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Investing in our business future

So much to lose, so little to gain

It certainly raises our feelings of self-importance as a community when we see publications from Halton region promoting the virtues of life and commerce in Halton Hills.

There's a brand new "Halton Report" being mailed out to some 5,000 readers inside and outside the region, and Halton's business development director, Matthew Fischer, showed his mettle as a convincing promoter at Monday's meeting of the Halton Hills general committee, asking town councillors to support a massive advertising campaign boasting of Halton's merits among businesses and industries.

We've gone on record before as questioning the value of Mr. Fischer's elaborate corporate promotion scheme, introduced last fall. Our main concern then was just how much benefit will this scheme hold for Halton Hills, compared to the obvious potential good it will do Oakville and Burlington.

It's clear from the "Halton Report", a periodical just launched by Mr. Fischer's office, that our big-city neighbors to the south have more to offer businesses interested in locating in Halton, Acton's and Georgetown's problem with attracting new industrial-commercial investment remains a matter of ability, and as last week's Herald editorial pointed out, we in Halton Hills are all awaiting those critical sewage plant study results from the ministry of environment.

Until Halton Hills' ability to accommodate new growth - residential as well as industrial - is determined. we have noted previously, the extent of our support for Mr. Fischer's campaign must remain undecided.

So it was with much dismay that we heard Mr. Fischer ask Halton Hills Monday night for \$10,000 toward the

print advertising campaign he's devised. We agree with Mayor Pete Pomeroy that \$10,000 is not a great amount where there is a good possibility it will attract essential business assessment, but it bothers us a great deal that Oakville and Burlington are being asked for exactly

the same amount. Our third Halton neighbor, the town of Milton, is in more or less the same boat as Halton Hills, but stands to gain a great deal over the next few years with its ambitious Highway 401 industrial park. Milton, too, will be asked for \$10,000 for adver-

Our real sentiments are shared by Coun. Harry Levy, head of town council's budget committee, who just doesn't feel it's right for us little guys in the north to be matching investments with those big, more successful boys in the south. They can afford larger contributions by virtue of their larger populations, and clearly have much more to gain from any regionalized advertising plan.

Fischer Mr. himself acknowledged Monday that Halton Hills' "biggest challenge is getting its land zoned and serviced" for new industry. Needless to say, Burlington and Oakville have large tracts of land ready and waiting for outside investment.

So it seems to us that financial support for Mr. Fischer's plan should perhaps be arranged on a per capita basis, so that every man, woman and child in the area municipalities will be contributing the same amount through taxes.

Even so, we'd like to caution Mr. Fischer again that the "small fish in the big pond" of Halton are expecting a great deal from his office. Hopefully, a ruling on our sewage plants will give him the opportunity to meet those expectations.



How a little streamlining makes MPs' salary hike easy



Ottawa Report By Stewart

MacLeod

Ottewa Hureau

of The Herald While the federal government is preparing a tough new stand against inflationary wage demands in the public sector, and while our attention is otherwise focused on soaring unemployment, our Members of Parliament are preparing to cash fattened pay

It will be done very smoothly, this 11 per cent increase. There will be no debate, no arguments, no protests. The salary and tax-free expense allowance for MPs will rise to a total of about \$65,000-a-year without the slightest fanfare. No messy bargaining, no threatened strikes, no problems.

There is just no sign of any labor

Queen's

Park

By Derek

unrest in Parliament.

These smooth, unannounced pay increases, were built into the system last summer when Parliament, with embarrassingly little debate, approved salary increases retroactive to the last election and, in future, pegged to the cost-of-living Index. This means that salaries automatically goup in tandem with inflation each year, and with any luck they will be largely overlooked. **BIG INCREASE**

Incidentally, with the new increase coming in the next few weeks, it will mean that the total income of MPs will have risen about 38 per cent since the 1960 general election. At the moment, they receive \$43,800 in basic salary plus \$14,700 in tax-free expense allowances. The forthcoming increase will push the basic salary up to \$48,600, or thereabouts, while the expense allowance goes up to \$15,200. And that, by my reckoning, adds up to the \$64,800.

When elected to this Parliament in 1980, the total was \$47,000. And so far we've been dealing only with ordinary MPs. The salary increases for those with special duties

are even more attractive. Take the prime minister. After the 1980 election, which returned him to office, he was receiving a total of \$87,500. Now, when the new increase goes into effect, he will be getting about \$120,000.

Province moves to dump

As opposition leader after the 1960

The salary of New Democratic Party Leader Ed Broadbent, which totalled \$54,000 when this Parliament began, now will reach about \$87,000.

secretaries, all 28 of them, who help cabinet ministers in the Commons. Their total income will rise to about \$73,000, compared with the \$53,400 they earned at the beginning of 1980.

And let's not forget the Senators. They are also part of this slick new indexed wage program and, as a result, they will soon be getting \$48,618 in salary plus \$7,900 in tax-free

I don't know how that would work out on an hourly basis, but the figure would be absolutely staggering.

Until the MPs approved this salary scheme last summer, it was all very messy for MPs to give themselves a raise, and they would squirm with embarrassment during the debates. But those uncomfortable moments are gone forever with this indexed plan. It sure beats compulsory arbi-

election, Joe Clark received \$71,200. Now, his income will be going up to about \$102,000. This, incidentally, will also be the salaries of all cabinet ministers and Commons Speaker Jeanne Sauve. SENATORS TOO

Then there are the parliamentary

and wasn't done in past years because

everyone thought general property tax

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piecemeal reform is taking place

municipality by municipality, 349 of

the 837 In the province having taken

along, because that would mean ending

the horrendous property tax inequities

that exist in the city. (First World War

veteran lots are still assessed as

though the veteran lived on it. for

touch the basic inequities, but it has hit

perhaps 10 per cent of city dwellings.

Those people may now prefer reform

and taxes spread evenly across others

force Toronto politicians to abandon

their current schemes to keep many of

these cherished inequities through

which they play favorites with the

And because they vote, it could

still enjoying inequities.

electorate.

Assessing renovations doesn't

example. Nowhere else does that).

But Toronto doesn't want to go

that route already.

It wasn't, as it turned out, and

reform was just around the corner.

THIRTY YEARS AGO-A home on the outskirts of town had a surprise visitor. The Norm Fendley family was at home in the evening when their dog began to bark, running back and forth to the door to be let out. A few minutes after the dog had disappeared there was a loud crash in the basement. Running to the cellar, Mr. Fendley switched on the lights, went down a few steps, and in amazement saw a doe, eyeing him belligerently. The deer, frightened by the dog, had jumped through the basement window, taking the frame and all in the plunge. Before Mr. Fendley had time to think, the animal turned, made a graceful leap back through the open window and disappeared into the night.

Georgetown's minor hockey teams are well up in the sports picture. The Legion 120 Club juveniles finished their season in first place, winning games against Woodbridge, Brampton and Oakville last week and Friday they start a playoff series here with Woodbridge. The midgets have been grouped with Acton in a playoff series. They won an exhibition game here last night against Oakville.

John Bell, one of three Georgetown members on the North Halton High School district board, was elected chairman at last week's inaugural meeting in Milton. Mr. Pickett was elected vice-chairman and a number of committees set up, with the first being named in each being chairman. Mr. Bell stressed the need this year for definite action on building new schools. Last year, the board decided to build new schools at Georgetown and Acton, and retain the present school at Milton with the addition of a gym and auditorium. Creation of the new building committee was suggested by Mr. Bell as a means of implementing the building of the new

TWENTY YEARS AGO—Querying cost of a newage lift station which is being erected to service the eastern industrial area of town, Coun. Fred Harrison was told Monday by Mayor Sargent that a report would be prepared for next week's meeting. Coun. Harrison made his query after a letter was read from the Municipal Board approving a \$66,000 expenditure which the town will pay through the Water Resources Commission. He said that in 1960, when he was a council member, the town had pegotiated a deal with Delrex Developments for purchase of land and equipment for the lift station which was already partially constructed at a purchase price of \$35,000, and he wondered if the completed project would be costing \$101,000. The councillor asked if it had been wrongly engineered or whether last year's council had made an error.

Construction of Georgetown's long talked of technical wing technically got under way last week when ground was broken behind the present high school building on Guelph Street. The costly structure with equally costly equipment will be for the most part paid for by the federal and provincial governments. It will be usable in September.

Rev. John H. McMulkin, B.A., S.T.B., will become rector of St. George's Anglican Church March 1. The appointment was announced Sunday by Rev. Kenneth Richardson who is leaving after an eight year pastorate to become a hospital chaplain in Hamilton. A Toronto native, Mr. McMulkin is presently rector of St. Patrick's Church, Guelph. After graduation from the University of Toronto and Trinity College, he served as curate at St. James, Dundas and rector at Christ Church, West Flamboro. He has been in Guelph since 1958. Together with his wife and two children, Mr. McMulkin will be moving into the rectory beside St. George's.

A fatality free record for the past two years is Georgetown's proud boast. An almost equally noteworthy achievement is the safety record of school children. "From September 1960 til Decem-i ber 1961 not one public or separate school child has been involved in a motor accident," according to police Chief Roy Haley, who is justifiably proud of his department's Safety Education program, Over 2,500 children have watched the safety movies and heard the lectures during the 240 hours police have donated to this cause over the past year. As well, during 1961, police investigated 90 motor vehicle accidents, a drop of nine over 1960, and an astonishing drop of 70 over 1959.

TEN YEARS AGO-Zorge Construction of Georgetown has been selected by Ontario Housing Corporation as the builder of the 28 senior citizens' apartment unit here. The site will be at the corner of Mountainview and Sargent Road, R. Clift, representative of the O.H.C. told council Monday night. Clift said the OHC liked the design with each unit having a bay window and an angular shaped balcony which gives privacy. He said the location close to shopping was an advantage. Of four submissions this was felt to be the best location and the best price.

A dog poisoner is at work around the Sixth Line of Esquesing, north of Highway 7. Six does have already been poisoned, four are deed and the other two were still alive at press time. Dr. Brian Buckrell of the Georgetown Animal Clinic said someone is leaving raw hamburger laced with what seems to be strychnine around the Sixth Line. The doctor warned all dog owners in the area to keep their dogs at home and pointed out a young child might put some of the mixture in his mouth. He said the dosages seem to be massive. OPP are on the

lookout forthe poisoner. The bylaw setting a yearly salary of \$2,500 for members of council, excluding the mayor, was passed unanimously Monday night. The salary will be neid monthly and \$30 will be deducted for each regular council meeting or standing committee meeting missed. It will not be deducted if a councillor is away on other municipal business. One third of the allowance will be deemed expenses and will not be taxable.

ONE YEAR AGO-Dominion Seed House, a landmark industry in Georgetown for nearly 60 years has won the Chamber of Commerce's "Business of the Year" award for 1981. In presentations from the Chamber, Halton Hills town council, Halton region, Queen's Park and Parliament Hill, the seed house was praised for its contribution to commerce he Georgetown and to Canadian unity. Margaret Harding, president of the bosiness, accepted awards honoring the business which her father, Bill Bradly, founded in 1922. DSH operates the largest mail order seed company in Canada.

Keith Black is back in the classroom at Actors High School this week after an unprecedented show. of community support saved his teaching Job from termination, the same fate aiready suffered by his 155-year old family homesteed. Delighting a contra of 300 friends, colleagues, students and relations of Mr. Black who jamesed its chambers Wednesday night, the Halton board of education roled that the st year old social studies department head could hose his job at Acton High despite his Dec. 22 conviction for theft over \$200.

The Foreign Investment Review Agency (FIRA) has approved a proposal by a Georgetown man and four British residents to establish a new business in Georgetown. The proposal by C.A. Warnar of Georgetown and the four Birmingham residents is to establish a business to massifacture and distribute roll-forming and related metal fabricating equipment.

Here's the good news: economy won't worsen

From the Ottawn Bureau of The Berald

If the Conference Board Board of Canada has any good news for Ontario residents, it is a forecast that the province's economy won't

The independent research

institution has predicted that Octario will have the worst economic performance among all provinces in the next year, but blames that on an unrealistic rate of growth in the first half of 1981.

In its latest quarterly review of the nation's economy, the board explains that a strong growth rate in the first helf placed the province's economy well shead of the 1980 average at mid-1961. Major manufacturers who had laid out plans in anticipation of a bealth consumer market had their hopes dealed by high interest rates in the last helf of the

The board reported "moderate slippage" of the growth rate to the third quarter and expects a major plunge in the final three mosths.

"As a result, Outarie must grow by nearly two per cent from its fourth quarter level merely to get back to the position it attained at this menmer's high water mark," the board claims. Analysts at the Conference Board expect the previous will do that, but may the pustained receivery will render imprositio may large growth rate to 1962.

The beard has predicted a DIL Brooth of 6.4 per coul singe contributors to that growth will be Outsite's formers. Surprisingly, to spike of the

horror tales, the bankruptcies, recent crop setbacks and poor livestock prices, the province's farmers are expected to step up their production in 32. The volume of production which increased only 0.7 per cent this past year is to advance 1.3 per cent, if board projections are realized.

The Ontario mining sector, which has suffered with the misfortunes of the U.S. economy is expected to partially recover in 1982. After osting a 6.6 per cent decline in 1981, the industry should gain

2.6 per cent in '81. The board, however, is not so optimistic with the other major sectors of the province's

The troubled manufacturing sector which posted a healthy six per cent gain from 1980, is actually expected to decline 0.6 per cent in 1982.

The automobile, auto parts and farm implement industries are largely responsible for that decline as they continue to suffer from a miserable last half of 1981.

The problems of those industries began in 1980 with poor sales and layoffs at many Ontario plents. They worsened in 12 when the rate of the nation's recovery was overestimated and high production levels were achieved in the first half. High interest rates and poor demand in the last six menths ruined those first half

The same high interest rates dashed the hopes and plans of the construction industry. Home construction ground to almost a complete balt when interest levels reached unprecedented levels in the August period. The effects

percolated through the lumber and building materials trade. the furniture and appliancemanufacturing industries, and even the textile industry.

People involved in Ontario's forest products industry have reason to feel especially bitter about the construction developments. They had expected major gains as a result of the strikes and shuldown experienced by the B.C. forest industry which provides half of all domestic production.

Those dependent upon the construction sector can expect no improvement in that situation. After recording a slight decline in the 1961 growth rate, the Conference Board is forecasting a 2.4 per cent reduction in 1982.

For the other major sector, whosesale and retail trade, the Conference Board has no encouraging words. After a bad year in 1980, the sector picked up on that early 1981 consumer surge which encouraged the manufacturing and construction industries. The same fate awaited it in the second half. And, even with a alow steady recovery in 1982, the board does not expect growth to equal that in 1981.

In its analysis of key economic indicators, the board predicts retail sales, which increased 13.9 per cent in 1981 to increase 9.8 per cent to \$36.9 billion in '82.

Employment in the province is expected to advance one per cent to 4.23 million from 1961 when it increased three per cent to 4.18 million. At the same time, however, memployment is expected to increase to 7.2 per cent from the 1981 level of 6.5 per cent.

taxpayer money to improve services for the private castles of the land grabbers and speculators.

'wingy' Toronto's inequities

come about.

Nelson

Queen's Park Bureau of The Herald A lovely word exists to describe Toronto as it appears in the minds of a let of people who live outside its boundaries: wingy, as in strange or demented.

But at least in one case the province seems to be exerting a little pressure to bring the place to its

All kinds of weird political decisions are made in the city, usually with the intention of making the well-off better-off, while the average citizen gets to pick up the tab.

Here's a few examples: - 400 householders from the wealthiest districts in the city gathered to protest a bylaw change that would require them to actually carry their garbage out to the curb for pick-up. At present the trash collectors make the trip for the poor dears, a privilege I don't think anyone else in

Ontario enjoys. non-subsidized residents at Cityborne. Toronto's non-profit (in fact, difficit-ridden) housing corporation, went on a rent strike earlier this year when their rents rose to cover costs.

They preferred the system as it existed in 1979, when Cityhome ran a \$1.5 million deficit paid for by you-LDOW-WOO. PARK TOO

- 10 acres of prime parkland on the Toronto waterfront was taken from Metro ownership and given to Toronto City, which is, in essence, turning it over to 600 squatters who'll pay perhaps \$250 to \$360 rent for their privileged location. In exchange, the city will spend

between \$3 million and \$6 million of

This demented giveaway, of course, only occurred because the Ontario legislature - all three parties, even the egalitarian, people-loving NDP, and led by Industry and Tourism Minister Larry Grossman and Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Tom Wells -- passed a special law to make it

OTHER SIDE In contrast to that piece of provincial meddling, the province has recently taken another step within its own jurisdiction that could, with some luck, prompt the city to abandon one of

its other wingier ideas. People who have renovated their houses within the last decade have found this year that the province has added that value to their assessment notices, with the result property taxes on those lots have risen.

Revenue Minister George Asbe said the program is province-wide (although only Toronto is objecting),

POET'S CORNER The Faithful Friends

The kind of folks I used to know, on them you could depend When you have some one you can trust, you have found a friend So many folks that have passed on, we mourn for their loss For most of them, we do know, they cling to the rugged cross They lived with humble thoughts, their

conscience always clear As they walked with the strength of Christ, held Him very dear Wonders of this world are seen, sent from its lavish born Fruits, food and flowers, everything, even leved once they are born

This world is full of wonders, great knowledge we can gain

We must live in Christ's great way, so cleans that greedy stain When you live a life that's tree, your family bare no shame For every living soul that's born, they deserve the same Why world is full of weakness, it ends with tragedy

And some one is responsible, for this catastrophe If you can't do anything right, do nothing at all You could end up, a useless life, within

B DAJPOR MEII There is so many useless felks, prospects end in pain Why don't you listen to your thoughts, you could maybe find great fame.

-By Albert Brooks, RR2 Acton.