

Fitting name for new theatre

It is a time for admiration and reflection, as well as gratitude, when the community pays tribute to one of its most respected citizens.

Posthumous honors to former mayors like John Armstrong and Joseph Gibbons, founding fathers like George Kennedy and community organizers like Gordon Alcott have reminded Georgetown residents that the facilities and lifestyles they enjoy today are the legacies of several key individuals who years ago took the time to think about their town's future.

Such is the case with the late John Elliott, in whose honor the theatre portion of the new arts complex has been named.

The official designation of the John Elliott Theatre was prompted directly by a substantial donation from his estate to the arts complex fund, but there are more pertinent reasons making the new facility's name an undeniably fitting tribute.

A Royal Canadian Navy veteran who set himself up in business after serving as CN station master in town, Mr. Elliott was one of those peculiarly concerned private citizens who went public with a bid for town council. His interest and involvement in the community rose steadily over the next seven years.

As councillor, deputy reeve and reeve, Mr. Elliott was a member of several organizational and legislative civic bodies which helped lay the groundwork for Halton Hills as we know it today; he even helped plan the regional administration building.

As a founding member of the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service and a volunteer worker for the local Red Cross and Children's Aid Society branches, he helped establish

the well-practiced network of essential social services upon which a smaller community like Georgetown must depend.

As a member of the Royal Canadian Legion's Branch 120, the Lions Club and the Jaycees, Mr. Elliott helped lay the cultural framework on which Georgetown's service clubs continue to build, whether bringing in annual entertainment or raising funds for causes in need.

As the founder of Georgetown Terminal Warehouse on Armstrong Avenue, which his widow and children still operate, Mr. Elliott established something of a precedent for innovative (and family-run!) businesses, his plant quickly extending itself into the book distribution trade.

The involvement of his two daughters in the Terminal Warehouse is only partially indicative of the family legacy Mr. Elliott has contributed. Both Lois and Brenda are deeply involved in the fine arts, the former as a singer in her own right and the latter, recently, as a major fundraiser for the arts complex. Their efforts in both areas reflect their father's own love of music as well as business.

Finally, there is the promise of twin scholarship funds being established by the Elliott family for Georgetown high school students, one in theatre arts and one in music. They are an investment in the community's cultural future, involving financial encouragement that could eventually put some talented local young people on the stage of the theatre that bears Mr. Elliott's name.

Our grateful thanks to the Elliott family, and our sincere appreciation for the late community leader's foresight. We'll all benefit from it.

About the Hills

Senior cops talk with commission

The new association of senior Halton police officers is still negotiating with the Halton Police Commission, and doesn't expect quick results.

"We haven't set a date for our next meeting. We're taking our time," said Inspector John Barratt of Burlington, secretary of the new association. "These things take time and we're not in a rush."

The senior officers opted to split from the Halton Regional Police Association early in the year and form their own association. Since then, they've been negotiating terms of reference with the police commission.

Senior officers include policemen holding the rank of inspector up to deputy chief. They can also be civilians in supervisory or confidential positions. The deputy chief and chief cannot belong to the association, because they are excluded by the Ontario Police Act.

Mountsberg Harvest Festival Oct. 3 to Nov. 1

Mountsberg Wildlife Centre's 1981 Harvest Festival runs from Oct. 3 to Nov. 1, offering a wide range of attractions each weekend as well as Thanksgiving Day, Oct. 12. A pioneer apple festival features apple pancakes and hot apple cider, a cider pressing demonstration introduced by puppets, horse-drawn wagon rides, bluegrass music, square dancing, bird banding and apple contests as well as slides, films and brochures. For more information, call the Halton Region Conservation Authority weekdays at 878-4131 or the Centre itself weekends at 854-2276.

CRTC hearings on Cable TV

Halton Cable Systems Ltd., Channel 4, will cover the first three weeks of hearings by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) on pay television. Cable TV subscribers can watch the proceedings now underway from Hull, Quebec, each day from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2 to 6 p.m., with a possibility of evening sessions. Licenses to operate pay TV systems are expected to be awarded to at least one of the 28 applicants appearing before the Commission.

Small business seminar tonight

St. John's United Church on Oakville's Dunn Street holds its 14th annual exhibition and sale of art, crafts and antiques Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Some 25 craftsmen and 20 artists and painters, as well as ten antique dealers, will display their wares, the artwork being previewed Oct. 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults, 25 cents for students, and all proceeds go to charitable organizations through World Outreach. Call 844-1756 for more information.

Going on 'Holly Day'

The Halton Lung Association will hold "Holly Day" Dec. 12. Volunteers throughout town will exchange fresh holly for a contribution. There are many programs needing funding, the Association notes, which help provide a better, healthier way of life for the community.

Badly bitten livestock account

Dogs and wolves have done a considerable amount of damage to livestock in Halton Hills, a deficit in the town's livestock damages claims account indicates. Covering farmers' claims for sheep, cows, rabbits, and chickens which have been killed by wandering dogs or wolves has cost the town and the province about \$4,300 so far this year. Payments to date exceed the town's livestock claims budget by \$2,467.



FERRIS WHEEL FUN

No federalist apologies as Claude Ryan changes tune



Ottawa Report

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English-Canadian eyebrows swept skyward when Quebec Liberal Leader Claude Ryan stood before his party's general council and, without mincing a single word, declared that anglophones who continue to hope for language equality in that province are living in a designated dreamland.

Such equality, he announced, simply will never occur.

And the astute Liberal leader didn't stop there either. He relieved himself of one of the strongest speeches he has ever delivered about provincial rights and the need for voters to put the interest of Quebec ahead of other incidental considerations.

"We must not forget our primary commitment is first and foremost to Quebec," he told his audience. "We must clearly affirm our intention to build in Quebec a distinctly French society."

Premier Rene Levesque, who has much more practice in this field, could not have said it better himself. And

perhaps it was because Ryan sounded so much like Levesque that the eyebrows were raised from one end of Canada to the other.

The Globe and Mail, for instance, plastered Ryan's comments over its front page. And the CBC has a field day asking the Liberal leader to explain his apparent conversion to Quebec nationalism.

NOTHING NEW

What the former newspaper publisher explained, in patient detail, was that he was merely changing emphasis. When his full text was examined, he would say, there was really nothing very revolutionary in what he had said. All he was doing was reminding his followers that they were Quebecers. And, yes, he was still a committed federalist and, yes, he still opposed Levesque's sovereignty-association. You see, it's a very delicate situation when you get into discussion about Quebec nationalism and Ryan had to be extremely careful with his explanations.

But I suspect that, if he had his druthers and if he weren't afraid of being misinterpreted, he would have said that this speech, in possibly stronger terms, should have been delivered a year ago. Had Claude Ryan taken that type of approach into the last provincial election campaign he might well be premier of Quebec today.

Instead, he continued to fight the sovereignty-association referendum, devoting an inordinate amount of time

to the defence of federalism while permitting Levesque the political luxury of putting Quebec first.

And all the time that Ryan was mounting credible defence on behalf of federalism, Levesque was accusing him of being nothing more than a spokesman for Pierre Trudeau. Given the circumstances, it was a difficult accusation to shrug off.

TOO LATE

It's intriguing to wonder just what might have happened if Ryan had entered that election campaign with that stirring Quebec-first speech that has finally come to his lips. Had he spent less time trying to be philosophical about renewed federalism, and more time talking about protecting the jurisdictional rights of Quebecers - with no ifs, ands or buts - things would have been far more difficult for Levesque. What the campaign was reduced to was a Quebec nationalist fighting an almost apologetic federalist.

As Ryan himself said: "With its false and insidious propaganda the PQ has often succeeded in twisting our real purpose so that important segments of the population believe we are reactionaries who would put Quebec back into the stone age."

Now that Ryan has obviously set out to counter this propaganda, Quebec's political oratory might never be quite the same again. In other words, we might not hear much more about federalism. But then again, perhaps that's the only way federalism can win.

Elgie ties labor equality to his managers' futures



Queen's Park

By Derek
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With plenty of blarney and just a touch of the whip, Labor Minister Robert Elgie continues his crusade to impose employment quotas on this province. He denies that is what they are, of course.

His latest exercise was a speech to chief executive officers of 63 companies employing large numbers of women which almost orders them to implement affirmative action programs to benefit women.

Elgie explained the government's own affirmative action program for females along the following lines:

Every ministry must "establish annual numerical planning targets for hiring and promotion of qualified women into areas where they are under-represented."

This aim is far beyond any ideal of establishing equal opportunity. Planning targets are quotas pure and simple. If a group is "under-represented" now,

there must be some magic number where it suddenly becomes "represented."

To make the government's own managers fill these quotas, which are reset annually, Elgie gives them an incredible incentive - their futures.

GOALSSET

"The performance appraisal of managers will be tied to their success" in meeting the target quotas, Elgie said. That means the manager's own promotion is on the line if he misses the goals set.

Elgie proceeded to tell the chief executive officers that the private sector must join the affirmative action team.

"We have the opportunity to undertake corrective action because it is a rational business practice - not just because the government ordered it," he said.

"I hope we can proceed on this assumption, but I shall continue to review both the distribution and the incomes of women in the Ontario labor force to determine the pace of progress under our voluntary system," he warned.

One can bet that the next step is if the results don't match whatever preconceived income and participation rates Elgie has fixed in his head.

SOME LOSE

United States economist Thomas Sowell has documented the tragedy of 10 years of American affirmative action programs with the same kind of

employment "goals and timetables" Elgie urges.

He concentrates on the affect upon blacks (perhaps because Sowell himself is black), and reaches the conclusion that essentially upper class blacks benefit and lower class blacks lose from affirmative action.

Highly qualified blacks are increasingly in demand for the available spaces, while for those near average the demand decreased, since what managers want to gamble in the face of government action, potential lawsuits for discrimination, and his or her own career?

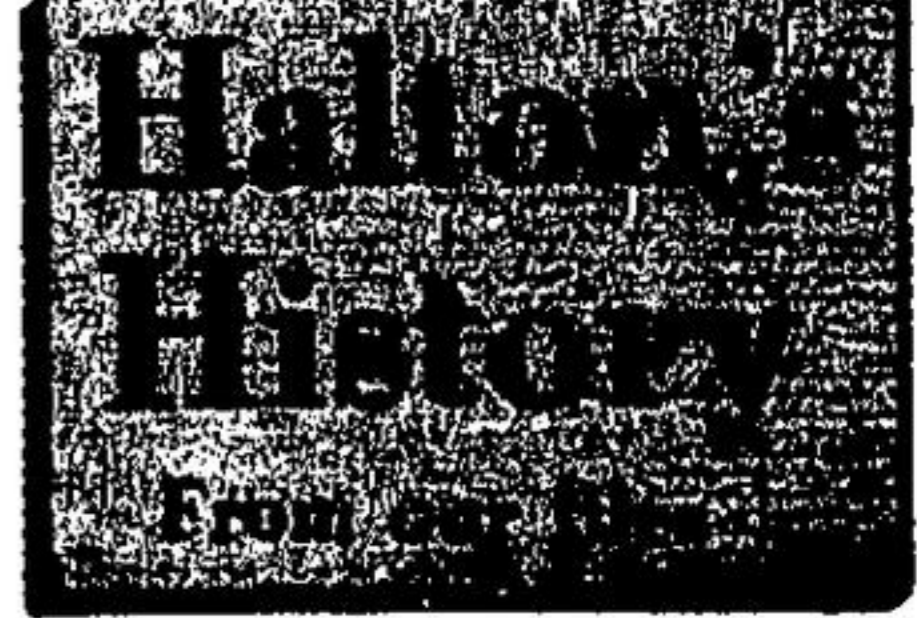
BIG DIFFERENCE
For example, between 1967 and 1978 the income of college-educated, work-experienced black males climbed from 74 per cent of equivalent white incomes to almost identical.

Meanwhile, work-experienced black males with less than 12 years of schooling saw their incomes drop relative to equivalent whites from 79 per cent to 69 per cent.

The demands of the market work even with people.

Removing barriers for the advancement of women who wish to pursue careers is long overdue. (Why isn't Elgie, for example, urging on cabinet tax breaks for companies that establish day-care facilities at the job site?)

But the extra step of compulsory targets or quotas changes the dream of equal opportunity into the evil of equal statistical results.



THIRTY YEARS AGO—A 1936 DeSoto with less than 500 miles on a rebuilt motor, in good condition throughout, is selling for \$325, according to a classified ad.

St. George's Church has a new choirmaster. Mr. William F. Bradley has relinquished his position and his son-in-law Bruce Harding has been appointed choirmaster in his place.

Main Street continues to change. In one week, B.F. Murlin closed his furnace and sheet metal headquarters and moved to Toronto. P.F. Blackburn, one of the oldest clothing businesses was sold to a man from Toronto. Henry Helfant is opening a new clothing store in the Cordaro Building on Main Street called Henry's Cut-Rate Store. Bell Telephone Company announced they have bought the Ruston property and plan erecting a building on the site for the new dial system.

TWENTY YEARS AGO—High school board members are looking for a name for Georgetown's proposed composite school. The building will be a vocational, academic and technical school all in one.

A decision on Main Street lighting is to be reached soon. At present, dummy islands have been erected in a test plan and street lighting is by strands of bulbs which criss-cross the street at intervals.

One of the best horse shows in years, a well-contested cattle show and an outstanding exhibit of flowers highlighted Georgetown's 115th annual fall fair Saturday.

The Honorable Louis Ceele, minister of welfare, cut the ribbon opening the addition to Halton Centennial Manor, a home for the aged. The manor now has a 235-bed capacity, a library, auditorium, chapel, barber shop and beauty salon.

Traffic hazards for children in the Stewarttown district were protested by the Esqueping Women's Institute in a letter to the Esqueping township council Monday night. The narrow hilly roads and the big fast moving trucks were the cause of concern. "The suction from one of these big trucks is enough to pull a child off his feet," the letter claimed. Council is going to discuss it with the school board.

TEN YEARS AGO—Minor house league hockey in Georgetown will be operated by the Georgetown Recreation Committee this winter. Branch 120 of the Royal Canadian Legion has ended its 17 years of operating and sponsoring Kid Hockey. The Legion dropped its sponsorship because of increased rental rates for the Memorial Arena ice, announced in mid-August.

Georgetown council won't turn over \$18,000 which the Halton Board of Education claims belongs to them. The money is in a trust fund and was accumulated when Robert Lane developed a subdivision in the old Cedarvale orchard. It was originally to be used to acquire school property for Georgetown. Georgetown schools are now administered by a county board and have passed out of local jurisdiction. Reeve Ric Morrow told a council committee meeting Monday that the town has no legal obligation to turn over the money to the board, but perhaps a moral obligation. Other councillors felt the money had been intended for use in Georgetown and should remain the property of the town.

Young courier pilots plunged down Maple Avenue Hill Sunday afternoon in the G.T. Motor Sports Club's first annual Grand Prix for soap box racers.

Set yearly salaries for councillors and members of the planning board, committee of adjustment and the recreation committee suggests a report made to a committee meeting Monday by Reeve Ric Morrow. His plan was endorsed by all councillors present except one. The reeve proposes that councillors receive a flat \$2,500 yearly replacing the present \$30 for each council and committee meeting they attend. He would set planning board remuneration at \$550 and \$400 for the other two boards. With the mayor's yearly salary of \$4,500, this would amount to a total bill of \$24,500 for council, \$3,300 for planning board, and \$2,000 each for the other two boards. Councillors serving on these boards would not get extra pay. Their \$2,500 would cover all remuneration for public service. The primary reason for the change would be to have an accurate budget estimate each year, impossible when meeting fees are paid. Also it would be \$1,500 less than budgeted for salaries this year.

The University Women's Club had their inaugural meeting Sept. 7. The newly formed club is a chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women.

ONE YEAR AGO—A second proposal to scrap the Halton region's equalized sewer surcharge rate poses a strong threat to regional solidarity. Burlington councillor Joan Allingham's recommendation calling on Halton to revert to the old "charge-back" format whereby the region's different municipalities pick up their own sewage tabs was passed by the sewer rate committee Monday and will go before council Wednesday. The recommendation is expected to be defeated by regional council. It would increase Halton Hills' tax bill in 1982, and decrease the tax bill for Burlington residents.

The resignation of business development director Bill Marshall last week means a head hunt for the region to fill the top administrative position.

The Georgetown Volunteer Firefighters Association is asking for donations for a new machine called the Jaws of Life. It is used to free victims trapped in auto accidents and costs \$10,000.

The Ministry of Health has ended its recall of apple cider produced at Lloyd Laidlaw Orchard Farms in Norval. The ministry investigation indicated that 40 gallons of apple drink produced at the Laidlaw Farm Sept. 6 was linked to the mysterious kidney ailment that sent 14 youngsters to the Hospital for Sick Children two weeks ago. Lab tests showed only one specific batch of cider was linked to the potentially fatal disease.

The Raiders opened their 1980-81 regular season with a pair of victories against Collingwood Friday night and Barrie Saturday.

Despite a numbing wind and drizzle, attendance was good at the Georgetown Fall Fair. Hilda Stein won 50 prizes for her efforts, 37 of them for flower arranging and the rest for baked goods and a water color painting.

Nick Hunsley and Dolly Moulden both announced their intention to seek the Ward two seat on Halton regional council, opposing Russell Miller. Mr. Miller was acclaimed to the seat in 1978.

POET'S CORNER

In Loving Memory

The city lights are gleaming,
The soft winds whisper by,
The moon is slowly rising
High in a starlit sky.
Through silent mist and memories
Dear,
My heart is calling you
To say, "Dear Friend, I loved you,
Better than I knew."
You have crossed the shadowed valley

Adieu, Old Friend, Adieu,
I'll miss your smile of greeting
Your friendship good and true.
Somewhere beyond the sunset,
Somewhere beyond the blue,
The bells will toll "I loved you,
Better than I knew."
We talked about our homeland
Of folks we knew so well,
The beauties of the large brass

Where nature loved to dwell,
We planned to see the hawthorne tree
The wild rose on the briar
And stroll again by River Roe,
This was our hearts desire.
But all in fancy I'll be there
To view those scenes with you,
Where winds will sing, "I loved you,
Better than I knew."
We shall not pass this way again,

You've crossed the Great Divide,
And there amidst God's Heavenly
Host,
I know that you abide.
And as you entered Heaven's Gates
To join God's chosen few,
The Angels sang, "We loved you, Jim,
Better than you know."

—By Margaret King
Georgetown