

Safety on our roads

Senior citizens and mothers with baby carriages have had their patience tested this winter in Halton Hills.

Snow clearing services in town just haven't kept up with our above average snowfalls. As Mayor Russ Miller pointed out in a Jan. 18 Ward 3 drop-in meeting, now is the time to re-evaluate our services before council votes on a budget for 1984.

The dangers have been evident to drivers and pedestrians alike. Poorly sanded intersections and icy spots on sidestreets have caused havoc for drivers on a number of occasions this winter.

For pedestrians it has been most difficult, if not impossible, to use sidewalks or at the very least, cross intersections without an impeding snowbank.

The drop-in provided a forum for a number of complaints which clearly showed the need for improved service.

On a positive note, no one will argue that our public works crews haven't been responsive to phone calls when citizens complained about the safety of our roads.

A number of incidents have been cited where the crews went directly to the troubled area after being informed of the location.

Whether it is more manpower or the purchase of more equipment to battle our roads, the town does need help for next year.

When budget requests are being tallied, we hope the safety of those who use our roadways will be considered before purchases are made for less fundamental items.

Para-Med service



By Morley and Lauretta Mills
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Dorothy Knight, a public Health Nurse, has had an interesting and varied career, which has taken her to far-away places.

Twenty-five years ago, she travelled by dog sled and slept in igloos in the Arctic to bring health services and care to the Eskimos.

Later, working with the World Health Organization, she served for five years with the African natives in their mud huts. There she fought diseases common to us, but killers on that continent.

Today, she is the owner and director of Para-med Health Services for Halton Region with offices in Oakville, Burlington and Georgetown.

Speaking to the "Belles and Beaus" seniors group, she explained that Para-Med is an extension of Extendedicare. Through their services, nursing and special care is available on a 24-hour, 7-days-a-week basis for individuals in their homes. The staff are registered nurses, registered nursing assistants, homemakers and other professional and skilled personnel.

Their aim is to keep the patient, particularly the elderly and the handicapped, safe, secure and independent in their own home. This includes almost any need: convalescent care, care while family is on vacation,

routine medications, treatments and dressings, meal preparation and diet-planning, companionship and travel assistance. Other support services include shopping, cleaning, laundry, light housekeeping, library and correspondence help.

When contacted, the case is assessed, help provided and the type of care reviewed and adjusted weekly in consultation with the client and their family.

In response to questions, Mrs. Knight assured the group that they are not working in opposition to local health services but rather as a complement to their work.

Since Para-Med charge a fee for service, she urged that local services be contacted first, especially those covered by O.H.I.P. Many patients have private insurance plans which help to defray Para-Med costs.

For more information, contact Para-Med Health Services, Trafalgar Medical Building, 581 Argus Road, Oakville, Ontario, L6J 3J4. 24-hour service Tel. 842-5584.

The computer is a great invention. There are just as many mistakes as ever but they are nobody's fault.

Volunteer drivers are needed by the Children's Aid Society to transport children to appointments in the Halton Region and to outside points, such as Toronto and Hamilton.

There is a particular need for this service in the Georgetown and Acton area. Remuneration is 35 cents per mile plus parking and other incidentals. Contact Sue Monaghan at 878-2375.

Venez vous amuser

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your letter, it might be suitable for our letters to the editor column.
John McDermid,
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Brampton-Georgetown,
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Ottawa, Ont.

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Member of Provincial Parliament,
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Queen's Park, Ont.

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Short notes, long subjects



Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

Some short notes on long subjects: The almost-reverence which most of the politicians of this country have been expressing for Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang is enough to make one ill. Not that there is anything wrong with senior Canadian (and Ontario) officials or politicians indulging in the usual diplomatic niceties with the representative of the Chinese dictatorship.

That's well and good. It is part of the ritual that is necessary for contact between governments. And it might help trade.

But was it necessary for the federal government (all parties in the House of Commons included) to soil Parliament by allowing it to be addressed by a man who sends his home-grown democrats to the gulag - or worse?

It is (or was) an honor for a foreign leader to address the source of our liberties. The least we should insist

upon is that it go only to leaders of free countries. Anything else is degrading.

DAVIS MISSING
Premier Bill Davis' absence from the now-towing line greeting Zhao apparently had nothing to do with politics. Davis was at his winter vacation retreat in Florida and nothing interferes with that, even the visit of a Chinese premier.

Still, reports indicate Ontario will likely be "twinning" itself with a Chinese east coast province, an idea based on the assumption there is something in common between our socio-economic and political worlds. (Maybe we can compare concentration camps...)

And China might open a consulate in Toronto, all the better for the Communist regime's continuing attempts to exercise control over Chinese who've settled in Canada.

(On the other hand, there is a school of thought that says Communism in China is the best thing that could ever happen for the West, in that it keeps China backwards, poor, incompetent and no great military threat yet. Imagine the results if the entrepreneurs of Chinese Taiwan, Singapore, Hong Kong or Malaysia had a free rein on the mainland.)

LOTTO CRAZE
Two good things have come out of the Lotto craze that saw a \$14 million jackpot.

One is the probability that a \$5 million cap will be placed on any Lotto prize, as Tourism and Recreation Minister Reuben Baetz said he'd advocate at the lottery corporation's next meeting.

This didn't mean he thought people could handle \$5 million but not \$14 million, as some news reports indicated, but simply that \$5 million is enough and any difference could go towards more prizes for those holding partial numbers.

The second good thing is that millions of people had a fine old time fantasizing about what they would do with their winnings. What's wrong with a few dreams?

GOOD POINT

NDP Housing critic Ross McClellan (Toronto Bellwoods) is complaining that the former Cadillac-Fairview apartments that triggered the trust companies' affair - and which are now essentially government-owned - are seeking 30 per cent increases on those apartments paying more than \$750 a month (the rent control ceiling).

"Unless this huge loophole is plugged, rent control will simply phase itself out," McClellan said.

There are those of us who think that's been the Conservative government's game plan for a couple of years now. It is good to see government-controlled apartments confirming it.

Our new Governor General

By Tom Ramatsarasingh
Herald Special

One can hardly argue with Prime Minister Trudeau's choice of recommending to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, that the Honourable Jeanne Sauve, Speaker of the House of Commons and former cabinet minister, be Her representative as our next Governor General of Canada and Canada's twenty-third Governor General.

She has made history in that she was the first female Quebec M.P. to be a member of the federal cabinet and the first female to occupy the Speaker's chair. By birth she is a Westerner. She is a native of the small French-speaking community of Prud'homme, Saskatchewan. She was first elected to the House of Commons in 1972 for the riding of Laval des Rapides in Quebec.

In the cabinet she held the portfolios of science and technology, environment and communications. She took over the Speaker's chair in April, 1980 and has done a most creditable job in a very difficult period in the life of the House of

Commons. She mastered parliamentary procedure and exhibited a great sense of understanding and tolerance to all M.P.'s.

As Speaker of the House of Commons she has a staff of over 3,000 and a budget of \$140 million. She reformed the House of Commons by hiring people through the merit system and less patronage, reducing staff, improving service and lowering the cost of running parliament.

She will be remembered as the Speaker who presided over the bitter and sometimes rancorous debate on the patriation of the Canadian Constitution, the B.N.A. Act and the Omnibus Bill (Hinging of the Bells).

JOURNALIST

Before entering the political arena she was a journalist and broadcaster. Her experiences and talents will serve her in good stead in fulfilling the role of the highest office in the land. Maurice, her husband and a former cabinet minister, will undoubtedly complement her in this important office. Mrs. Sauve brings to this high office many qualities that she has demonstrated in her

various positions. Mrs. Sauve, Governor General Designate, will carry out her duties, for example, the opening and closing of parliament, prorogation and dissolution of Parliament, appointing people to the Senate, and signing all bills and Orders-in-Council before they become law.

Her role is largely ceremonial except when there is a crisis in the running of the country. The Governor General can, under a crisis situation, govern the nation until such time an election can be called or a leader is found, as was done in Commonwealth countries such as Australia and more recently, Grenada.

Her greater task, however, will be to act as "the head of state" and the symbol of unity for all Canadians, to be kept informed of the goings-on in parliament and to offer advice when necessary. Her duties and responsibilities will be one of honour and dignity by gracing functions and occasions with prestige, impartiality and above politics.

She represents the window through which the world looks in on Canada. All official guests, invitees and

visiting dignitaries to Canada are hosted by the Governor General. Visitors see Canada and Canadians through the Governor General's hospitality and friendliness.

MASSEY FIRST

The first Canadian-born Governor General was the Right Honourable Vincent Massey in 1952. The practice of alternating between English-speaking and French-speaking Canadians as Governor General is intact through the appointment of Mrs. Sauve. She will replace Governor General Edward Schreyer in a display of the usual pomp and pageantry in the Parliament Building early in 1984. Governor General Ed Schreyer's five year term ends on January 22, 1984.

She and her husband will occupy the official Governor General's residence of Rideau Hall which is a short walk from 24 Sussex Drive, the official residence of Canada's prime minister. Tom Ramatsarasingh is a history teacher at G.D.H.S. He has participated in the National Youth Parliament of Canada as Sergeant-at-Arms.

THE WAY WE WERE

In co-operation with the Esqueping Historical Society, The Herald will be periodically running a number of historical photos in celebration of Ontario's bicentennial and the part Halton Hills played in the development of our province over the past 120 years. Most of the photos require dates and names for the Society's collection. If you can help, call us at 877-2201.



Georgetown high school class - 1921

Halton History

THIRTY YEARS AGO—Guess what's playing at the Roxy theatre in Georgetown, a theatre that prides itself on "family style entertainment"? "The Girl Men Can Not Leave Alone", "Tobacco Road" and "Grapes of Wrath".

"We pride ourselves in being progressive in Canada, but we are way behind Europe in public sanitation," said Reeve Stan Allen in discussing public toilets at Monday's council meeting. The discussion came after a letter from the county health inspector, who had been asked to investigate a nuisance reported behind buildings on Main Street. The inspector had found the public was using a certain location and intimidated council consider providing suitable facilities. Coun. Lyons' property committee is to study it.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO—An historic announcement by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Darcy McKeough, forecasts the disappearance of Georgetown as a self-contained municipality within two years. If Mr. McKeough's regional government for Halton and Peel counties comes into being (and the minister left no doubt that it will, preferably by decision of the 15 odd municipal councils involved), Georgetown will become part of a completely new area composed of Georgetown, Acton and the large part of the Esqueping township around the two communities.

Heather Moores played Gretel, Leanne Lewis, the witch, and Kerri Hegstrom Hansel in the Georgetown Figure Skating Club's annual ice show.

TEN YEARS AGO—Four teenagers died in a late model Mustang when it collided with an Ontario Hydro truck on Highway 7 about one mile east of Norval. Dead are two Georgetown brothers Leonard and Stephen Yeo, Harry Christie and Donna Doucette of Bramalea. Another passenger in the car, Cathy Hedegaard, was rushed to Peel Memorial Hospital where she is in satisfactory condition. The three boys were going to look for a job in Brampton, having been laid off the week before.

Local councillors will now draw larger pay checks than in any other Halton municipality with the exception of Burlington. The new local pay rates will give Mayor Tom Hill an annual salary of \$11,000 while councillors will receive \$5,400. In Burlington, Mayor George Harrington collects an annual \$15,500 while his councillors get \$5,800.

FIVE YEARS AGO—Halton board of education voted ten to four in favor of accepting a proposed settlement which would give Halton's 1,300 elementary teachers a six per cent raise in addition to a dental plan and other benefits. The two-year agreement also includes the hiring of 25 new teachers.

A full-time para-legal worker has been cut from the staff of the Halton Hills Legal Clinic to save \$8,000 in the 1979-80 budget.



By PAT WOODE
Herald Columnist

This winter has been similar to many I remember as a child with snow clinging to tree branches or glistening pearly white. For those who can see and appreciate the beauty, such scenes truly appear like a winter wonderland.

For the blind or visually impaired, it only creates hazards. If snow covers both roads and sidewalks it becomes difficult to tell where one stops and the other begins, particularly where there are cut curbs. Drivers are advised to proceed cautiously and be alert for those who find winter an extra handicap.

Our downtown presents several obstacles, some in the name of aesthetics. Cobblestones, uneven at the best of times, become icy. Unexpected barriers such as parked cars protruding from laneways across the wide-walk and unshovelled walkways force the visually handicapped into unsafe areas with unseen dangers.

Fire hydrants, trees, street signs and bus stops must be negotiated, although, one can learn where to expect them. Untrimmed hedges, protruding or low branches, or even trash put out for collection often remain unknown until too late.

Next week is White Cane Week. Sheridan Mall and Charity Bazaar in the Burlington Mall will be having a display on Feb. 9, 10 and 11. The work of the C.N.I.B. carries on thanks to donations of groups and individuals. In 1983 the Lions Club in Georgetown raised \$611.50 through their "Journey for Sight". Residents of the Georgetown area donated \$1,137.50 and Acton area contributed \$2,070.00.

Recently the C.N.I.B. has been issuing a national ID card which enables the holder certain national concessions. With this, the blind and their guide can travel on VIA Rail, Greyhound, and Grey Coach for one ticket. It also provides free entry to several theatres such as Famous Players and Odeon. If you qualify for this and many other benefits and programs, contact the Peel-Halton C.N.I.B. in Mississauga.

TIL THE END

Why did you let go so easily
Was it.....
One moment almost caring,
almost.....
a safe harbor
in some bitter storms
then
within the blink of an eye
you
simply went from now
to yesterday
No goodbyes
Just, not there
It didn't end
you're still not free
I'll hold you with my love
till the end of my time be.
—By MARLOWE C. DICKSON,
RR2, Beeton