

Wouldn't it be nice?

It's hard to argue from strictly a dollar point of view that Stewarttown Senior Public School deserves a larger gymnasium to serve their students.

But on the eve of their 25th anniversary reunion, the subject seems timely to broach.

The new addition at Stewarttown in 1967 brought to the school better facilities, more teachers and a system of teaching that differed from the past.

Both students and teachers benefited by the creative freedom provided by lower pupil-teacher ratios and a gymnasium that was suitable at the time.

With the passing of years, the small-scaled gymnasium has been a thorn in the side for the school, the students and parents.

Because of the low ceiling and overall diminutive size, sports teams have been forced to train elsewhere, calling

upon the understanding and time of parents and teachers to arrange for transportation to other schools.

It has been frustrating for the school, but undaunted, the students and teachers have successfully leaped many of the obstacles the gym has imposed. Their athletic record and physical education programs are top notch.

The stumbling block in improving the gymnasium size is, of course, lack of money in a time of budget restraints.

The Stewarttown gymnasium is on the Halton board of education's list of facilities that require additions, renovations and improvements. Unfortunately, the school must wait in line, not knowing what year the gymnasium will be enlarged, if it will ever be enlarged.

An early start to a Stewarttown gym renovation would be a nice anniversary gift to the school.

Borin takes a giant step

York County Court Judge Stephen Borins took an enormous step into the unknown last week as he handed down his decision against two companies charged with distributing obscene material.

As the Globe and Mail's Kirk Makin pointed out, the decision is somewhat of a landmark: it's the first time a Criminal Code prohibition against the depiction of cruelty and violence has been used by a Canadian judge.

Judge Borin's decision will no doubt be sharply criticized. People will question whether he has the right to determine what most Canadians find socially acceptable, and what they don't. If judges can make such rulings on films, will they also crack down on pornographic literature, or even the violence viewed nightly on just about any television

channel?

The distributors and producers of hard core pornography have, up until now, operated smoothly. The best efforts of police to bring offenders to trial are all too often nullified by a reluctance on the part of the judicial system to determine a social standard and apply the law severely.

Judge Borin's courageous decision is a serious concern to those who profit from the sexual and violent dehumanization of others for entertainment and have scoffed at the legal risks involved.

Hopefully, the judge has set a precedent for his peers to follow.

While our politicians endlessly talk about crushing hard core porn, it's nice to know the judicial system is actually taking some action.

Letter to the editor

XMAS mailing hints

To the editor of the Herald:

Each year, we get thousands of requests for information on Christmas mailing. May I offer you readers a few hints on how they can get their mail to its destinations on time? Remember to mail early! Christmas cards and parcels for local delivery must be mailed by December 17. Christmas cards and parcels for out-of-town delivery must be mailed by December 13.

If you're mailing outside Canada and the United States, please check the deadlines. This year, we've introduced a Christmas mail telephone hotline. The number is 369-XMAS (369-9627). It's a Toronto

number, but customers in the region of Ontario covered by telephone area code "416" and living outside the direct dialing zone may call 369-XMAS collect for information.

Correct postage will speed delivery. Christmas cards for Canada and the United States must be sealed and require 32 cents postage for Canada and 37 cents for the United States. Rates for other countries are available at all post offices or over the 369-XMAS hotline.

Address your mail properly. The address should be legibly written, and should include the correct address and postal code and your own address and postal code. There, you'll also

find labels to identify mail as "first class," "airmail" or "fragile."

Wrap parcels carefully. Send them in strong cardboard boxes wrapped in brown paper and tied with string. If you have fragile goods to protect, puffed popcorn makes an excellent packing. Wrapping properly, addressing properly, and mailing early, can help Canada Post get your Christmas mail there on time.

As an added touch, try out Christmas scene stamps. They'll be available at all post offices from November 3.

Thanks, and with best wishes.

G.J. King
Manager
Georgetown Post Office



Few marchers really believe Soviet Union is a threat



Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

Perhaps the most unwittingly revealing comment at the massive "refuse the cruise" rally here on the Queen's Park lawn was dropped by speaker Bob Bossin.

What good would their 17,000 strong turn-out do, he asked, before answering his own question by referring to the success of the Vietnam demonstrations in the streets of the 1960s and 1970s — "that war ended," he said.

And maybe, in essence, that is what the great cruise missile debate is all about.

For the truth, of course, is that the war in Indochina has not ended. It goes on today as it has in various forms for the 40 years Tonkinese (or North Vietnamese) — Communists — from the Red River Delta have tried to build an empire in south-east Asia.

What Bossin should have said is that American participation in the killing had ended — helped by the "peace" forces on the streets — clearing the way for the real professionals, the Communists, to get on with

the job.

TELL TALE

What separated the anti-cruise crowd from the group of counter-demonstrators who believed in "peace through strength" was not police lines but a gulf in perception well-illustrated by Bossin's views.

There was only war in Indochina while the U.S. was involved. There is only a threat to peace if the U.S. arsenal is expanded, although some of the more charitable in the "peace" camp blame both sides "equally."

It is not that most of the speakers or marchers were pro-Communist. They weren't. They were simply expressing fear of all-out nuclear war, an emotion anyone can understand, and translating that into hostility toward a specific weapons systems — the cruise missile, an American missile.

Yet the effect of their action was to take sides. It is not so much they were endorsing the Soviet viewpoint as ignoring it, turning a blind eye to the most powerful military machine in the world.

FIGHT BACK

Banners in the "peace" march denounced the American resistance to further Marxist gains in Central America. There was no word on the bloody and dangerous Iran-Iraq war, never mind Indochina or Afghanistan.

And Russia's war preparations were treated skeptically, as in Canadian Union of Public Employees' president Grace Hartmann use of the word

"alleged" to discuss Soviet aggression.

It is there one finds the great dividing line. Few of the marchers really believe, deep down, that the Soviet Union and its satellite-allies like Cuba and Vietnam's Tonkinese are a threat.

To them the Russians must want peace as much as we do. After all, they've experienced the horror of war. If only the Americans would stop being so belligerent...

NEED MORE

It is the argument of the naive. The Soviet Union is a tight-knit dictatorship run by men who sincerely believe that killing millions (foreigners or their own people, in nuclear war or by peaceful famine and the gulag) is moral if it advances the inevitable triumph of Marxist-Leninism.

And that leaves us in the West with only two alternatives: either to have a deterrent power so strong that strategic nuclear war will leave nothing for Politbureau survivors to rule except ashes, or unilateral surrender now. A minimum deterrent invites a Soviet Pearl Harbour surprise strike.

Yuri Andropov, who pioneered the use of psychiatric drugs on dissidents (you don't like socialism; you must be crazy) is a dangerous and ruthless proponent of expanding Marxist-Leninism by violence.

We need enough strength, of which the cruise missile is a facet, to ever prevent him gambling he can do to us what he did to Budapest in 1956.

Shouldn't be complacent to metropolitan extremes



Staff Comment

By ANI PEDERMAN

Sometimes it's good to be a little behind the times, a little un-chic as it were.

Nestled west and a little north of the widely-spread arms of Toronto, Halton Hills is a little slow to pick up on the trends.

As Halton regional police Inspector Jim Currie said this week, we haven't had a great deal of violent pornography here, nor much child pornography. As a Georgetown resident, I wouldn't complain about it.

Rampant in the United States, and growing steadily in the large metropolitan areas of Canada, such pornography is ever-present. Although putting a stop to it could be seen as infringing on

somebody's liberty to read what they like or see what they want to, the value of such materials is questionable.

In Halton Hills, we have a watchdog group formed last February, to defend our town from the infiltration of such materials.

Citizens Against Violent Pornography chairman Gall Rutherford says watching violent porn affects everyone, and unbalanced people to a greater degree. In fact, most of those convicted of violent sexual crimes have been found to have "scads of this stuff", as Mrs. Rutherford puts it, in their home.

Going back to what Insp. Currie said, local police have never confiscated Playboy magazines, the well-established girlie monthly. Although Penthouse and Hustler sometimes get borderline in their copy, he said, charges haven't been laid by local police.

Contemporary community standards have changed over the years,

and what was objectionable in the 1950s is no longer so. Partial nudity, total nudity and simulated sex acts are apparently acceptable now in Halton Hills, and police are accordingly not laying charges in these cases.

Pornography is a difficult phenomenon to police; there are a lot of gray areas, as Insp. Currie noted, to complicate the issue. What is going to be judged obscene in a courtroom is difficult for the individual officer to determine on the scene at times.

That's why the citizens of Halton Hills have to be vigilant as well. It's their complaints that will get police to lay charges or mediate a solution, and make fellow citizens aware there's a problem.

"I'm not trying to alarm you in any way, but don't take things for granted any more," Insp. Currie said.

Although Halton Hills is a little slow to pick up on the extremes prevalent in the city, we shouldn't be sleeping when we do have magazine stands, a movie theatre and several video outlets in town.

Elderly study input needed



By Morley and Lauretta Mills
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A quote from the Halton District Health Council Newsletter says, "It is said that men die and women get sick."

In Halton Region during 1981, twelve men (aged 15-34) died in motor vehicle accidents. In the same year, two hundred and thirty-six older women (over 65) in Halton were hospitalized for an average of thirty-five days because of falls!

The Halton District Health Council, in co-operation with the Regional Health Department are reviewing these statistics along with information about lung cancer, diabetes, alcoholism, suicides, heart disease and environmental pollutants as part of a plan for health promotion in the Region. Carolyn Sher, who has been involved in health care planning provincially for the past ten years, has been named Co-ordinator of the Study.

The Study is beginning with a review of the statistics on death and disease of each municipality in Halton according to age and sex. The Study team will determine what the local agencies involved with health promotion are already doing.

They will also be asking a sample of Halton residents about their health-related activities by means of questionnaires. Should you be the recipient of one of these, fill it out to the best of your ability to assist the program.

In relation to Phase Two of the Study on Health and Social Services for the Elderly, public forums will be held for Seniors, service providers and interested persons in the community in the Georgetown Library, 9 Church St., Nov. 24, at 2:00 p.m. and in Acton

Baptist Church, 80 Mill St. E., Nov. 22, at 2:00 p.m.

At these forums, the alternatives and recommendations regarding services to be planned and provided in the future will be presented.

It is in the interest of all Seniors to attend these forums as your future well-being is the important issue. Your reaction to the study suggestions, pro or con, is essential.

Please note, the number for the Home Care Program is 878-8113, not 877-8113 as stated in our previous column.

Two little girls were discussing their families. "Why does your Grandmother read the Bible so much?" asked one. Replied the other. "I think she's cramming for her finals."

Poet's Corner

MAY I
May I love you
please...
just a little bit
so hardly anyone
will notice
It won't hurt...

you
and
I'm sure
you're all I need
to clutter up
an empty day
with guideposts.

Marlene C.
Dickson

THIRTY YEARS AGO — Provincial police are tracking down all leads in a sensational robbery in Glen Williams last week when goods valued at over \$4,000 were removed from the Beumont Knitting Mills. Time of the daring theft has been established as shortly after midnight Tuesday when nearby residents heard a truck which stopped at the mill for a short time.

Entry was gained by forcing a window and the robbers then opened the door and loaded a large number of work socks into the waiting truck. Mill owner Arthur Beumont says that a total of 900 dozen socks packed in 36 cartons were taken in the robbery, all of them ready for shipment. The firm is offering a \$100 reward for information leading to the return of the stolen goods. No theft insurance was carried by the mill.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO — Possibility of moving the war memorial to a more suitable location was mentioned by Coun. Fred Harrison at council Monday. Mr. Harrison said he had brought the matter up a recent Legion meeting and they had suggested he investigate possible sites.

Town owned property on the Maple Avenue extension, which could be land filled is one idea in his mind, he said, plus another spot which he would not identify until he consulted with the owner. Installations of storm sewers in various parts of town, delayed until financing was arranged with the government authorities is proceeding, and bylaws received their final okay for the week and the \$36,500 debenture cost. The sewers are in process in the Swanek subdivision on John Street and the highway.

A report of North Halton Urban Board meeting was read by the clerk, indicating the concern felt by the three towns on the situation at Malton and the possibility of layoffs in March at the Avro plant.

TEN YEARS AGO — Halton regional councillors voted themselves yearly salaries of \$8,500 each, effective, Jan. 1, 1974, at their first official meeting at the county administration building in Milton, Monday. The remuneration motion was carried by a vote of 14-10.

Councillors also voted that council meetings will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, beginning at 2 p.m. Meetings will continue to be held at the county administration building for an indefinite time. Committee meetings will be held on alternate Wednesdays. In what was generally a calm session, the big item on the agenda was the question of councillor's salaries.

Coun. David Coons (Burlington) proposed a motion that salaries be fixed at \$9,000. This motion was defeated. Coun. Archie Donaghey (Oakville) called the proposed salary "criminal". The \$8,500 motion was carried instead. Other council business included appointing councillors Harrington and Barrett to the Halton regional board of commissioners of police and appointing members to the finance, works, planning and community services committees.

ONE YEAR AGO — The Fotomat kiosk in the Georgetown Marketplace was one of the 174 retail photo outlets closed Friday. Two local employees were among the 420 staff put out of work. Customers who had left films for developing with the company shouldn't feel nervous about ever getting them back, divisional controller Philip Bogod of Bellevue Photographic Ltd. said.

Bellevue picks up, processes and delivers films to Fotomat outlets. He assured The Herald that the films entrusted to Fotomat are "under lock and key" and have been developed by Bellevue. "We have a great deal of work on our premises and are awaiting instructions as to how this work will be returned to the customers," he said.



By PAT WOODS
HERALD COLUMNIST

Last week I described some of the many positive features of the Ability Phone. With all its versatility it can help almost everyone in some way, handicapped or not. This does not mean, however, that the use of the Ability Phone would negate the need for personal physical assistance.

If you are deaf, a TDD is available for under \$400. If you require an automatic dialer or message taker, these can be purchased separately for under \$100. Multi-functional calculators are less than \$10. If you need reminding or someone checking on you regularly, the buddy system is free. Other features such as slave units can be purchased separately.

Pre-recorded telephone messages suffer from machine failure, poor telephone connections or delivering the information while the call is being transferred or placed on hold. The police and fire departments like others prefer to speak with people - not machines. Other companies such as Protect Alert or Halton Alarm use real people.

If you can not reach the unit, it can not help you. An accident or medical problem will not receive attention until a preset time and only if that function is being used.

The Ability Phone does have a place with the handicapped \$3400 is expensive, but this can be justified if it means independence for the owner.

Anyone wishing a complete description of this unit can contact me or Doncaster Medical.

On the local scene, the CBC library club is having a Victorian Order of Nurses representative present Nov. 4 between 1 and 3 p.m. If you have any questions about this service you can drop in this Friday and get a free coffee, too.