

# Congratulations to the ICG

Yes, you read the headline correctly: we congratulate the Interested Citizens Group, in that we heartily endorse recent comments by Group leaders to the effect that the ICG has almost single-handedly made Ontario Hydro finally aware of its responsibility to the taxpayer.

Seven years ago when local landowners touched off a major battle against the utility by banding together against the proposed Bruce to Milton transmission corridor, Ontario Hydro was a very different agency than it is today.

In those days, prior to the legislation of new guidelines for the construction of major public facilities and the expropriation of land for them, landowners whose property fell in the path of hydro lines were hard-pressed to defend their livelihood and lifestyle against a powerful crown corporation bent upon expanding its mandate in the "public interest".

Somewhere along the way, the provincial government recognized the need for additional investigations beyond those conducted by Ontario Hydro in justifying its own projects, and the Environmental Assessment Board was born.

The ICG, which had expanded its own scope to include landowners all along the 100-mile long Bruce to Milton corridor, entered the fray prior to the establishment of the Assessment Board and did its best to prove what members believed the Board would have

discovered had it had a chance to study the route in the same way Dr. Ormond Solandt examined the Nanticoke to Pickering corridor, which runs east and west and intersecting with the Bruce line at Milton.

Numerous charges followed, gradually extending the ICG's involvement further until the entire Hydro scenario of over-building and exporting came into focus for Ontario citizens everywhere.

Let us consider those charges no longer, save in historical retrospect: the towers are built and the impressive sight of their stringing will soon be seen.

Let us instead console the hard-working ICG members for taking Hydro to the wall again and again and pointing out the shortcomings in the utility's long-range plans for those willing to listen. The lesson learned by observers is perhaps that Hydro cannot be trusted into itself; that controls are needed.

But the real lesson learned is one that taught Hydro itself, that important responsibilities belong to its planners and negotiators aimed at settling fairly with landowners affected by the big projects.

Thanks to the ICG and certain legislators who support them directly or indirectly, the "power" finally rests in the hands of the citizens.

The seven year's war was not in vain.



## Letter from the Editor

Paul Dorsey

You are now holding in your hands evidence that Herald history has been made this week with the landmark first run of the large, four-unit printing press around which this newspaper's brand new headquarters have been built and upon which a promising future rests.

After several decades of trucking completed, pasted-up "flats" to press facilities in Guelph, Cambridge, Orangeville and elsewhere, The Herald has once again acquired the capability of printing its own product on the premises. The big day came Monday with a ceremonious flourish and the all-important push of the little red button that gets things rolling.

This, of course, is the culmination of months of effort by Herald publisher Bill Evdokimoff and several Thomson Newspapers Company officials to move The Herald into larger, self-contained quarters from its former Main Street office where only job printing took place in recent years.

While we anticipate some initial problems as we gradually convert and adapt to the new printing system here, I expect Herald readers will enjoy certain visual improvements in their weekly newspaper as staffers learn to take

advantage of better production capabilities and a versatile press.

Within the next two weeks, as well, you'll notice three or more new Herald "lifestyle" features that will appear on weekly or monthly bases. The first two have been tentatively scheduled to appear in this week's issue: the first, a special kind of gardening column that we think truly captures the spirit of the season, written by former Herald Terra Cotta correspondent Elli Dryden, and the second, a helpful column on health and beauty hints for those of both sexes interested in maintaining or improving a vigorous, youthful and healthy appearance.

In Elli Dryden, whom you'll come to know in these pages as "Lady Greenthumb", The Herald has found an ideal mixture of informative horticultural and entertaining storyteller. For me, and I'm no aficionado of botany, Mrs. Dryden's columns bring to mind similar writings by a real gardening freak and an amusing writer who used to contribute to Rolling Stone magazine a series of Gardening Hints, the illustrator Ralph Steadman.

While Lady Greenthumb might not entirely appreciate the comparison, I think she shares with Steadman an off-the-wall sense of humor that carries the serious messages across in its almost ethereal way better than any textbook on the subject.

Also on tap is The Beauty Spot, Barb Presswood's regular column named after the local shop of the same name and drawn from the knowledge and expertise of the store's two aestheticians, who, as the world suggests, specialize in what looks good. We're sure our female readers and plenty of their male counterparts will learn much about personal hygiene and how to make it work for themselves in Barb's articles.

A third feature we're hoping to start soon is for the astrology buffs out there, but it's not going to be just another syndicated horoscope guide. Preliminary steps have been taken to arrange a series of personalized astrological columns in which the author, a local resident with eight years' experience reading the "stars", will respond directly to questions and comments mailed to her by Herald readers.

While reader response is most welcome and desirable for all three of these features, I'm most hopeful we'll hear from readers quickly concerning this astrology column. Think it's a good idea? Perhaps you have suggestions to refine it; let us know here at 477-2201. It's just the beginning, folks.

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## Ouellet's pro-Canada speech flawed by infiltration fears

Ottawa Report  
By Stewart MacLeod

Ottawa Bureau of The Herald  
Andre Ouellet is one of those cabinet ministers we rely on -- along with Prime Minister Trudeau and other Quebec MPs -- to carry the federalist message to Quebecers in this crucial referendum campaign.

So when this minister of consumer and corporate affairs, not to mention postmaster general, rose during the Throne Speech debate to present his case, we were naturally all ears. He had followed some powerful predecessors, including Trudeau and Justice Minister Jean Chretien, who had offered a potent mixture of logic and emotion, and since Ouellet tends to be identified with younger Quebecers -- he just turned 41 -- his words would have considerable import.

As it turned out, he did have some compelling things to say. It's a pity they were virtually lost in some of those strident utterances that bordered on hysteria. Stuff like that does the federalist cause no good.

When he set out to remind Quebecers

about the great freedom enjoyed under the Canadian flag, he presented a formidable case, and he presented it well.

**STRONG DEFENCE**  
The simple fact that you will be able to express your feelings secretly and democratically about the future of Quebec within or without Canada shows that you live in one of the freest countries in the world, and I hope that you will remember this and take this freedom into account when you make your choice.

He mounted a strong defence of the federal system, arguing that the two-level government insures "healthy emulation of the interest of people, to provide Canadians with all the services and benefits they require." And the referendum is being held "because there are people in the Canadian government who allow that kind of freedom of thought, freedom of action, freedom of contestation to go on."

Ouellet can cut an impressive figure on any speaker's platform, and while he maintained this theme he obviously had an attentive audience. It's too bad he ruined his presentation with all that hyperbole about separatist infiltrations.

He can't have it both ways. If we are a free country, permitting political parties of all philosophies, then we can't really begin screaming because adherents of one particular viewpoint begin "infiltrating" our institutions. But Ouellet seemed to be almost on the verge of screaming.

**THEY'RE EVERYWHERE**  
The separatists, he declared, "have infiltrated everywhere in Quebec, in all

quarters, at all levels, in the area of education first, then in the area of information, in the artistic community, of course, in the trade union realm, in the agricultural world, in the provincial public service and also in the federal public service, in intermediary bodies, in professional organizations, in social clubs and even in charitable organizations."

For years, he said, Quebecers have "suffered, endured and tolerated a subtle sneaky and Machiavellian campaign bent on downgrading Canadian identity, Canadian federalism, Canadian institutions..."

"There is no doubt that if these people had tried to do this in any other country around the world, they would have been soaked, they would have been clubbed, they would have been jailed... more still, in a number of countries, they would have been shot."

It's not necessary to disagree with everything Ouellet says to have doubts about whether he is properly attuned to present-day Quebec. We are no longer concerned with a handful of infiltrating fanatics, but a legitimate political party which won an overwhelming victory in 1976 and whose referendum campaign seems to be supported by roughly half the province's people.

The danger in Ouellet's approach is that his wise and considered words on Canadian freedoms may be lost among the rubble of those infiltration stories that, to many, will seem 20 years out of date.

## Grossman books Minaki room taxpayers get bill for \$23 m.

Queen's Park Bureau of The Herald

Not too often does NDP Leader Michael Cassidy utter publicly what must be the private sentiment of more than one Conservative cabinet minister.

But that's the story of Minaki Lodge, the white elephant wilderness hotel in Ontario's Northwest that the government acquired in 1974.

"Clearly with hindsight the decision was wrong from the start," Cassidy said about the government's attempt to upgrade the hotel and transform it into a going concern.

He spoke just after industry and tourism minister Larry Grossman announced he was pouring another \$13 million into making the resort function.

That's in addition to the \$10 million already spent in the last six years modernizing what in 1926 was Canadian Pacific's Northwest equivalent of its Banff Springs hotel.

Naturally Grossman wasn't as blunt as Cassidy when he had to face reporters intrigued by the government's willingness to more than double its losses on a very iffy business.

**NO SALE**  
But he did admit that he wished government wasn't in the hotel business. Unfortunately for Grossman it is too late for regrets.

Attempts to sell the hotel have floundered on the single point that the private sector too has doubts about it being a winner.

The best deal Grossman could come up with has the government retaining ownership and paying an American chain, Radisson Hotels, \$100,000 a year and 10 per cent of gross annual profits to operate the resort.

Projections show the lodge making \$600,000 within seven years, of which Radisson will pocket slightly under half, Grossman indicated.

He added, with classic understatement, that "it's both a business gamble and a political gamble."

If nothing else the prestige of Northern Affairs Minister Lee Bernier is so totally committed to getting the complex operating that he would likely have to resign if his cabinet colleagues humiliated him by writing it off.

Minaki is in Bernier's riding, and he had a large influence in committing the government to the project in the first place.

The theory, as repeated again by Grossman, is that the hotel can form the "focal point for tourist development" in the far Northwest, as well as provide badly needed local employment.

**CHANGING TIMES**  
But perhaps most important in the original decision to "save" Minaki when its private owner went bankrupt was the climate of the times, the belief in 1974 government could succeed fairly cheaply in business where a private operator could not.

If nothing else the last few years appear to have laid that idea to rest.

Still, since the government today is already in a \$10 million dive off the high

tower, it might as well finish the plunge into the red, complete the hotel, write off its capital costs, and have it run profitably.

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Halton's History  
From our files

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**—As has been said before, Terra Cotta is getting more like New York all the time. It is rumored that the Main Street will be widened. Also, it is expected that the highway through here will be paved. Daily bus service is a great improvement. All good roads lead to Terra Cotta.

Everett Barnhill, postmaster and proprietor of a general store at Norval for more than 40 years, succumbed to a heart attack at his home May 7. He had been in ill health for some time. Mr. Barnhill was one of Norval's best-known residents and he will be greatly missed from his accustomed place of business at the main corner.

Dave Saxe received a large salmon trout this week, sent to him by an ardent fan of Bucko McDonald's who had the temerity to bet on a losing team this year. The trout was sent by a friend of Dave's at Port Sydney, where the Saxe summer cottage is located.

John Wayne, rougher, tougher and more romantic than ever, stars as "The Fighting Kentuckian" also showing, "History Brought to Life" and "Toy Tinklers".

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**—A new factory with 40,000 square foot area floor will be in operation in Georgetown by mid-September. Negotiations have been completed between P. Graham Bell Associates and Delrex Developments for purchase of 7.7 acres at the corner of Armstrong and Sinclair in the Delrex industrial area. The new building will more than double the capacity of the industry, which has been operating for two years in a rented building on King Street.

Georgetown council has received applications from 22 men for the advertised position of police constable. The addition will boost the present seven-man force to eight. Nine of the applicants are town or district residents. The balance of the applications came from other centres, including one from Niagara Falls, N.Y.

A record-shattering attendance greeted this year's Rotary Club Show Boat. It was reported Monday by Logan MacDonald, who was in charge of ticket sales. The Rotary-sponsored review staged for the first time in the spacious high school gymnasium, drew well over 1,400 to its four performances, according to Mr. MacDonald.

In a letter to council, Police Chief Roy Halsey said that since attending a council meeting and listening to the budget debate, he has received an insight into the town's 1960 budget problems. He said he now wishes to withdraw his acceptance of a recently-granted four per cent salary increase, which was "under protest" and now wishes to accept the increase "with thanks".

"I've audited the town books for 25 years and I think you need a change," said I.A. Lever as he tendered his resignation from the position Monday night after presenting his 1959 report to council.

The two men arrested for theft of \$4,056 during an armed robbery at the Royal Bank at Hillsburgh April 12 were sentenced to ten years each in Kingston Reformatory, when they appeared in Guelph Police Court last week. The two men entered the bank shortly after noon opening and, waving a rifle and revolver, scooped the money from the cash drawer. After shutting the manager and three members of his staff in the vault, they made their getaway in a car parked near the bank.

**TEN YEARS AGO**—Georgetown's hovercraft, "The Penguin", so named because it is equally at home on land, water or snow, just returned from stealing the limelight at a compact car show in Brantford. Designer and builder John Schwingshandl appeared on the Brantford radio station to describe and explain his invention.

A regional hospital study of Halton and Peel counties recommends that Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital be expanded by 40 beds.

Felix Hughes, president of the Georgetown Jaycees, received the Outstanding President's award at the Ajax Spring Conference. Mr. Hughes was presented with the Tinkaluck trophy at the conference. The award is given to the president whose unit scores highest on a points system. Points are awarded to the number of successful projects run and the membership increase.

Fallout shelters should be mandatory in all new buildings, says Georgetown Deputy Reeve Arthur Speight. The subject of shelters from atomic radiation arose at a county council session yesterday when a report of the Emergency Measures Organization revealed that a fallout protection survey is in progress.

Ten University of Toronto students are spending this week living in an old forge at Terra Cotta, studying the village and surrounding area. Peel County Council has approved the use of the historic landmark after Professor Frank Milus said his students became interested in Terra Cotta as a result of the road-widening controversy.

Barbara Brotherton, local flying femme, took off Monday morning from Island Airport on the first leg of the Angel Derby, an air race open only to women which ended in Nassau yesterday. Results were not available at press time. Barb and her co-pilot, Elaine Magee, flew a Bellanca super Viking, provided by Percy Schneider of Milverton, sole Canadian distributor for the Bellanca aircraft.

Holes-in-one are rare, but holes-in-one by women golfers are rarer. A North Halton Golf and Country Club member, Toots Burns, accomplished the feat on Thursday. She used a 7 iron on the par three ninth hole to loft a 165 yard tee shot that dropped on the green and rolled into the cup.

A quantity of Hashish estimated to be worth about \$300 was picked up by Georgetown police in the downtown area Monday night. Several persons have been interrogated, but no arrests had been made at press time. The hashish was packaged in several small bags.

**ONE YEAR AGO**—A show of solidarity and strength by five of Georgetown's hockey and figure skating organizations has persuaded town council to reconsider its two-month old decision to increase ice rental rates at the municipality's three arenas. Confronted by a gallery packed with hockey and figure skating fans Monday night, council refused to abandon the rate hike, scheduled for implementation in September, but agreed to arrange a special meeting of all concerned where, as recreation director Glen Gray put it, a "middle of the road approach" can be pursued.

In what is being hailed by corridor opponents as a landmark admission by the government, Premier William Davis has conceded that the route of Ontario Hydro's Bruce to Milton transmission corridor was never studied by the 1973 Solandt Royal Commission, as officials have repeatedly said in the past.

A heated debate on the semantics of bureaucracy produced some angry remarks about the value of 21 consultants' reports being prepared for Halton regional council last week. Council members spent much of their meeting last Wednesday debating the comparative suitability of the terms "accepted" and "adopted", which were being juggled in a public works committee recommendation before council. The recommendation was ultimately sent back to the committee for further consideration.

Concern over the extent to which municipal control can be exercised has prompted town council to reject plans for the \$1 million Croatian-Canadian recreational and cultural complex proposed for development near Norval. A 7-5 vote Monday night saw council overturn last week's planning board recommendation and reject a proposal by Toronto-area Croatian-Canadians to develop a 160-acre farm off Winston Churchill Boulevard south of Norval as a social, recreational and cultural centre.

Town council is again being urged to establish a Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) which would select Halton Hills buildings for designation by council as historical sites. Although rejected by the town's 1977-78 council, the LACAC proposal was re-introduced Monday night, and this time referred to municipal staff for a feasibility study.

## Police Week

It was 81 years ago this week that police in North America first undertook what has become one of the main facets of their job: New York City constables hailed motorist Jacob German to the side of a city street and slapped an arrest notice on him for hurtling along at 12 miles an hour in his electric-powered cab.

This bit of trivia has nothing to do with the reason why officials of two different Canadian organizations have chosen May 1 to May 7 Respect for Law Week and May 11 to 17 as Police Week, but it does bring to mind one of those every-day occurrences that keep

the police busy in Halton Hills and elsewhere.

Unfortunately for many pedestrians and a lot of motorists, too, cars no longer drive at 12 miles an hour on the open road and the radar traps become necessary to slow unthinking drivers down a little.

The point is, of course, that the best way to observe the Georgetown Optimists' Respect for Law Week and the Ontario Police Association's Police Week is to obey the law. Who knows, anyone who considers this concept foreign to their lifestyles might end up finding the practice habit-forming.