



VIGIL FOR THE FALLEN

The Glen Williams Cemetery Board held its 28th annual Remembrance Service Sunday, gathering local church-goers and relatives of those buried in the time-honored cemetery atop the Prince Street hill. With Jim Jones and Rev. Graham Bland presiding, those in attendance heard Mayor Pete Pomeroy discuss Credit Valley Conservation Authority efforts to curb erosion

threatening the cemetery. Fund-raising for a new driveway, a new fence and general upkeep has thus far collected \$12,000, it was reported. There was a choir selection and a scripture reading, all joined in for "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" and "The Day Thou Gavest" and all observed a moment of silence in memory of the dead.

(Herald photo by Harald Bransch)

Reader applauds McDermid's appraisal of disarmament issue

To the editor of The Herald:
With reference to your recently published articles by MP John McDermid concerning the Operation Dismantle issue, I would

like to express my appreciation for the commendable community service you continue to provide the residents of Halton Hills. I have taken the liberty to write to Mr. McDermid

in this regard and enclose a copy of my correspondence to him for your perusal. Needless to say, the opinions expressed therein are those of one concerned individual — ME.

Keep up the good service. Yours truly, Fred G. Porter
Re: Operation Dismantle
Dear Mr. McDermid:
I read with interest your two articles in the above

regard which were published in our local newspaper, The Herald, May 28 and June 11.

May I extend my congratulations, for, not only did you present points of opinion on both sides of the subject matter, you also presented a practical alternative.

Apparently, Halton Hills council will be voting (undoubtedly past tense by this date) in favor of placing a YES or NO question concerning disarmament on the next municipal election ballot slip. Provided, however, the legality question is resolved.

Then, there is the matter of the wording to be used on the ballot slip. Who will give final approval in this regard? Do we really need more costly hassles? After all, those individuals speaking for the organization, Operation Dismantle, are confident that the majority of the free world people would support balanced disarmament. So, what awe inspired message do they hope to convey to the governments of these people?

Obviously, their primary objective is to intensify, through propaganda, the "psychological war" which has been undermining the principles of democracy for some time. How often does history have to repeat itself before we awaken ourselves to the fact that we will be the ultimate losers if we continue to support such movements on their terms.

Presently, as a democratic freedom, we have the right to protest, perhaps we should be protesting to maintain that right.

Being a peace minded resident of Halton Hills, I appreciate your participation and concern regarding this issue.

P.S. I, for one, will be interested in learning as to how successful the balloting goes in the Soviet bloc countries.

Yours truly,
Fred G. Porter,
John Street
Georgetown.

Letters to the Editor

Careless GO commuters endanger street's residents

To the editor of The Herald:
I live on Queen Street in Georgetown. Our street is a pleasant one, lined with large trees and old houses.

Many families live on this street and most of them have pets. The street has only one unfortunate characteristic: it leads to the GO Train Station.

There are no stop signs to break up the street, despite the fact that there is an intersection part way up. As a result, many cars travel back and forth at

breakneck speed, either to catch a train or to make it home ahead of the crowd.

One day last week, I came home to find some of the neighborhood children attempting to ride their bikes down a steep slope and across to the other side of the street. Cars speeding along would have no way of seeing these children as they darted suddenly in front of them. I warned the children of this danger, and luckily, they listened to me and went to play somewhere else. My cat was not so fortunate.

Two days later, it was hit by a morning commuter rushing to get to the GO station. Sadly, this person felt that getting to work on time was more important than stopping to let us know he had hit our pet.

There are two points I would like to make here. One is that if people must commute to work, can they not time themselves so as to avoid a mad rush to the station at the last minute? The second point is that a four-way stop is necessary at the intersection of Queen and McNabb so that people are forced to slow down to a reasonable speed and pay attention to their surroundings as they drive along Queen Street. Next time, it may be a child....

A. Mallouk

Confidentiality at volunteer bureau

To the editor of The Herald:
This is just a note to clarify one aspect of the article on the front page of the Weekend Extra last week, requesting volunteers to help out in the office.

Although it is well known that all aspects of our work are confidential, we would like to emphasize that our volunteers are

not privy to strictly confidential information about our clients. I was concerned that when our clients read this, they might get the impression that confidential information may be made available to these volunteers.

I wonder if we might impose on you and ask for a clarification to be printed, stating clearly that the personal affairs of our

clients are confidential, and the information is kept confidential and not given out to the volunteers working in our office.

We do appreciate the support The Herald has given us in the past and we hope we can count on your continued assistance in the future.

Yours truly,
Barb Stephens

Chief Harding clarifies article

To the editor of The Herald:
Now that the time for quotation submissions on the vehicle for the chief of police has elapsed, I feel free to comment upon the matter.

The supply of a vehicle for the personal use of the chief of police is a contractual agreement between my office and the board of commissioners of police and I do not intend to debate the content of that working agreement in the media. It is true to say that previous senior administrators were supplied with vehicles and it is my recollection that these vehicles, unlike the remainder of the police fleet, were fitted with radios and carpet.

Some two years ago, the commissioners agreed to improve the quality and standard of the vehicle provided for the use of the chief. The quoted figure (carried recently in the Oakville Beaver) on the proposed cost of the vehicle for the chief is alarmingly incorrect. An examination of our program budget will illustrate the fact that \$10,000 plus the trade of a 1978 vehicle

estimated at \$1,000 for a total of \$11,000 has been budgeted for the purchase of a vehicle for the chief. At today's prices, that hardly represents a luxury purchase.

In order to stay within budgeted costs and in an attempt to obtain the options requested, we have requested quotes on low-mileage, used cars. Should those quotes be in excess of \$10,000, I am obligated to take the proposed purchase to the commissioners for their decision.

In any event, the proposed purchase should not exceed the budgeted amount of \$11,000. The newspaper article and editorial, as written, leave the public with the impression that the commissioners have washed their hands of the financial control of this force. If some officer or if some person has advised you of that, you have been grossly misled. The board exercises its financial control over the administration of the police force through its financial control by-law passed as a whole and enforced diligently by their authority through my office as chief. Through

the medium of this by-law, the whole of the board retain the financial control of the administration of the force.

To this end, I would advise you that recently the Halton regional force had its routine audit conducted by officers of the Ontario Police Commission and I would quote a relevant passage from that report which refers to our accounting processes. "The budget preparation and total accounting system of the Halton regional police force is in good order. Other municipal police forces should be encouraged to emulate the preparation of their 1982 program budget."

That hardly supports the claim that there is no restraint within the Halton regional force.

The last line of the editorial in the Oakville Beaver newspaper refers to the fact that I have not returned telephone calls in response to questions concerning the purchase of a vehicle.

In addition to the comment regarding the constraints placed upon me by the quotation system, I would like to stress the following fact. It has always been my policy and will continue to be so that I do not respond to anonymous complaints, but treat them with the contempt they deserve.

Chief James Harding,
Oakville

'Touch of Silver' plays Saturday

Car Club winners were Cecil Noble, Doug Norton, Roy Haley, Clive Lawrence, Cheryl Hills and Vern Kirby.

The Provincial Service Officer will be at the Branch July 5. Contact L. Boyd or Bus Hale for an appointment.

The Ladies Auxiliary Strawberry Social will be on Sideroad 10 in Ashgrove June 27. Phone Ruby at 877-7401 or Hazel at 877-9438 for directions. It will be held from 2 to 4 p.m.

Touch of Silver will be



LEGION LINES

By Tom Elliott

entertaining in the Lounge Saturday evening. Do not forget the legion picnic July 11. Directions may be obtained from the stewards.

The general meeting will be held at 8 p.m. June 24. At this meeting the new

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