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Best of luck to tourism association

It's with mixed feelings we witness the formation of the North Halton Tourism Association, a consortium of area businesses and individuals who derive a good chunk of their income from out-of-town visitors.

With the right kind of support and a little teamwork and stamina, the Association will promote Milton, Halton Hills and their adjoining rural areas as a scenic region to tour and an attractive location to eat, shop and spend a few days.

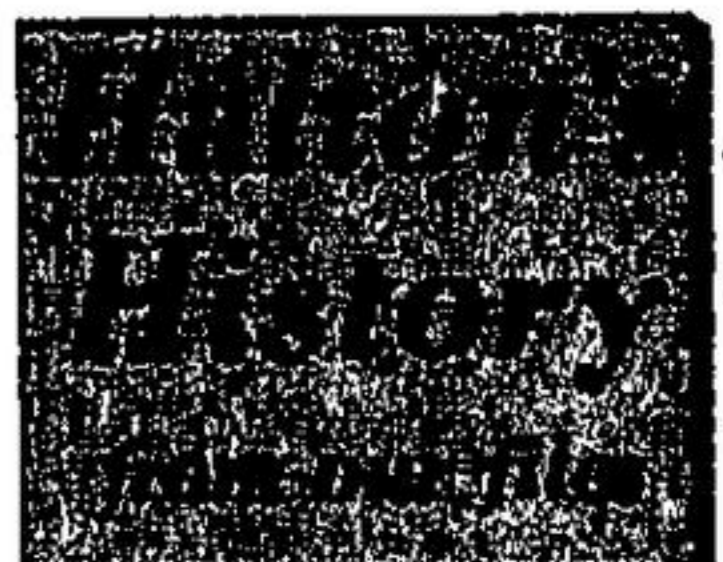
On the one hand, our reaction is a genuinely enthusiastic "why not?" North Halton has many fine recreational areas and pleasant enough scenery once you get away from its somewhat neglected urban cores. Between Milton and Halton Hills, there's some interesting history, including that almost forgotten hydroelectric dynamo on the Credit and the up-and-coming Crawford Lake excavation.

Besides these resources, we have plenty of good restaurants and nice places to shop, and we're lucky enough to be only a short drive from several top-notch tourist attractions. Most importantly, north Halton has the potential

for national or at least provincial greatness as an attractive area to visit.

On the other hand, the state of Canada's economy (oh, when will the worrying end?) prompts us to doubt any new ventures, particularly those requiring public funds. While it can be argued that a push for local tourism might replace the dollars that have left north Halton because of sagging industries and lost jobs, ventures such as that envisioned by the Association tend to require large initial expenditures to get things rolling.

Despite our reservations, however, we'd like to wish the new Association much luck in its endeavor to put us on the tourist map, as it were. The Herald pledges itself to assist the venture by publicizing meetings and projects and sincerely hopes the public will support its aims. We're still expecting great things from Halton region's business development department and the Leathertown Association of Acton, and perhaps this new group with its promising start and wide business base can help them in their own tasks, bringing it all together for the benefit of north Halton's heritage as well as its future.



THIRTY YEARS AGO—Binders, combines and threshing machines have been busy in all sections of the county during the past few weeks. With the exception of some wheat and spring grain waiting for the combine, most of the grain crop has been cut and a good deal of it has been threshed and considerable of the fall wheat crop has been delivered to the miller. In general, the fall wheat crop is turning out better than anticipated—in fact, the same might be said about a good deal of the spring grain crop. Some 45 bushel crops of wheat are reported, but in the main, 30 to 35 bushels per acre seems to be the general yield. A recent bulletin issued by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture is advocating that wheat be held in farm bins or elevators until the outlook becomes a little brighter. Local millers are reported to be paying from \$1.85 to \$1.95 per bushel.

TWENTY YEARS AGO—A portion of Esqueving's municipal business will be conducted at a new location later this year when a projected new building is completed on the Seventh Line. Tenders were called this week for construction of a new municipal office. It will be built on part of the Charles Greig farm, west of the golf course corner, on a five acre property purchased recently by the township. The building will have a general office, council chamber and offices for clerk K.C. Lindsay and assessor Arthur Benton. The present township hall in Stewarttown will not be abandoned. It will continue to be used as a community hall and as a garage and storage headquarters for township road equipment. Esqueving township has met in the Stewarttown location since 1925 when the township acquired what was then a three-storey building dating back to 1855. The structure originally contained two stores on the ground floor, a banquet room on the third floor, and a meeting hall on the second.

TEN YEARS AGO—Progressive Conservative leader Robert Stanfield visited Georgetown briefly Tuesday during a tour of Halton. He lunched at North Halton Golf and Country Club after paying a visit with organizers of community projects at the Log Cabin, an Opportunities for Youth project on Mill Street. His Halton tour began with a community breakfast at the Acton Curling Club and continued with light refreshments at a brief speech during his Georgetown stop. Stanfield said the switch from the Liberals by Paul Hellyer is an indication of general disenchantment with the Liberal party. "There is much evidence of erosion within the Trudeau party, and strong evidence of a swing to our party," Mr. Stanfield said. "It is clear that an NDP vote will be simply a protest vote. Those wishing to change the government will support us," he said. Mr. Stanfield said the people want a government that has confidence in the Canadian people. "I hope we never ask the older people to carry such a share of inflation as they do now. The old and young are carrying a burden created by the Liberal government's attempts to control inflation. A PC government would never attempt to slow down the economy in an attempt to slow down inflation," he said.

ONE YEAR AGO—Federal Opposition leader Joe Clark visited Georgetown's Varian plant on Mountainview Road North Tuesday afternoon with an eye toward learning more about Canada's high technology operations and their training procedures. Mr. Clark spent an informal hour and a half touring the firm which manufactures telecommunications products, and spoke with Varian officials. Varian is one of several high technology plants Mr. Clark is visiting across Canada this summer to see how viable current government policies are in dealing with technological development and the promotion of skilled labor.

Family violence study shows bystanders tend to back off



Queen's Park
By Derek Nelson

Queen's Park Bureau Thomson News Service

Testimony here before the legislative committee studying family violence is revealing some startling statistics about wife-beating, as well as hints of how to handle the phenomenon.

MPP Richard Johnston (NDP-Toronto Scarborough West), who more than any member is guiding the committee in its deliberations, recounts an experiment involving a couple coming off an elevator and starting to fight.

By-standers who thought it a boyfriend-girlfriend squabble were inclined to intervene two-thirds of the time, but if the words "husband" or "wife" was mentioned involvement dropped to 17 per cent.

Dr. Peter Jaffe, a London psychologist working in the family abuse area, agreed with Johnston that a roadblock to effective help in this area is distaste by many for getting involved.

Even professionals tend to shy from the problem, with police, for example, tending to see it as a mental-health problem, and mental-health types as a police problem. Doctors don't report it, and so on.

VERY UNSURE

Statistics about this business are very unsure, but the committee so far

is using as a benchmark some results obtained in London, where the criminal justice system appears to be taking family violence seriously.

Some estimates are that between 10 and 50 per cent of spouses are assaulted, the definition used being such that one punch or slap qualifies, which seems extreme.

Human beings are emotional animals, and under extreme stress or provocation can physically lash out at one another, although because of his strength it is usually the male who'll release his rage in that manner.

The London study shows 85 per cent of attacks are by men, four per cent by women, and 11 per cent are reciprocal.

But the truly incredible statistic involves what most people would likely consider wife-beating in the traditional sense: Chronic, systematic, physical assault on one partner by the other.

TOO MANY

Female victims were, Jaffe said, "abused an average of 35 times before they called the police." Although in 20 per cent of the cases there was need for medical intervention, police laid charges in just three per cent.

Or so the survey revealed in London prior to 1981.

Since May, 1981, however, police have been laying assault charges in most cases (the actual figure is 88 per cent), and more than 70 per cent of these cases actually end up with some form of court disposition.

In the past police had always been reluctant to lay the charges, preferring the women themselves do so, on the grounds that the victims will refuse to co-operate otherwise and the case will be lost.

But Jaffe said the results indicate victims feel freer if police lay the

charges—because then they cannot be harassed by their husbands—and in addition the police gather the evidence.

FEEL BETTER

While in more than 80 per cent of the cases the wife must take the initial step of calling the police, sometimes neighbors or even strangers do the reporting.

Jaffe mentioned one other statistic, based on U.S. studies. Family violence is the leading cause of homicide, and in more than 90 per cent of cases the police had already been to the home at least once in the past, he said.

So far the London results suggest 60 per cent of men convicted in court do not revert to wife-beating, although Johnston cautions that it is still too early to accept those figures as more than preliminary.

Still, the London police approach is a start, and it seems to be having some effect.



Ottawa Report

By Stewart MacLeod

returns next week

Georgetown Red Cross
Blood donor clinic
Monday at Holy Cross

You help by giving



Letter from the editor

Paul Dorsey

Ideas from Kentucky

Members of the Georgetown Optimist Club may have some ideas for the newly-formed North Halton Tourism Association. A club contingent recently visited fellow Optimists in Georgetown, Kentucky, and returned home with some promotional publications of interest.

Known as the "Gateway to Bluegrass Country", Georgetown is a "city" of 10,900 residents who apparently appreciate their modest county seat status in the midst of some lovely Old South surroundings. There are 30 churches, two radio stations, two and a half newspapers and a general hospital. And thanks to the natural "Royal Spring" and some distilling efforts by founder Rev. Elijah Craig, Georgetown—named after the first American president himself—became known as "the birthplace of bourbon".

Interestingly, our Kentucky counterpart provides all this information and much more in a handsome 42-page, full-color booklet which Optimist Dan Scarborough brought home to Ontario. Despite its much smaller size and population, the city has produced quite an attractive guide for visitors and would-be residents that far outstrips our own Jaycees directory or anything else published locally to "sell" the community.

Financing seems to be the key, and somehow the folks in Kentucky have come up with enough public support to finance a beautiful book that even Halton region's business development office hasn't been able to conceive. We're all optimistic about what that office and such ambitious people as the Leathertown Association can do, but they've got a long way to go if they want to match the single-sweep effort from Georgetown, Kentucky.

From its cover depicting the 1877 courthouse that gives Georgetown its focus, to its lovely photographs of the bluegrass country horse farms (where one

"finds a balance between growth and preservation"), the community's booklet is nothing but charm. Note well that Georgetown, Kentucky, doesn't have a lot going for it compared to, say, Elora, but what it does have is presented so well that a tourist passing nearby might not think twice about heading its way.

There's some interesting history, but Halton Hills has that too. There's nice enough scenery, but we've got some. All we currently lack is the support to float such a publishing venture. Given that and the interest of local businesses, perhaps a photography contest could produce enough attractive views of Georgetown (and Halton Hills) to fill a volume or two of our own.

One other link between the Georgetown can't go unmentioned: the booklet from Kentucky contains a two-page map of the community which could be easily mistaken at first glance for our own town. It's even aligned along similar directions and its main drag happens to be Highway 25 rather than 7. Maybe Acton and Georgetown can get together on this one...

As for my own contribution, I bring mediocre news from the east. On my two-week Maritime holiday last month, I just HAD to visit Georgetown, Prince Edward Island. It was a Sunday and everything was closed, but it seemed doubtful that even the busiest Christmas shopping days give much life to "the industrial hub of PEI". Georgetown, Ontario, has more industry, leaving its Maritime cousin with nothing to show but a somewhat picturesque harbor, the wharf piled high with lobster traps. The little town's only other claim to fame, I suppose, is its close proximity to Charlottetown, Cavendish and Summerside.

Now—has anyone out there been to Georgetown, British Guyana?

The most relevant message -

Jesus loves YOU

By PASTOR ED BROUWER

Youth Pastor, Halton Gospel Temple

Well, it has come time, once again, for my turn at Clergy Comment. You know, I sure would like to write a good one for you. One that would really be on the top of the list.

The first thing I would tell you is that Jesus died for you. Yes, He gave His LIFE on Calvary for you and for me. Not only did God show great love by giving His only begotten Son to die for us, but the fact that Christ went along with the plan, showed a great love also.

Sweeter love than this, you're never going to find. As I think it over, really the best thing I could tell you is that God loves you. You know I can say it from my heart, for I know it's true. And you know it's true also, for He sent His only Son as "living" proof.

I could talk all day, 'til I'm blue in the face, present my arguments and state my case, but I'd rather tell you of God's wondrous grace.

I could write about theology and get into some



CLERGY COMMENT

From our Ministerial Association

heavy Greek philosophies, but it really all comes down to what was done on Calvary. Yes, Jesus died for you.

So I guess to sum it all up, my message for you could be put into three words, "Jesus loves you." Yes, that's right, "Jesus loves YOU"!!

Thought for the week:
If you were put on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

Facing 'the groaning of Creation'

By REV. JIM BOYLES

Rector, St. George's Anglican Church

"From the beginning till now, the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth."

Most Canadians have found themselves insulated from the "groanings" of the world for the last three decades. Now we are coming closer to the anxieties, pains and sufferings that have always been real in faraway places. Our intolerable level of unemployment and the growing number of bankruptcies are only two of the most obvious examples of "creation's groaning" that come close to home these days.

The church cannot play God in decreeing how modern society solves its ills. Nor can it pretend to be "expert" in fields of economics or technology. It does, however, have a crucial role in holding up certain principles, or values which it believes must guide society in making decisions as to its future course.

We Christians affirm that God loves all

humanly. God loves each one of us, not because of our achievement or perfection, but simply because we are. The social implications are clear. To quote a 1978 Anglican Church report entitled Poverty in Canada: A Christian Perspective, "We believe that every person is entitled to share in the world's wealth as of right, regardless of his input."

It may sound radical, and indeed it is, for as followers of Jesus, Christians are indeed radicals in the face of the groaning of creation.

Christians differ in how particular economic or political actions may create a more just society. Whether lower interest rates to ease unemployment, or high interest rates to control inflation for a longer run benefit, cannot be decided on Christian principles alone. The Christian can urge those with power to keep clearly in sight the principle of God's love for all, and its corollary, that each person has a right to share in the world's wealth. And since our country gives prominence to the power of the ballot box, Christians will consider as they vote which person or party can best implement these principles.

POET'S CORNER

If It Was Possible

If it was possible to grant your wishes or turn your lucky pennies into amulets, I'd do it.

If I could guarantee you happy days and contented nights with sweet dreams, I'd do that too.

If I could let you have my thoughts or share my future with all its hopes, I would.

If I thought loving you would help a bit to make you love me, I'd go on forever.

If only time separates the two of us right now, I'd wait.

If there was anything that I could do to please and satisfy your smallest whim, I'd try.

If saying goodbye and never seeing again was your wish, I'd disappear for you.

—By Marlowe C. Dickson, RR2, Beeton