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## Let us salute our volunteers

Every day, millions of Canadians take time from their work, their leisure, their homelife to volunteer their talents and energies to seek solutions to problems in their communities. They are young, old and every age in between. They come from every economic group, from every race, religion and ethnic background. They share in common their commitment to improving the quality of life for all.

Canada's volunteers fill many roles - direct delivery of a myriad of human and social services, advocacy for virtually every conceivable cause, governance of a complex network of voluntary organizations and public agencies. They work in neighborhood associations, schools, hospitals, public interest research and lobbying groups, museums and libraries. They help the powerless to have an effective voice, help our institutions to be sensitive to the needs of individuals, help our government to resist the special interests and to act for the people.

Volunteering is such a pervasive part of our society that virtually every Canadian, at some time or another in

his or her life, is a volunteer - whether it be in a structured service delivery setting, on an ad hoc community committee or as a good neighbor. All of these volunteers share in common a willingness to interact positively with others and a desire to expand their own personal horizons through service for the common good.

As the nation enters a new decade, it is confronted by exceeding complex problems that will strain our capabilities and will test our character as a nation. Many of them - inflation, the energy crisis, the growth of litigation, the entrenchment of bureaucracies - will directly challenge our tradition of volunteer citizen involvement. Yet these problems, in the long run, can only be effectively addressed through that involvement. All of our institutions, whether they be profit or non-profit, public or private, ultimately rest on the committed work of individuals.

National Volunteer Week 1982 offers a time to recognize that the commitment is not passe, that it is cherished and nurtured by Canada's citizen volunteers.

## A 'Hardy' thanks

It's been a long time since Georgetown felt so proud of its hockey heritage.

The guiding lights behind the local hockey leagues gather annually to honor one of their own in light of that heritage, and the Bantam tournament organizers make Georgetown a perennial magnet for their level, but the Raiders' spectacular accomplishment this season has lifted community pride to new heights.

It was a startling pair of playoff series that took the Intermediate "A" champions all the way to the Hardy Cup in such a brief period of time.

That's not to demean the many teams which took the Raiders on through the season. Local hockey fans were treated to dozens of excellent

games thanks to fervent, dedicated competitors, and that the season culminated in such excitement is a tribute to the league's cross-Canada organizers.

The behavior of some Georgetown fans as well as the visiting team during the finals does tend to leave a bad taste, but that cannot detract from the relative restraint of the Raiders and the good judgement of their management.

There is plenty of glory in the very fact of the Raiders' stunning victory, one that promises much for the future as far as Georgetown's premier hockey team is concerned and one that stands as a true example for all other Halton Hills teams.

Our congratulations to the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders.

April is Cancer Month

## Sword of Hope

The flag of any nation is a source of pride to the peoples of that nation - a family crest, a club insignia - all are proud symbols containing meaning for certain people or groups.

The symbol of the Canadian Cancer Society is the Caduceus. Almost every one of the many thousands of men and women volunteers in Ontario wear it at one time or another. In hospitals it is woven onto the sleeves of the volunteers' yellow smocks. It is engraved on all the Cancer Society literature and on its stationery. It is recognized by everyone as the symbol of the Society.

Thousands of years ago, the Greeks had a god of medicine called Aesculapeus. In his temples, healing was carried out. His symbol was a staff with a serpent twined around it.

This staff, sometimes called a caduceus, came to be the badge of the medical profession. The Canadian Cancer Society took this symbol and changed it slightly into a more militant form. Instead of a staff, they have a sword - the sword of hope, the sword that will never be

laid aside until the fight against cancer is won. The serpent remains. For countless centuries it has been a token of renewal of health and strength.

In using the Caduceus as its proud symbol, the Canadian Cancer Society is informing the world of the war it is waging on cancer, of the hope that Society has for renewed health for all who may have this disease, and of its final objective of banishing this disease from the face of the earth forever.

## COMING FRIDAY in the Weekend Extra!

- Model railroaders
- Community News
- The Little Blue Hedgehog
- New faces in the GLT
- Student employment strategy



## 'Journal' holiday raises ire during MPs' question period



Ottawa Report

By Stewart MacLeod

Normally, when a Member of Parliament rises to propose a motion under Standing Order 43, it's a time to relax, to doodle, perhaps have a chat with a Commons guard. With rare exceptions, motions proposed during this daily 15-minute period are not worth hearing. It's essentially a time for Tories to demonstrate they are opposed to just about everything, and for the Liberals to display the ludicrous limits they can reach in defending the Trudeau government.

But occasionally, your ears perk up. And mine did the other day when Stan Darling, the Tory MP from Parry Sound, Muskoka, rose in his place and began talking about the forthcoming holiday for the CBC television show, The Journal. You know, that's the 40-minute - or thereabouts - flagship program of the CBC that, having changed our social and sleeping patterns, is going off the air for nine weeks so we can go through it all over again this fall.

Between the coming and going of The Journal, along with the coming and going of Daylight Saving Time, I am not sure Canadians will ever get

their proper sleep.

DOG TIRED

Anyway, getting back to Stan Darling, what he wanted to know was why it is necessary, just three months after The Journal was launched, to plan a nine-week vacation for its employees. He asked that Communications Minister Francis Fox "explain to the Canadian taxpayer just why such high-priced staff, unable to handle the job, were hired in the first place - or to dismiss these poor, exhausted employees and replace them with professional, capable of handling the pressures."

Knowing so little about the pressures of a daily television program, I wouldn't want to wholeheartedly embrace Darling's proposition, but I do admit to being mildly curious about the reported exhaustion of The Journal employees. And I did raise my eyebrows when CBC spokesman Cecil Smith explained that "everybody has to have a holiday and on a show like this the daily pressures and problems are really something."

The main reason I raised my eyebrows is that The Journal is only three months old, and prior to its birth, employees spent three months going through "dry runs" to ensure the program could be sustained with quality on a permanent basis. One could be forgiven for thinking that most pressure problems would have surfaced during that initial three-month period.

Somehow, I don't think we got our money's worth from those dry runs. And given the incredible over-all cost of The Journal - the CBC won't reveal the actual figure - I don't think we taxpayers are getting our money's worth from this most-publicized

program in CBC history.

GOOD SUMMER

However, it should be a good summer for Barbara Frum - reported to have an annual contract worth more than \$100,000 - and her co-host Mary-Lou Finlay. With no interviews between July 2 and Sept. 6, they should look refreshed in the fall.

What makes the CBC case less convincing, in my view, is the fact that just about every trade and professional is already into the act of claiming pressure and stress on the job. Just in the last month, I have read the same complaints from doctors, firemen, waitresses, lawyers and commission salesmen - that the public doesn't understand the stress they face. And from a 1937 magazine, I have found evidence that airplane pilots face shorter lifespans because of stress.

Last year, a California psychiatrist declared housework to be one of life's most stressful occupations.

But I have never heard of any of these professions and occupations offering a three-month, fully-paid dry run to familiarize practitioners with the stress they would be facing. Only the CBC, with generous assistance from the taxpayers, offered this unique service.

And what does it get us? A summer without The Journal, that's what. Just like Barney Miller.

While the CBC should generally be free of governmental or parliamentary interference, this is one time I would like to see corporation officials called in to justify this incredible cancellation. And I'd like to see it done before The Journal goes on to plan a winter break or, perhaps, regular professional Development Days.

## Ex-minister's grandstanding leaves gallery embarrassed



Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

Queen's Park Bureau of The Herald

What a sad and sorry scene it is to see magnificent Canadian technical achievement dragged through the mud of Queen's Park politics - and mainly because of the incompetence of Speaker John Turner.

Admittedly, he had a good deal of help from MPP Margaret Scrivener (PC-St. David), a tough politician whose partisanship went too far this time.

Last week the senior management and shop stewards of Spar Aerospace, builders of the Canadarm on the space shuttle Columbia, were in the Assembly gallery here.

Now the rules of the legislature are very plain. Only government ministers can make statements - not opposition members nor Conservative backbenchers.

Scrivener, who once served in the cabinet, no longer does. But she rose anyway, announcing it was a point of privilege, and proceeded to read a statement praising Spar Aerospace's contribution to the U.S. space shuttle.

STOP HER

Within a paragraph it was obvious to even the most dense observer that

Scrivener was not speaking on a valid point of privilege, but playing minister.

Yet Speaker John Turner did not do his duty and cut her off.

She went on for three more paragraphs before an exasperated Pat Reid (L-Rainy River), rose on a point of order to note just that fact.

NDP House Leader Elie Martel (Sudbury East) also rose, and added that he had deliberately kept silent because he wanted Scrivener to finish, because that would have set a precedent allowing opposition members to make statements.

Turner said "the objection having been raised, I will uphold it," meaning that Scrivener was not allowed to finish her speech.

The Spar people left bewildered by the events.

WRONG WAY

Former Speaker Jack Stokes (NDP-Lake Nipigon) used to be accused of running the Legislature like a railroad conductor, which he was by profession. He was too authoritarian, critics said.

But at least under Stokes the legislative train tended to stay on the tracks.

What is even more extraordinary about Turner's initial inaction is that he knew Scrivener was about to break the rules of the Assembly, and was

quite prepared to let it happen unless someone objected.

During a further discussion of the incident a few days later, Turner explained that Scrivener had requested ahead of time that she be allowed to make her statement.

WALKER MISSING

Turner at first said it would be more appropriate that industry and Trade Minister Gordon Walker do so, but on learning he was not available, told Scrivener to proceed - on one condition.

"I made it very clear if there were any objections then it would be ruled out of order," he said.

In fact, he should have said "no" to her at the time and suggested Deputy Premier Bob Welch or any other cabinet minister who happened to be available be speechmaker. Alternatively, Scrivener could have thrown aside her statement and asked for unanimous consent of the Assembly for a brief introduction.

She later compounded the insult by firing off a letter to Spar attacking the "shameful behavior" of the opposition parties, even though it was her initial attempt to breach the rules, and Turner's use of a blind eye to view her actions, that created the absurdity of not being able to celebrate a Canadian space triumph.

## Halton's History

From our files

THIRTY YEARS AGO - Town council granted permission to the Fair Board to erect a new building on the west corner of the oval at the park, inside the track. The building will run parallel with the grandstand. Town council also approved payments of \$6 a meeting for the hydro chairman and \$3 a meeting for commissioners.

William Kinrade, B.A., will be principal of Georgetown's new six-room Howard Wrigglesworth public school to open next September. Mr. Kinrade was hired by the school board at a meeting last week. He has 15 years teaching experience, the last six at Preston Public School. Married, with one child, Mr. Kinrade has been active in boys' work and YMCA activities in Preston. The school board also hired Miss Jean Ruddell, a Georgetown girl and Georgetown High School graduate who has taught at Limehouse School for nine years, as teacher. Plans for the new school are still in the formative stage, but it has definitely been decided that there will be a kindergarten and grade one class in the new school.

Two Toronto men have purchased a men's clothing store on Main Street from Harry Marcus, who had operated it since last fall. The store, located beside Thompson's Hardware, had been operated for many years by Perc Blackburn before he sold out to Mr. Marcus. New owners of the store are Irving Lass and Izale Book. The business will be conducted as Irving's Clothing Store and will feature men's and boys' clothing with made-to-measure suits a specialty.

Membership is growing in the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber, presided over by C.P. Boutelle Wednesday, met in the Municipal Building. Membership already stands at 17 and secretary-manager Joseph Gibbons said he had received a supply of membership stickers for members. Fred Chapman said he was working on a plan for town beautification. Alex MacLaren has organized a committee to study future requirements of the town for education and other facilities. Art Scott said he hoped to arrange earlier delivery of morning mail, subject to Postal Department approval, and pointed out the advantages to businessmen and industry if such a scheme can be carried through.

TWENTY YEARS AGO - Georgetown's population will skyrocket by 600 next week and the first thing the local reception committee will do with the newcomers is put them on ice. It's International Tennis Tournament week and some 35 young teams from all over Canada and the U.S. will make Georgetown their Mecca from April 21 to 23 while they vie for all the silverware donated by the various contributors and the honors that accompany them. The grand championship game will be played at 7 p.m. on the final day.

Georgetown council petitioned the province Monday to make similar grants for the education of retarded children as it does for public schools. At present retarded schools get only 30 per cent in cost grants, Reeve Elliott said, and school maintenance is higher than those for standard schools. The petition will be forwarded for discussion at this year's convention of mayors and reeves.

Police are checking local newsstands for girls and other magazines at the direction of Halton crown attorney Peter McWilliams in the prelude to new action through the courts against the sale of obscene literature. An investigation was made of local newsstands last week by Sgt. Jim Bilaborrow and proprietors of stores selling magazines agreed to co-operate in every way to keep their shelves clear of the blacklisted books and magazines.

The little red schoolhouse which is fast disappearing from the local scene may be in the process of making a comeback as community hall. Bearing out this theory was the appearance of 15 residents from the Pinegrove School district at Esqueaux Council Monday night. They want the old school left as a community hall.

TEN YEARS AGO - Although mill rate and total taxes assessed on Georgetown homes remains the same for 1972, taxpayers will be faced with an extra \$60. The government has dropped a rebate system which allowed most households a \$44.80 klickback last year. The rebate was passed on to tenants of rented homes and apartments. A tax rate of 75.43 mills residential and 82.15 industrial and commercial was adopted Monday. Rates for Roman Catholic separate school supporters is an extra two mills in each case.

A "bomb" discovered in Georgetown high school Thursday morning proved to be a fake when dismantled by a bomb disposal crew in Georgetown park. The device, discovered in the east wing of the school by a janitor, shortly after 8 a.m., was described as a "good imitation". Its components included a steel cylinder, wires, batteries and a small box attached. Georgetown police called in an OPP bomb disposal unit from Downsview who transported it gingerly to the centre of the Fairgrounds before dismantling it. It was the third bomb scare at the school. Bomb scare perpetrators can, on conviction, receive up to five years imprisonment.

This year, for the first time since the start of the Brampton-Georgetown area Miles for Millions walk, Georgetown walkers will start their trek here. A 26-mile course has been mapped out with Georgetown and area walkers to start from Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church on Maple Avenue and Brampton walkers heading out from the Brampton arena. Drinks will be provided at all checkpoints but walkers will have to carry their own food.

At a recent visit to the Kawartha Folk Festival in Cobourg, the Georgetown Folk Club of the high school fared extremely well against stiff competition. SAGE, a facet of the folk club was first place winner in the group competition.

ONE YEAR AGO - Recreation director Tom Shepard's contention that the town's new performing arts theatre would be better run by a single manager than by a board of directors came under attack last week at a special meeting examining the \$1.7 million project. "The main reason I don't think the complex should have a board of management is because the facility is not large enough to warrant one," Mr. Shepard said. "It's not the O'Keefe Centre."

Halton's regional councillors have passed a hefty \$40,722,630 operating budget for 1981, a move which will boost the region's share of the average homeowner's tax bill in Halton Hills by 42 per cent. Claiming that Halton is having to pay "catch up" ball this year, newly appointed regional treasurer Gerry Lawson told councillors last Wednesday afternoon that previous budget increases over the last six years have failed to keep up with inflation. "In fact, we've been demanding less of taxpayers than we were in 1976," he said.

A new coach, a four month layoff and a university scholarship are all part of a changing year for Georgetown's tennis star Stacey Hurley, considered one of Canada's top young players. The 16-year old Grade 12 student started her training last week after deciding to change directions after the national tennis championships last August.

Last Thursday the Gemini's executive introduced their 1981-82 head coach Dave Switzer from Mississauga. Switzer, who comes to the junior B club toting an impressive array of credentials and new ideas was chosen from a list of six candidates. His background holds promise for a new approach to training and execution of plays for the team. The Stratford-born coach played Junior B hockey for his home town and has been involved in coaching for ten minor teams around Toronto with each of his teams never failing to make the playoffs.

## POET'S CORNER and our CHURCHES series return next week