

Ted Tyler 'roast' has a serious side

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It was a refreshing change from the political jokes and character roasts which often highlight a Citizen of the Year dinner.

To a hushed audience, Les Pelletis explained why Ted Tyler has contributed more to Acton than just helping to renovate a town hall or promote local events.

At the Acton Curling Club Saturday, Mr. Pelletis told of the kindness and friendship Acton's Citizen of the Year Ted Tyler had provided when he arrived from Greece to work in Canada.

Mr. Pelletis came to this country in 1971 at the age of 38 where he began work in Acton as a mechanic for Tyler Transport.

With little money in his pocket, Mr. Pelletis felt the warmth and support of the Tyler family. The first night he stayed in Acton the Tylers gave him a bottle of wine, a roast chicken and a "welcome to Canada" smile.

His first day on the job, Mr. Pelletis damaged two vehicles. He went to Mr. Tyler and said,

"fire me". Instead, Mr. Tyler replied, "You said you can fix it, well go fix it."

"There are not many good people in this world like the Tylers," Mr. Pelletis said.

For the two years he worked for the Tylers, Mr. Pelletis said they taught him how to become a good Canadian citizen.

OPPORTUNITY
"No one can have the type of feelings that I have for this man. He gave me the opportunity to come to Canada. Everyone sees what he has done for the town

hall, but not the personality of the man."

Thanks to the Tylers in spreading the word that he was a good mechanic, he was able to start his own business in Acton repairing cars, Mr. Pelletis said in an interview afterwards.

Mr. Pelletis is now the owner of Achilles Motors, a Mazda dealership in Acton.

Cathy Sanford started the after-dinner speakers off with an extremely humorous talk about Ted Tyler. "Where could I find a roasting pan large enough to roast Ted," she said.

She outlined Mr. Tyler's driving habits, pack-rat image and the trouble he once had in dressing for an important meeting.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy, Councillor Dave Whiting and MP Otto Jelinek all offered their congratulations to Mr. Tyler.

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce who sponsored the evening, president Steve Dawkins presented Mr. Tyler with a Leather-town plaque to commemorate the dinner.

Television and radio personality Jack Carpenter ended the dinner

with a hilarious monologue about Ted Tyler. Dressed as an aging carpenter, Carpenter entertained everyone with his one-liners. One example: "I bet no one realized Ted's name was Thursday. His family decided to call him that because after he was born his mother said, 'I'll think I'll call it a day!'"

Mr. Tyler said his family is very fortunate to live in a place like Acton.

"What we've done is just pay rent for living here," he said.



Les Pelletis (right) publicly thanks Ted Tyler for his friendship and help over the past 13 years.

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PODBORSKI POTENTIAL

Jeff Williams, 7, couldn't wait to start out on the slopes for another winter of fun. He was out on the North Halton Golf and Country Club course with

slister Jenny Saturday morning. Hopefully the Williams children will see a little more white stuff this year, than Halton Hills had last winter.

Exporting dumped as trash solution

By CHRIS AAGAARD
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Halton has shelved a proposal to ship garbage to New York state—at least for the moment.

By an 18-4 recorded vote last Wednesday, regional councillors said they wanted the current Burlington landfill site expanded and used until the region opens a new landfill site as part of a comprehensive solid waste management program expected to get underway by the late 1980s.

Although disposing of Halton's trash at a steam-producing "energy-from-waste" incinerator in Niagara Falls, N.Y. is the option most favored by a Burlington ratepayers' association, it's estimated it would add an extra \$33 per household to the regional tax bill.

That works out to about 63 cents a week. By choosing the expansion of the Burlington site, council is hoping that the province's environment ministry will waive hearings on the issue, agreeing that an interim solution is urgently needed.

Council's resolution asked that environment minister Andrew Brandt reply by Dec. 5, in time for the Dec. 7 council meeting.

Council has deferred other solid waste management committee recommendations until the minister has responded. One of the recommendations suggests exporting trash to New York if Mr. Brandt turns down the region's request to expand the landfill site.

LOCAL CONCERN
Combined with the fact that an Apportionment Guarantee Grant from the province (which subsidizes Halton Hills' share of the regional tax levy) may be completely phased out next year, exporting garbage would be particularly costly to Halton Hills taxpayers.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy indicated.

He told councillors he feared increases as much as 30 to 40 per cent in the regional mill rate for Halton Hills under the export option.

Money, Mayor Pomeroy added, will soon be needed to correct problems with such regional services as the Acton and Georgetown water supply and Georgetown sewage treatment plant which the mayor says needs a new sewage digester.

Only three of Burlington's nine regional representatives voted against expanding the Burlington dump. A fourth negative vote was recorded when Burlington Coun. Steve Toth abstained from voting.

LIMITED EXPANSION
If 75 per cent of Halton's waste is exported, The West Burlington Ratepayers' Association said it would support two phases of the proposed four-phase expansion of the Burlington site to dispose of 25 per cent of the unburnable trash.

Several ratepayers living near the landfill site told council they were fed up with living next to Halton's trash and pointed out that the landfill site has already been expanded twice.

They questioned the safety of waste being disposed at the site, arguing that the \$50,000 worth of landfill site monitoring the region carries out each year doesn't check for some toxic materials.

The association noted that the leachate—the liquid residue which percolates through the buried trash—poses as much of a disposal problem as sewage wastes from a community the size of Acton.

ENVIRONMENT DANGER
The leachate is treated at a Burlington sewage treatment plant, but residents fear that some of it is seeping into streams flowing into

nearby Lake Ontario. Oakville and Burlington draw their water supply from the lake.

Despite research done on the site by scientific consultants, council acknowledged that there is no way of being absolutely sure all the leachate is getting into the disposal system or harmlessly collecting elsewhere underground.

That measure of insecurity is a major reason why landfilling should be discontinued at the Burlington site, one resident said.

But councillors argued that everything has been done to make the

landfill site safe.

Of more risk, Burlington's Pat McLaughlin argued, is the chance that Halton's trash might be halted at the border by angry Americans unwilling to accept Canadian waste.

Shipping waste to the US would undermine efforts to get the Americans to clean up the Niagara River and officially join Canada's concerns about acid rain, councillors added.

Burlington's Walter Mulkewich, along with colleagues Rob Forbes and Mayor Roly Bird, strongly opposed expanding the landfill

St. Nick arrives in Halton Hills

Old Saint Nicholas is making his rounds throughout the province this month, collecting gift ideas from hundreds of youngsters.

He'll be in Halton Hills twice this year: there'll be a Santa Claus parade in Georgetown Nov. 19 and another in Acton Nov. 26.

Both parades are set to begin at 1:30 p.m. The Georgetown event is sponsored by the local Lions Club.

Parade participants will assemble at the Georgetown A and P plaza on Sinclair Ave. marching to downtown Georgetown along Highway 7, Maple Avenue and Main Street.

Sponsored by the Acton Y's Men's Club, the Acton parade will assemble at MacKenzie-Smith Middle School and will also terminate on Main Street in the downtown core.

Housing post for local woman

Herald Special
Mrs. Barbara Johnson of Limehouse has been appointed to the Halton Housing Authority, Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Claude Bennett announced today.

Mrs. Johnson will serve as a federal representative on the seven-member authority which manages Ontario Housing Corporation's 1,065 assisted housing units in Burlington, Halton Hills (including Acton and Georgetown), Milton and Oakville.

The day-to-day management of all of OHC's 94,000 housing units is carried out by local housing authorities, although the primary responsibility for assisted housing remains with OHC.

The Halton Housing Authority manages 831 senior citizen assisted housing units and 234 units for low-income families. The authority also provides housing for physically-disabled and mentally-retarded persons who are capable of living on their own.

Opposition to land deal grows, citizens' group spokesmen say

By CHRIS AAGAARD
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Opposition to town council's recent purchase of land on Maple Avenue in Georgetown is growing, spokesmen for a Halton Hills citizens' group maintain.

Last week, the group began circulating a petition, urging council to stop considering a municipal complex and to sell the 30-acre Stevens' property it bought a couple of weeks ago for \$600,000.

The petition, located in businesses in Acton, Georgetown and the surrounding rural area, also maintains that, if the town needs more administrative space, it should expand the Trafalgar Road clerk's office.

By buying the land, council argued that it could sell off a large portion of it for housing development, and raise money for a new municipal complex. The plan would also provide an additional access route for Georgetown and District Hospital and could solve sewer main problems in the area.

Town offices are currently scattered throughout town. "The job of council is to govern and not speculate on land development," Dr. Alex Furness, Georgetown's representative of the citizens' group opposing the land purchase told The Herald Monday.

PUBLIC FORUMS
The group expressed dissatisfaction with the way council has handled the land purchase issue and complains that council never held a formal public meeting before deciding to go ahead with a purchase arrangement with the owners of the Stevens' estate.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy has argued that the need for secrecy in land purchase negotiations are as important in the public sector as they are in the private. He described council's interest in the project at a September special meeting of council in which the public was invited to comment before council voted to proceed with land purchase negotiations.

Mayor Pomeroy has said that the renewed interest in a municipal complex and council's exploration of a number of possible sites has been public knowledge for over a year and that the public is invited to present their comments as delegations to any council meeting.

"This is an important issue for Halton Hills," Dr. Furness said. "But it's been discussed behind closed doors. The only public meeting (the September special council meet-

ing) was an absolute farce. Councillors already had their minds made up."

Despite council's plans to raise money from selling lots for residential development, the citizens' group is worried that taxpayers in Halton Hills will have to bear the brunt of the municipal complex's cost if it's ever built.

They estimate the cost of the building alone may escalate to \$6 million.

Acton representative and a founder of the group, Norm Elliott, said the committee has selected a four-man sub-committee to review events leading to the Stevens' estate purchase.

When the citizens' group meets this Saturday, the sub-committee is expected to make a presentation, Mr. Elliott said, at which time the citizens' group may

decide to hold public meetings of its own.

Response to the petitions was a little slow getting started, Mr. Elliott acknowledged, because people "don't see any point in signing it, believing council will proceed as it feels fit."

"We are getting over to the public more and more of what's involved in the issue," he said.

He noted that Esqueing is particularly upset about the municipal complex and land purchase issue.

Residents there, Mr. Elliott said, are disappointed their newly-elected representative Jake Kuiken, wasn't given a chance to vote on the land purchase. He wasn't sworn into his new council position until a week after the vote was taken.

Dr. Furness said he has talked to about 100 people about the issue "and almost everyone is opposed."

ABOUT THE HILLS

Fisher new chairman

Georgetown trustee Betty Fisher has been elected chairman of the Halton Board of Education, replacing Len Auger who retired recently. Mrs. Fisher's current office will last for the balance of the year, but new elections will be held Dec. 8 to fill the post on a long term basis.

Mrs. Fisher is into her third term as a Georgetown trustee on the board and, following school board and municipal elections November, 1982, was chosen by fellow trustees to be the board's vice-chairman. Mrs. Fisher told The Herald Monday night that she'll seek the chairman's post again Dec. 8.

Hitchhikers complain

A 21-year old Georgetown man faces two assault-related charges and one charge of impaired driving following a number of incidents last Thursday night. The Prince Charles Drive resident apparently scuffled with two hitchhikers he picked up.

Complaining that he was driving irrationally, the hitchhikers later phoned police who then called on the driver at his home. The police report says that he refused to give a breath sample and then scuffled with one of the two officers checking out the hitchhikers' complaint.

The man appears in court Nov. 28, charged with one case of assault, another of assaulting police and a third of impaired driving.

Capperauld on TV

A Georgetown man, Dave Capperauld, was seen on national television Friday as part of Ottawa's Remembrance Day ceremony.

As the Dominion president of the Royal Canadian Legion, the McGillivray Crea. resident laid a wreath to remember those who died in previous wars. He is in his final year of a two-year term as president.

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Man's 100th donation

At the Red Cross blood donor clinic at Holy Cross Church in Georgetown Monday, Edward Green reached a milestone by donating for the 100th time.

If he had attended a clinic four times a year it would have taken Mr. Green 25 years to attain his 100 year pin.

David Haslam and George Moore gave blood for the 35th time while Harry Roffel and Hank Visser donated for the 50th time.

Wayne Flebig, George Hall, Gordon Kearsley, Thomas Warnar and Walter Boudreau donated for the 20th time.

Clarence Burghgraef, Lester Langois, David Thoma, Garry Hoffer, Linda White, Stewart Rowntree, Gerald Kiewetter, Phil Gravelle, Pierre Lavalie and David Leblanc donated for the 10th time.

Grits elect president

Brampton's Rick Weller has been elected president of the Brampton-Georgetown Federal Liberal Riding Association. Bob Callahan was named vice-president following voting at last Wednesday night's annual meeting of the association in Brampton.

Brampton residents Tom Carey and Ed Smith were named secretary and treasurer respectively.

Meanwhile, three area vice-presidents were also named to the association's executive. Rud Whiting will represent Georgetown, Linda Reid, Brampton and Adib Shehid, Bramalea.



BIZARRE BAZAAR

It was a bazaar moment for mothers (left to right) Deanne Allen and Trudy Edward as their sons Mike Allen and Marc Edwards dressed themselves up with items for sale at the Holy Cross Church annual bazaar Saturday. The crowded hall attracted many visitors seeking pre-Christmas shopping bargains from a variety of booths.