

About the Hills

Joe couldn't make it

Progressive Conservative Opposition leader Joe Clark was to have made an informal visit to Brampton-Georgetown riding yesterday (Tuesday), but more pressing business in the House of Commons forced him to cancel plans. The riding's MP, John McDermid, invited newspaper and radio news editors from around the district Monday to attend a late afternoon session at the Brampton Golf Club, during which the former prime minister was to have answered questions about current issues. Mr. Clark was then to have met with area Tory supporters in his riding. A phonecall from Mr. Clark's office later the same day, however, apologized for his inability to make the meetings.

Urban studies underway

Terms of reference for Georgetown's urban area review were accepted by Halton regional council last Wednesday, officially launching the \$17,400 study to determine what sort of industry should be located in the community and where it should go. Regional and town staff are already working with five major developers in the area, as well as Gore and Storrie Consultants on a \$110,000 sewer and sewage treatment study aimed at determining the true sewage capacity at the Georgetown plant.

Daycare fees up

Parents making use of Halton regional child care services have noticed a slight increase in the daily charges. Rates increased 15 cents from \$1.40 at the beginning of the month.

Caledon bridge results

Results of Caledon Bridge Club, January 7: 1. Gord Burbridge and Jim Paterson, 2. Steve Young and Danny Ioannidis, 3. Diane and Stan Everingham. Results of January 8, N.S. 1. Lyn and Ray Wilton, 2. Stan Everingham and Gord Burbridge, 3. George Marr and John Franklin. E.W. 1. Naureen and Des Devereaux, 2. Diane Everingham and Pat Burbridge, 3. Shirley Austin and Tanya Blatnick.

A new Herald feature

Perennial confrontations

EDITOR'S NOTE: Recently appointed to both Halton region's Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee and the Halton Hills Committee of Adjustment, Georgetown's Grant Lee is combining his personal interest in preserving the quality of the Halton environment with a sense of community commitment. In this first installment of what is hoped to become a regular Herald feature, Mr. Lee examines one aspect of the work he's involved in. A Fergus native, Mr. Lee obtained a Master of Arts degree in geography from the University of Guelph's Centre for Resource Development. He is now researcher for the provincial ministry of natural resources.

This spring when fishing season opens on many inland streams, fishermen must be careful about whose back forty they are on while fishing for trout. Our new Trespass to Property Act provides for stiff penalties if fishermen are charged and convicted of trespassing.

To many fishermen, this new legislation may appear as an unwelcome obstacle for continued enjoyment of many inland streams, since it is clear that landowners have been provided with

greater control of public access to their property. Since the rights of landowners to control access to the recreational fishery on their property has been reinforced by this legislation, it seems appropriate that fishermen begin to understand and appreciate the attitudes of landowners toward the use of their property.

Through this approach, continued use of popular trout streams might be assured for many more seasons to the satisfaction of fishermen as well as landowners.

Research has shown that, in general, most rural landowners are willing to allow some degree of access to the fishery on their property. Their attitudes toward sport fishing access vary widely, but they've been shown to be related to the use that they make of their stream bank property, the location of their place of work, and whether they were raised in cities or rural areas. Reasons why these factors are related to the attitudes of landowners are under investigation and may provide answers to resolve many access problems in frequently-fished portions of streams.

There is also ongoing research into the behavior of people using privately-owned property for outdoor recrea-

tion. Information obtained from this research can provide some insight into why landowners hold varied attitudes and react the way they do to irresponsible and often destructive activity. For example, littering is frequently used to explain the reactions of landowners who prohibit access to their property. However, many landowners are more concerned about the destruction of vegetation causing erosion of banks and general environmental degradation. Some landowners complain of threats and actual physical abuse by trespassing fishermen and many have had personal property stolen or damaged. It seems reasonable to expect that fishing opportunities can be increased or improved if the behavior of many fishermen is modified to the satisfaction of landowners.

Considering the reported abuses and intrusions on the rights and lifestyles of many rural landowners, it's not surprising that the new Trespass to Property Act has apparently been widely accepted by them. However, legislation in itself will not resolve the access problem for many landowners, as well as for fishermen, since it serves only to regulate the use of private property and is based upon the concept of

resolution through confrontation.

Perhaps it's time that both users and owners recognize the value and importance of the recreational fishery and treat it with the respect it deserves.

If so, a crucial first step to achieve this end would be for fishermen to understand why landowners have the attitudes they do toward fishing access and show some responsibility and respect toward the use of privately-owned property, thereby reducing the possibility for confrontation.

This spring, perhaps fishermen could begin by getting to know the person whose back forty they enjoy fishing on by asking permission to use the stream rather than risking an unnecessary meeting through the law. Research shows that the chances are good permission will be granted.

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