

Mill St. site too dangerous

The Mill St. road reconstruction is a hazard for pedestrians and motorists. Tragedy could strike if workmen are not more careful.

We're happy to see a major thoroughfare to downtown improved. An easier, more attractive and better outlined entrance to downtown from Guelph St. helps the entire community.

Shoppers will benefit by having an easier access route while enjoying a quaint setting with improved sidewalks and lighting.

In the interim, pedestrians and motorists are having to take a number of risks in using Mill St.

Heavy construction equipment has been used on the site by workmen who are not supervised by a signalman to watch for cars or pedestrians.

One infuriated gentleman went as far as stopping at The Herald to use a phone to complain to the police about this danger.

Construction sites in crowded areas of town need added safety measures.

Those who must use the eastern entrance to downtown should use extra caution.

Many of us only realize the danger when tragedy strikes - when it's too late. Only then will proper supervision be considered "necessary".

Agri-Food Week

This year marks the second anniversary of Agri-Food Week, a joint endeavour of Ontario farmers, governments and businesses to put agriculture in the limelight for a few days. Agri-Food Week runs from Monday, Oct. 3 to Thanksgiving Monday, Oct. 10.

While most people don't realize it, the Agri-Food industry is one of the largest in Ontario. This year Agri-Food businesses will inject \$11 billion into the provincial economy and employ 20 per cent of the provincial work force. Obviously, agricultural influence extends well beyond the lot lines of our farms, but the basis for the industry remains the 85,000 farmers who work the land in Ontario.

Each of these farmers is highly productive, feeding 90 people. Twenty-five years ago the average farmer fed only 30 people, which means our farmers have had a 300 per cent increase in productivity since 1958. That's a rate of increase matched by few industries.

This high productivity also translates into low food prices. In Canada we spend less of our disposable income on food than almost anyone else in the world. Last year 16.4 per cent of our disposable income went towards food and non-alcoholic beverages, but food purchased in stores accounted for only 12.4 per cent (about one out of every eight dollars we took home). That's not very much when you compare it to other countries like France or Japan, and in relative terms it's decreasing all the time.

The quality of food we produce is also second to none. This shows up in our exports, which are increasing all the time - from fresh apples to aged cheddar cheese.

Agri-Food Week is both an education and a celebration: a celebration of the good things that grow in Ontario, and a chance to learn about the people and methods that produce our food.

—Courtesy Ontario Federation of Agriculture

Ripping away my mask of anonymity



Staff Comment

By ANI PEDERIAN

Please write a column, the editor beseeched me. A column, I shuddered with trepidation. What did I have worth saying in a column?

He was taking the mask of anonymity from me with this request. No more hiding away behind the facts and quotes of a news story.

I, the real Ani Pederian, like the real Lynda Hurst and the real Michelle Landsburg and the real Slinger had to come forward.

Arggh. Taking off that mantle of uninvolved, unpartisan observer is not going to be easy. Too many years of journalism training have dulled the personal edge.

Writing a column about writing a column is a first step in column writing. Did I lose you there? Again then. Writing a column about writing a column is the first step in column writing. Got it now?

Canadian journalists make a big pitch for being unbiased in their

coverage. It's rule number one and it's broken every time pen meets paper. A column is just a more honest way of saying "this is what I observed, and these are my notes and interests in the event".

FLAUNTED

In a news story, my observations are flouted as the general observations of anyone on the scene. Actually, not true. My background, my philosophy of life, my interests, my concerns, guide me when I come to ask questions, take notes and write up a story—as they do every reporter.

I think I've just opened a Pandora's box. The whole issue of unbiased reporting can be debated for hours, and often is by members of the media.

Columns are safe from that debate. Everyone knows they can be opinionated, biased and totally off base. As long as nobody is being libelled, and the big boss is happy, a columnist has a free hand.

Sometimes all that freedom can be a little awesome when a writer has always dealt with fences-sitting behind them—rather than straddling them.

Up I get now, watching that the barbed wire at the ends doesn't rip out my pant seat too severely and leave me exposed to ridicule.

Write us a letter

The Herald welcomes letters to the editor. It is of utmost importance that all parts of the letter are clearly legible. Letters must be signed and include the telephone number and address of the sender.

Excessively long letters may have to be edited due to space constraints. Letters may be dropped off at the Herald or mailed to: 45 Guelph St., Georgetown L7G 3Z6.

If you would like to write your Federal Member of Parliament or Member of the Provincial Parliament on some matter of interest—below are their mailing addresses. Also if you send us a copy of

your letter, it might be suitable for our letters to the editor column.
John McDermaid,
Member of Parliament,
Brampton-Georgetown,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ont.

Julian Reed,
Member of Provincial Parliament,
Halton-Burlington,
Ontario Legislature,
Queen's Park, Ont.

Otto Jelinek,
Member of Parliament,
Halton,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ont.



Homeowners could change "disposable everything" society



Staff Comment

By CHIRRAAGAARD

The sweat and toil Halton's councillors and staff bear because of the region's landfill crisis makes one think perfectly clear: the "disposable everything" society is on the outs and not a moment too soon.

Whether accepted voluntarily or forced by law, separation of reusable material from household trash will mean a change in the kitchens of the region.

Instead of one bag for everything, there'll be three or four. Halton Hills already has a "Divide and Conquer" program underway. On any regular garbage day, residents can bundle up old newspapers, clean out bottles and jars and crush cans, sorting them out into separate bags or boxes for curbside pick up by the town.

It's been operating in the Acton and Georgetown urban area for about

five years. Town public works superintendent Frank Morette says that about 13 per cent of Acton residents participate and about 23 per cent in Georgetown.

Newspaper is sold to the Ontario Paper plant in Thorold, glass goes to Dominion Glass in Brampton and cans to the MRI Metal Recovery plant in Hamilton.

It's not a terribly profitable venture for the town, but as Mr. Morette notes, Halton Hills pays about \$30 per ton to have its urban trash shipped to the Burlington landfill site. There's a saving in every pound which is recycled.

Published earlier this year, the province's "Blueprint for Solid Waste Management" encourages municipalities and large firms not to rely heavily on landfill sites as a means of waste disposal. For the moment, the "Blueprint" is an idea file. It's being reviewed by industry and government and response read by the ministry of environment's waste management branch.

It's a slow and careful approach to something which could be the backbone to guidelines and even legislation governing the way we treat our

garbage in the future.

Firms like Halton's Recycled Resources Ltd. see a potential for profit in the garbage of others and they're working with municipalities to encourage trash separation in the home and workplace.

But without support from the public, these efforts to find and use alternatives to landfill sites will simply bog down from lack of interest.

The Blueprint maintains that landfill sites will always be a part of the overall picture of waste disposal in the province: everything can't be recycled, even some of the bi-products of recycling and burning have to be buried.

The only way landfill sites can be reluctantly acceptable is by making them smaller, longer-lasting, containing fewer harmful and hazardous wastes.

The solution to the problem begins in the home, adopting recycling not begrudgingly as a nuisance, but as a way of life, as common as cutting the lawn.

It can be swallowed a lot sweeter as a voluntary effort than as action demanded by law to stave off disaster.

You don't hear much about 'Anyone but Bourassa' movement



Ottawa Report

By Stewart McLeod

Even Robert Bourassa himself must be wondering at times whether his run of good fortune can continue at this pace. Surely, his political resurrection can't be this easy.

But so far, it's been just one bed of roses after another for the former Quebec premier as he breezes, with uncommon ease, back toward the leadership of the provincial Liberal party—a position he vacated with some humiliation back in 1978.

If the hawk-nosed economist is going to be diverted from his long-sought goal of regaining the leadership, and indeed the premiership, it is obviously going to require an intercession of mammoth proportions. At the moment, there seems to be nothing on the horizon to stop him.

With the party leadership convention less than a month away, and with all 2,800 delegates selected, it appears as though the former premier has some 2,300 of them committed to his cause. That leaves only some 500 to be shared between his two rivals, Daniel Johnson and Pierre Paradis. And even allowing for a minor disaster in the meantime, Bourassa should coast comfortably to victory on the first ballot.

NO TALK

Just a month or so ago, when his strength wasn't quite so obvious, there was all this talk about the "anyone but Bourassa" movement. Federal Liberals made it clear they would prefer just about any alternative, and they had been secretly hoping that former finance minister Raymond Garneau would head off the former premier. Prime Minister Trudeau is one of those who does not hold Bourassa in high esteem.

But now, with the handwriting plainly on the wall, you don't hear much about the "anyone but Bourassa" movement—not very much at all. Instead, what you hear are conversations about how a resurrected Bourassa might get along with Brian Mulroney when—not if—the federal Tory leader becomes prime minister of Canada.

There is more than one assumption in the works.

Bourassa is no doubt aware of the pitfall that awaited Calude Ryan, the previous leader of the Quebec Liberals

who, in his first few years, was in the same enviable position. When Ryan, the professional newspaper editor, took over from the disgraced Bourassa, there was scarcely a thought devoted to the possibility of him losing the next election to Rene Levesque's Parti Quebecois. Under his leadership the Liberal won 11 consecutive byelections and the 1980 referendum on sovereignty-association.

When Levesque called the 1981 provincial election, it was widely assumed that this would be a mere coronation for Claude Ryan.

But it wasn't. The Liberals were whopped through the brilliant campaign strategy of the Levesque forces.

REPEAT POSSIBLE

It could happen to the Bourassa-led Liberals as well. But it's an unlikely prospect. Not only is Bourassa a far better campaigner than Ryan—just look at how he organized delegates for

the leadership convention—but current events in Quebec are not particularly conducive to the re-election of the Parti Quebecois government. Apart from facing severe economic problems, voters in the province give every indication of being tired of the independence issue and constant federal-provincial bickering.

Bourassa, who has a sharp eye for popular issues, seems to be getting a warm reception with his proposals to take the rough edges off Quebec's controversial language laws, and to seek a constitutional accord with Ottawa soon after being elected.

All things being considered, it is very difficult to see how Bourassa, whose political career was in tatters just five years ago, can be stopped in his seemingly casual stroll back to the premier's office. But even he must pinch himself at times to see whether it's really happening.

Globe needs male singers



By Morley and Lauretta Mills
877-3915

MELLOWNESS

I like spring, but it is too young. I like summer, but it is too proud. So I like best of all autumn, because its leaves are a little yellow, its tone mellow, its colours richer, and it is tinged a little with sorrow. Its golden richness speaks not of the innocence of spring, nor of the power of summer, but of the mellowness and kindly wisdom of approaching age. It knows the limitations of life and it is content.

A year ago, a Home Care Program was set up in Halton Region. Its aim is to help frail and elderly persons to remain in their own homes for a longer period. The co-ordinator of this program is Mrs. Fran Jamieson, at 877-8113.

This program is divided into Acute Home Care and Chronic Home Care. Both are covered by

O.H.I.P. For both, a fully-completed medical referral, particularly your medication, is required from your doctor. This is followed by a visit from a nurse who will make an assessment.

Acute Home Care is intended for those who need specific medical care for short periods. This plan provides for two visits a week from a professional health service such as a nurse, physiotherapist or a speech therapist as needed.

Chronic Home Care is intended to help those who need continuing care. This plan provides for a minimum of three visits a month from a professional service.

Visiting homemakers are available as support service while a patient is receiving health assistance under these plans.

The Halton Hills Health Unit conducts free monthly clinics at the Seniors' residences in Georgetown and Acton. At these clinics, the public health nurses provide foot-care, health assessment, assistance with meal-planning and diets, as well as counselling.

For those who live in their own homes, a clinic is held at the office at 96 Main St. S., Georgetown, the third Thursday of each month starting at 1 p.m. For an appointment, call 877-2238.

Any Seniors interested? Male singers are urgently needed by Globe Productions for their up-coming musical. Call Gerry Eggleton at 877-7309.

Halton's History

From our files

THIRTY YEARS AGO—Georgetown Fair Saturday came close to setting a record in attendance as over 5,000 crowded into the park on a perfect autumn day to enjoy a varied program of races, see the livestock and the excellent hall exhibit, and walk along the largest midway which has yet been assembled locally. Cattle and horses again dominated the prize ring, with a large poultry show also drawing attention. The races were thrilling and the hall set a new high in exhibits, with thirteen Women's Institutes and local and district schools entering non-competitive displays. Keen competition was noted particularly in the handicraft and domestic sciences section. Miss Marjory McCready of Milton had the most points in ladies work and won the Simpson-Sears silver tray; Mrs. Frank Whitmee received Acker's bedspread as top domestic science prizewinner; Mrs. Wellington Wilson had most points in flowers and won two specials offered by Don Herrington and ChMisties Biscuits. Top point-getter in the hall and winner of the T. Eaton tray was Mrs. Norman Robertson of Acton.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO—A perfect day crowned the efforts of directors of Esqueving Agricultural Society in presenting another stand-out fall fair in Georgetown Park Saturday. It was a warm, sunny afternoon, with just the right tang of autumn in the air. The fair opened when the Georgetown Senior Band paraded to the judging stand, where Halton's MP Sandy Best was introduced by fair board president Wilfrid Bird. Mr. Best congratulated the organization on a job well done and expressed his pleasure in the community spirit which a fall fair engenders, both among rural and urban residents. Vince Mounford of Brampton, was emcee and kept grandstand spectators informed of the program as races and livestock judging took place during the afternoon. The midway, larger than Georgetown Fair has seen in the past, was well patronized and a continual flow of spectators thronged the exhibit hall to see displays which included domestic science and handicrafts, flowers, grain and vegetables, school exhibits and displays by Institutes and 4-H groups. The hall drew particularly favorable comments this year for both quantity and quality of exhibits.

TEN YEARS AGO—Reeve Tom Hill of Esqueving Township is the mayor elect of Halton Hills today, following Monday's regional vote. He owes his success to substantial inroads made into the Georgetown vote. Reeve Hill polled 3,651 votes in a seesaw battle with Georgetown mayor Bill Smith who polled 3,522. Other candidates in the four-way mayoral race were Georgetown councillors Phil Siddall, 1,633 votes, and William Hunter, 1,018 votes. Voter turnout in Esqueving Township was only 41.1 per cent, although the township was solidly in support of the Hill campaign. This contrasts with the voter turnout of 52.6 per cent in Ward 4, a Georgetown ward. Reeve Hill drew sufficient votes from the two Georgetown wards to put him over the top. In Acton, Ward 1, most voters again went solidly behind Hill. Voter turnout for that ward was 48.5 per cent. In Ward 3 of Georgetown, voter turnout was 47.5 per cent.

ONE YEAR AGO—A Georgetown man is hoping his invention will help our national hockey team, Team Canada. "Kick the pants off those Russians". A lawyer with the Brampton firm Neiman, Pratt, Edward, Doug Edward is keen on hockey. His fondness for watching and playing the game led him to create a gadget that when attached to a garden hose will flood a backyard rink with a smooth sheet of ice in just 15 minutes. "This all started with me trying to figure out how I was going to make my son a backyard ice rink four years ago." The 36-year old Mr. Edward said. Now that his gadget is slowly becoming a marketable reality, with major retailers clearing shelf space for it, Mr. Edward dreams of children with quality backyard rinks improving their skating so that in 15 years a super Team Canada will come home with resounding international successes in hockey.