

## "Nosey Neighbor" finds support

Last Tuesday night there was a meeting of Langstone Cres. residents who wanted to find out more about a program called Neighborhood Watch.

Unfortunately, the trickle of people who were able to make the meeting did not total the 50 per cent required for setting up the program. A new date has been set and these homeowners are prepared to contact their neighbors who couldn't make the first meeting.

The Langstone Cres. meeting represents a revival of Neighborhood Watch in Georgetown. The program hasn't been active in our community for a number of years, but there are new reasons for making sure the concept lives on.

As Constable Bob Ustrycki explained, the past 10 years have been harder for the police in preventing neighborhood crime because of the downfall of the "nosey neighbor". Studies and experiments have shown that increasing the number of officers doesn't necessarily help blanket an area. What's needed most is a program described as "self-help crime prevention to reduce threats to you and your neighbors property."

Statistics convince us that Georgetown is not immune from crime: There were 92 reported house entries in

Georgetown last year with a value of \$95,000 stolen from residents.

In keeping with the trend of preventive policing in Halton, Neighborhood Watch helps our police before a crime may occur.

Recently Acton has banded together in groups to combat a rising number of break-and-enters by forming their own Neighborhood Watch groups.

Their program has been greeted optimistically and parallels the success of other communities such as Oakville and Milton. Halton regional police are hopeful that Milton will be completely covered by Neighborhood Watch by the end of the summer.

Another positive benefit from the program communities have found is that neighborhoods have been brought together and now socialize on a more regular basis - rather than treating neighbors as strangers.

Neighborhood Watch could stir up interest in your own street. If it does, there are many reasons for pursuing the project and attending the two required meetings.

We're all responsible for the community in which we live. With Neighborhood Watch residents can have a more active role in helping to keep their community crime-free.

## So long, Enid!

By the end of the week, Halton Hills' arts community will lose one of its strongest supporters.

Enid Williams' interest and spirit has helped moved the arts from the wings to centre stage where it shares the limelight with other recreational pastimes residents enjoy.

A noted singer and poetess, she'll be missed locally and in Brampton where her work with the Brampton Musical Society has been enjoyed by residents there.

Enid's list of accomplished participation is lengthy; she helped form Nornic Studios in Georgetown as a means of grooming new performing arts talent; she worked behind the scenes, producing for Nornic, John Bardon's "The Hollow Crown" in 1981 and 1980, T.S. Elliot's "Murder in the Cathedral".

She helped bring together John Smedley and Lyn Welton for a memorable concert last year and she was one of a number of ambitious and perceptive people who realized that musical theatre has a place in Halton Hills, leading to the re-

birth of Globe Productions two years ago.

Enid's influence has gone into Globe's "Anything Goes" and "Oklahoma" - both of which were highly acclaimed by Halton Hills theatre-goers hungry for the vigor of musicals.

Her work has not been without personal costs: Following a Herald article about her job as executive producer in "Oklahoma", letters to the Editor stressed that Oklahoma's success was a result of the work of many people working as a team, and not simply one person.

Time spent on various projects has kept her from more personal enjoyments, like voice instruction and creative writing.

Regardless of their measure, her contributions to the performing arts have been energetic and devoted.

We wish her luck in new ventures - she'll be a welcomed addition to any progressive arts community - and trust she won't become a stranger on many opening nights back in Halton Hills.



## Privately owned nursing homes

The rarest of discussions in the Legislature is a clash over philosophies yet that's what we just had here over the issue of privately-owned nursing homes.

The linchpin of the dispute was Heritage Nursing Home in Toronto, but it could have been any privately-operated institution of the same ilk.

NDP Leader Bob Rae noted the home made profits of \$118,000 (or \$362,000 by NDP estimate) on revenues of \$2.3 million last year, just over half the income from the taxpayer. That's \$1.26 (or \$4.93) profit per resident per day.

He asked Health Minister Larry Grossman if it wasn't time "we started regulating the profits of these companies to guarantee the money earned is re-invested in the same nursing homes and not taken out by the owners?"

But Grossman noted Rae "has not provided me nor anyone else with the slightest evidence that the nursing home is not providing an excellent standard of care. That is my concern."

### NO CONCERN

It was not his concern where the owners re-invested their money.

Rae found that "astonishing - that the minister would be spending hundreds of millions of dollars and not be concerned about what the people who are receiving the money are doing with it."



### Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

Some profit bought a nursing home in the United States. But was Grossman simply saying "go and play the market with public money?"

Grossman, in reply, guessed Rae's proposition could be applied equally to preventing employees of the nursing home using "their publicly paid salaries and wages to pay dues to a multi-national American union or to buy stocks on the New York Stock Exchange. When the member adopts those positions, then he can talk to me about changing ours."

Rae, progressing beyond astonishment, said he found Grossman's position "absolutely incredible" when the home is run on a non-profit basis, would require a smaller public subsidy or lower resident fees or a "higher standard of care for exactly the same money?"

### NO AGREEMENT

Grossman said Rae "didn't accept

## Our innermost feelings are never fully put to the test



### Ottawa Report

By Stewart McLeod

By coincidence, just a few hours after Multiculturalism Minister Jim Fleming announced that the government wants to establish a special parliamentary inquiry into racism, a group of us sat around a dinner table with Most Rev. Edward Scott, primate of the Anglican Church in Canada.

The dinner had nothing to do with Fleming's announcement - but the conversations, which centred on the World Council of Churches, kept touching on the testy topic of racism, and it's funny how often a simple incidental illustration can drive home a point.

In Canada, it's very easy to go through a lifetime without thinking much of racism - many of us have no close daily contacts with the visible minorities, most of us have never been forced to make difficult decisions

regarding other races, and our innermost feelings are never put to an exposed test. And when Fleming told his news conference that eight to 11 per cent of Canadians are "Rock-hard bigots," it didn't seem to be a shocking statistic.

Around Ottawa, what with unemployment, inflation and interest rates, anything under 15 per cent seems marvellously moderate.

When the minister talked about the difficulties being faced by Haitian immigrants in Montreal, the recent flare-up of anti-Semitic feelings in Alberta, the "ghettoization" of blacks in the Halifax area and violence against Asians in Toronto, there was a natural tendency to feel removed from these problem areas. Since we haven't assaulted or directly insulted anyone, we're not guilty of any racism.

### GIVES EXAMPLE

But now I was listening to Archbishop Scott talk about a trip he had taken through Western Canada, introducing a high-ranking foreign churchman to the various Anglican dioceses in the country, including those on Indian reservations.

"And as we sat down to dinner one

or understand that money, whether it is earned in wages, salaries or profit, is the property of the person who earns it.

"Whether it involves a nurse or a nursing home operator, provided that person has given value to earn the money and met all the laws, the money then becomes his or hers."

He said no one told the NDP caucus what to do with its money.

Rae responded that "private profit medicine" should end in Ontario and if Grossman wanted to continue it "he should to right ahead, but he is going to have a fight on his hands."

### FAIR DINKUM

And there the clash of two irreconcilable premises paused.

The NDP just does not believe in private profits in the health care field, preferring government ownership, non-profit co-ops, or, at minimum, a government-regulated return on investment.

That's fine.

My only dispute with Rae is his claim that non-profit institutions can give a "higher standard of care for exactly the same money". His assumption is that a bureaucrat with access to unlimited tax dollars will be anywhere near as efficient as a private sector entrepreneur.

That's especially true where non-profit really means big salaries for administrators, as opposed to profits for owners.

night, my guest pulled me aside and said, "Sit close to me and listen carefully to my conversation with the two chaplains across from me."

"One was white and the other was a native," said the Archbishop.

"And I listened very carefully as our guest spent the entire meal asking questions about native people, their families, their culture and their living conditions."

"And you know what, 95 per cent of the questions were answered by the white chaplain. Here was a visitor trying to get first-hand information on native people, and was fortunate enough to be sitting across the table from a native chaplain, and 95 per cent of his questions were being answered by a white chaplain."

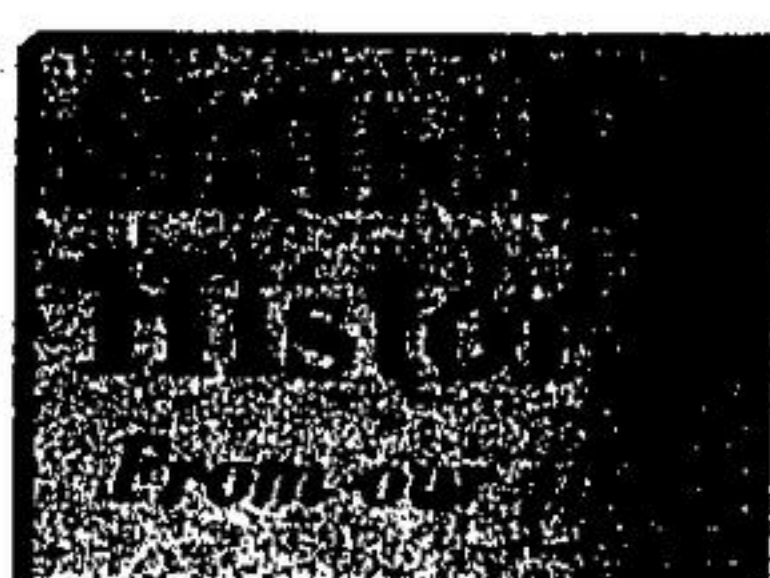
"And the frightening aspect of this is that if our visitor hadn't specifically asked me to pay attention, I probably wouldn't have noticed. But having noticed, I began wondering just how many times I might have done the same thing."

### INQUIRY WELCOMED

If the primate hadn't noticed, it's a pretty fair bet that the vast majority of us would have noticed even less. Archbishop Scott spent a good part of his life among native people and for a time was Director of Indian Work in the Diocese of Rupert's Land. And as moderator of the central committee of the World Council of Churches, he devotes much of his time to working with various races and creeds around the world.

In terms of racial intolerance, his little story about the Saskatchewan dinner might not carry any historic significance, but it hit me with a greater impact than any of Jim Fleming's statistics. Apart from everything else, it makes you wonder how that Indian clergyman felt at the dinner table, sitting silently while his culture was being explained cross his brow by well-meaning people. Perhaps this is even more hurtful than some overt act of racism that could be held up to public contempt.

Fleming's statistics might have been impressive, even frightening. But it was the Archbishop's little story that stuck in my mind. And any parliamentary committee that helps focus attention on such incidents has to serve some useful purpose. So with much help from the Archbishop, I'll applaud Fleming's announcement.



**THIRTY YEARS AGO** - What Council did? They were asked by Sam Tennant to have something done about dogs running at large in town. He reported his dog, which was tied, being badly mauled and killed by other dogs running at large. The chairman of the police committee reported that the matter had been taken up with the police and in future if citizens would supply them with the names of the owners of dogs running at large, charges would be laid. Councillors passed a motion transferring the property on which the Hydro substation on Guelph Street is situated to the local Commission, now that the town hall property has been sold.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO** - Brampton's Armstrong Brothers were awarded two tenders by council Monday. The company will pave the Maple Avenue extension at a price of \$10,019 and install a waterline on Ann Street for \$2,580. Seven tenders were received. An estimated \$6,800 in materials and \$1,200 for excavating for the Ann Street project are not included in the tender and will be handled by the town. Coun. Fred Harrison, property chairman, pressed strongly for replacement of the refreshment booth under the park grandstand, which he says is in deplorable condition. He suggested completely tearing out the old booth and erecting a new cement block one, with cement floor, price of which is estimated at \$1,250. Mayor Armstrong said he had been talking recently with a service organization which is seeking a project and this might fill the bill. He was empowered by council to promise control of the booth by any organization which wished to undertake the work. Meanwhile, Coun. Harrison said the old stand would be ripped out immediately.

**TEN YEARS AGO** - A near riot was quelled late Saturday night by Georgetown police after an employee of a carnival in operation at the market centre allegedly struck Ron McLelland in the face with a pipe wrench. McLelland, a former resident of town, was taken to hospital with cuts to his nose, mouth and lips and cheekbone. Aman has been charged with assault. The battle developed when 300 young people converged on the plaza to avenge the assault on McLelland. Tales of a tractor being used by Carnival employees to rush the Georgetown group have not been confirmed. The situation was saved when the young people obeyed police and left the scene. Mayor Bill Smith rushed to the market from the weekend beer garden, and order the carnival closed. The owner refused, saying he had a contract to last until Tuesday night. The mayor immediately contacted Karl Magid and Sigmund Levy, plaza owners, and received their permission to break the contract and to order the carnival out. The mayor met with the carnival owner Sunday morning and insisted that he leave. That afternoon, the fair was closed and out of town. The employee, charged with assault, was taken to Milton jail when 12 of his fellow employees continued to hang around the Georgetown police station. Chief of police Floyd Schwartz commended his men who stayed on duty past their regular time to ensure that no more trouble erupted.

**ONE YEAR AGO** - Beer and liquor will flow at provincially-approved sites at the Canadian-Yugoslav centre July 4 but town council and neighbors of the centre, about two miles south of Acton on Highway 25, aren't completely satisfied that enough steps have been taken to curb noise problems during celebrations there. Meanwhile embittered by council's two hour debate on the liquor licensing issue Monday night, Canadian-Yugoslav Cultural Association (CYCA) president Nick Cacic told reporters later that he felt councillors were trying to "box him into a corner," ensuring that if charges are laid for noise violations, he'll be held responsible. Last year, three charges against the association for noise violations under town bylaw were dismissed in court when the town could not prove who was directly responsible. Although the town endorsed the Association's application for a July 4 special occasion liquor licence, four other dates on which the Association had hoped to hold festivities were rejected. Without town approval, it is unlikely the Liquor Licensing Board of Ontario will grant the permits to sell alcoholic drinks, but this doesn't prevent celebrants from bringing their own liquor. Coun. Mike Armstrong pointed out.

## POET'S CORNER

### SPECIAL THINGS

Special things happen to special people  
And only at special times  
But only if you act according  
And also be on time

For special things to be quite nice  
You have to wish a lot  
And pray, and hope it will come true

There are special people and  
Special items, and very special things  
To special people these are special things  
Things that could be shared

For someone to say sure I share  
Is really not that bad  
But trust a friend  
And they'll trust you  
And that's a special thing

—By K.M. McLaughlin  
Georgetown

## Conservatives oppose contentious legislation

Over the past few weeks the Liberals have introduced some extremely contentious legislation in the House of Commons.

What is all this fuss about the "Crow Rate"? Bill C-155 - The Western Grain Transportation Act, repeals the Crow Rate statutory structure contained in Section 271 of the Railway Act. The statutory rate is a constitutional pillar which provides stability, simplicity and certainty to Western Canadian grain producers and also provided the historical, social and economic base of Western Canada which was founded on the production, distribution and marketing of grain.

It was a recognition that Canada, as a trading nation, must be competitive, and it buffered farmers from the artificial and natural advantages of other grain-exporting countries.

There are seven sections to the new Act. Administrative measures include the creation of a Grain Transportation Agency and administrator who will be appointed by Cabinet



### MP's report

by John McDermid

for seven years. A senior Grain Transportation Committee will be created. The Bill gives the Minister power over railway cars. He may acquire, lease and administer his own cars; he can administer and control railway-owned cars subject to railway agreement; he, by Cabinet, can transfer and control any C.W.B. - held car to himself or any other cars under his control or the G.T.A. Administrator. Cabinet may appoint a person to investigate car allocations who shall report the findings to the clerk of P.C.O.

Why are Progressive Conservat-

ives opposed to this Bill? There are many reasons. The principles of the Statutory Freight Rate are not retained in this legislation. The freight rate structure will provide for open-ended escalation without any consideration for farmers' profit positions or the value of grain. The 31.1 million tonne cap will provide a disincentive to increased grain production.

The blended freight rate and the prospect of variable rates will create a further disincentive. The Bill is a costly, bureaucratic mechanism. There are many other substantive reasons why this Bill should be amended. As it stands, it is an example of the Liberal hallmark - it is controversial, incomplete, bureaucratic and complex.

On May 19, 1983, Bill C-157 was introduced in the House. This legislation seeks to establish The Canadian Security Intelligence Service, a civilian security agency, and to establish a concurrent Federal law enforcement role in relation to offences arising out of threats to the security of Canada. It

is proposed that The Canadian Security Intelligence Service will be built on the foundation of the present Royal Canadian Mounted Police Security Service.

One of the main recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry Concerning Certain Activities of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (The McDonald Commission) was to separate the security service from The Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The Royal Commission on Security (The MacKenzie Commission) also recommended in 1969 that the Security Intelligence Service be separate from any law enforcement agency.

There has been a great deal of controversy over both of the above Bills. The Liberals are very foolish to think that such important pieces of legislation could be slipped by the House of Commons, while the Official Opposition is conducting a leadership convention. Although the leadership question must be resolved, we are still a party committed to ensuring that the business of Parliament remains in the best interests of this country.