Premier Lougheed does some serious reconsideration regarding his blackmail policies, and starts acting like a Canadian for all of Canada, he'll find that he's standing up to the tops of his western boots in great mounds of meadow muffs - and his whole province will permeate an odor that reeks of greed, disloyalty, and a downright lack of patriotism.

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