

Tragic loss

A coroner's jury last week recommended signal barriers be installed at the railway crossing where six Milton teens tragically lost their lives March 30.

It was reported the families of the teenagers wanted something tangible done as quickly as possible. The crossing barrier is a first step, but in the long term, more needs to be done to protect other teenagers from the same fate.

There is more that can be done to educate drivers in Halton Hills - both young and old - about the needless risk they take when they drive while impaired.

The solutions to prevent teens from driving while drinking do not come easily.

It would not be fair to punish those who obey the law by raising the age limit for a driver's license. It's impossible to completely police teenagers so they won't drink underage. Despite age of majority cards access to alcohol is still easily attainable for teens.

If we can't prevent teenagers from drinking underage, let's at least do our best to keep them away from driving while they're impaired.

For parents that means taking extra care when lending the car out to a son or daughter for the night.

For the public, for the schools and for service clubs, there is an opportunity to expand education programs, develop more evening activities for teens in town and pressure our government to ban life-style related drinking commercials.

People responding to BIG's success



Editor's notebook

By DAVE ROWNEY

It seems of late that everyone I've spoken to has responded with great gusto to the Chamber of Commerce's BIG Celebration.

One sure indication of the enthusiasm that abounds has been the sale of souvenir coins in town. My cohort Bob Lightbourn who is distributing the coins tells me there's only a few left.

The event, which begins Friday afternoon and continues Saturday and Sunday, has been more than popular with local businesses as they've registered faithfully to reserve a booth - all 152 exhibitors!

What has sparked all this creative excitement? First, it has to be said that Georgetown's Chamber has responded to their project with a total commitment of time, money and people.

It's the businesses, though, who have shown some very sincere enthusiasm to the project.

Why has the BIG Celebration been so well supported? Well, for one thing, it's a new event in town. We suspect there's a certain amount of curiosity about just what this historical exhibition is all about.

There's also got to be many diehard historically minded people who are interested in finding out more about Georgetown's roots.

For the businesses, there may be a couple of reasons for joining in on the

celebration: Pride in producing in Georgetown, pride in feeling they're a part of the community and a good corporate citizen; pride in their history and a small part they might have played in the development of Georgetown.

Of course there might be some hidden profit motive in mind, but I really don't believe that's been a contributing factor to businesses and merchants.

It's all a matter of promotions.

PROUD
At The Herald a group of us have been working since January on the BIG Celebration because we're proud of our product and we want more people to know about it. We want more people to know about us.

The Herald has an exhibit at the BIG Celebration and we hope you'll come by for a visit. Our theme is "Take a Tour Through The Herald". You'll see pictures of old Georgetown, pictures of how they used to make newspapers and learn a little about how we produce a paper today.

A special treat for everyone are the 2,000 copies of a 1967 Herald newspaper that will be given out at our booth. To complement that, we've put together a 16 page booklet about The Herald, Georgetown's history, the history of journalism and other bi-centennial highlights.

If we can keep up with the demand, our staff at the booth will be making press hats from newspapers, a time-honored tradition that has passed down from pressman to pressman as a way of keeping ink out of your hair.

We're hoping for a big turnout, as are the other exhibitors who wish that you'll take the time to explore their displays.

Letter to the editor

Bomber crew member was from Georgetown

Dear Sir,
In recent weeks the dailies have given attention to the Lancaster bomber belonging to the Canadian Warplane Heritage group.

Sunday June 10 this aircraft was dedicated to Andrew Mynarski V.C. at a parade held at Mount Hope. Also the surviving members of the crew were honored.

One of those who bailed out of the burning Lancaster is a graduate of Georgetown District High School, Jim Kelly, whose father was the Georgetown town clerk in the 1960s.

Kelly was at school with Bob and Ann McMenemy and remembers that he and Doug

Sargent and Macdonald, "joined up" on the same day.

I would bet money that The Herald columns of 40 years ago contain Jim Kelly's name. Presently he lives in Toronto and is an active member of the Royal Air Force's Escaping Society.

Mynarski's story is told by the pilot De Breyne. The plane was burning and De Breyne gave the order to bail out. The mid upper gunner Mynarski was about to do so when he saw his friend was trapped in the rear gun turret. He went through the flames to free Brophy, but could not.

Eventually Brophy waved him away. Mynarski went back

through the flames and saluted Brophy before jumping. He was badly burned and died soon after.

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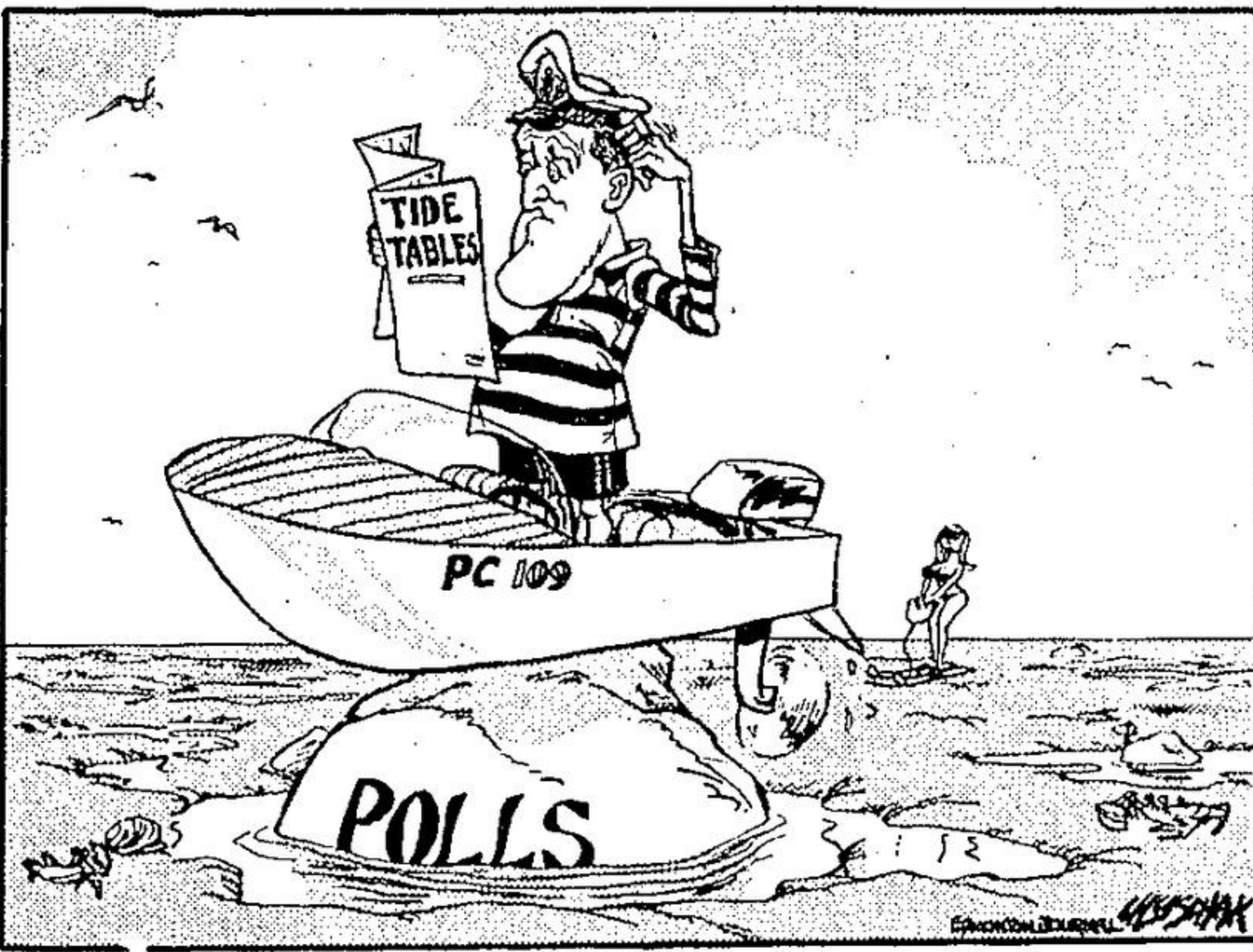
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Hoping for a full cast

It's time to move forward

Dear Sir,

Here is the scenario:
Act I, Scene I: The stage is set for the annual meeting of the Halton Hills Arts Council. The audience anxiously awaits the start of the well promoted panel discussion with our Director of Recreation and Parks, Mr. Tom Shepard, and the Manager of the Halton Hills Cultural Centre, Mr. Hank Huhtanen.

Topic: How can the Arts Council be of assistance to the Town of Halton Hills in promoting the visual and performing arts?

The initial objective of the Arts Council was to help build the Cultural Centre. Obviously, it was achieved. What a success!

Now it is time to go forward. This meeting will be a wonderful opportunity to establish new direction and objectives for future artistic developments in co-operation with the Town of Halton Hills.

Our panelists, Mr. Shepard and Mr. Huhtanen will be able to give us the information that will help to formulate a positive course of action for the Arts Council. The eager volunteers wait expectantly.

Scene II: 8:15 p.m. Mr. Huhtanen arrives. It is suggested that we have a coffee break, as one of our panelists is not yet present.

Scene III: 8:35 p.m. The lead male still has not arrived, nor has he sent one of his understudies!

I feel a pang of anxiety and panic for the President of the Arts Council as I have experienced before the disappointment of working hard towards arranging a worthwhile event and then being let down, feeling responsible.

Citizens' forum

Question: What will she do now to make everyone feel that they have not been slighted, nor that their time has been wasted?

Scene IV: 8:45 p.m. The 'panel' discussion begins, regardless! Thank heavens Mr. Huhtanen is here to give us insight into his area - the promotion and development of the Cultural Centre. But what about the Arts beyond that hallowed hall?

We rally. Concepts develop. Proposals abound. But are they feasible? Are they pie in the sky? It is all very well to have ideas, but, if we haven't anyone to advise us as to the possibility of their implementation, are

we wasting our time?

Without our panelist, the Director of Recreation and Parks, or any representative from Town Council whose members had been invited, what are we to do?

What would you have done as an arts volunteer attending that meeting, as a taxpayer who supports the Arts and Recreation?

I must compliment the President, Wendy Bykes, for this attempt to create a new direction for the develop-

ment of the Arts with the support of the Town. My appreciation also extends to the members of the public who met that night and formulated Arts policies that will be presented to the Mayor and Town Council.

I hope, as a participant in the Arts, as an Arts educator and as a taxpayer, that I can expect that the Mayor and members of Council will give thoughtful consideration to these proposals and, subsequently, their support.

Act II: I look forward to renewed, enthusiastic participation in the very near future, involving a full cast of players in this exciting production of the Arts.

End of scenario!
Sincerely,
Gretchen H. Day

Different after convention



Ottawa Report

By Stewart McLeod

Ottawa Bureau of The Herald

The Tories, as might be expected, are offering us a starchy upper lip in the face of the latest opinion polls, but we're not that easily fooled. And neither are they. What seems to be happening doesn't appeal to them one little bit.

The survey causing the most indignation in Tory headquarters indicates that is John Turner were leader of the Liberal party, the Grits would receive the support of 47 per cent of decided voters while the Tories under Brian Mulroney would attract only 41 per cent. And it doesn't require a mathematical genius to deduce that this would give us another Liberal government.

The same poll indicated that a Liberal party headed by John Chretien would nose out the Mulroney-led Tories by one percentage point - 44 to 43.

None of the other Liberal leadership contenders would come close to defeating the Mulroney Conservatives, but then none are being given much chance of winning. It's Turner and Chretien - particularly the front-running Turner - that the Conservatives are concerned about.

DOESN'T FLINCH

Mind you, there are many inconsistencies to consider - such as companion surveys which show that the Tories are still ahead of the Grits in general popularity. The latest of these surveys indicates that in terms of voter

preference the Tories now lead the Liberals by percentage points of 46 to 41 - this giving us a clear indication of a Conservative government.

But as one concerned Conservative MP observed, the results are not necessarily in conflict. "One question deals with a leaderless Liberal party and the other one gets people thinking about a particular leader. Naturally, we'll be fighting a Grit party that has a leader."

But, for the record, that's not the general reaction. Despite an obvious revival in Liberal popularity, Brian Mulroney is keeping that lip absolutely rigid. "Anything that will encourage the Liberals to call an election, we're happy with," he says - just as he said after the previous Gallup poll.

And, in a reference to the poll which showed that, leadership aside, his party is still ahead of the Grits, Mulroney said it was unprecedented to have such results just a few weeks prior to a Liberal leadership convention. What these figures indicate, he said, is that an immediate election would produce a Conservative government with a "handsome majority."

NO FOOL
But the point is, there is not going to be an immediate election. First, the Grits are going to choose a new leader - in all likelihood, either John Turner or Jean Chretien - and because of this the

Conservatives can forget about any polls relating to leaderless Liberals.

And if John Turner already leads Mulroney by six percentage points, the Tories are obviously wondering just how the margin might be affected in the coming weeks as the leadership convention reaches its televised climax. Chretien's lead could also be expected to widen significantly - should he be chosen - amid all the hoopla of the convention.

Mulroney rationalizes present-day events by referring to the fact that every known prominent Liberal is out on the hustings attracting attention to the party. But once the leadership issue is settled and all the attention is riveted on just one individual, it will be a different story.

"There's only going to be one Liberal leader," he says. And he added that he can scarcely wait to defeat him and form a Tory government.

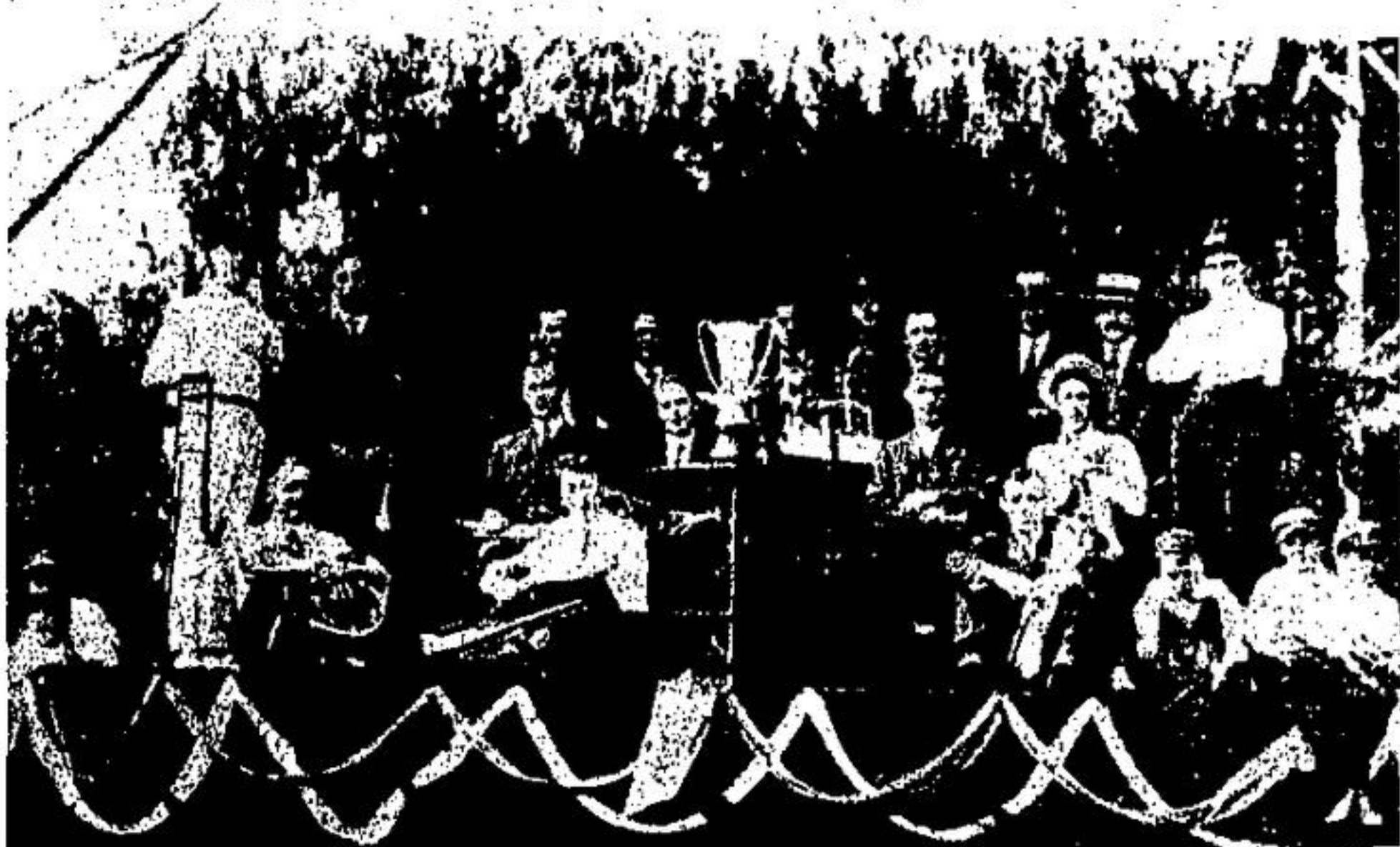
In the circumstances, there is little else he can say. But after nearly a year of riding on a veritable tidal wave of popularity, Mulroney would be a fool if he weren't concerned with this latest display of voter volatility. And a fool he ain't.

Pioneer Days is coming to Georgetown again this summer, June 21, at 7 p.m., there'll be a parade to start the momentum of the annual event in the downtown area.

The parade begins on James Street, and winds its way down Main Street to Park Street. It continues along Park to Market Street, then north to Mill Street.

Pioneer Days coordinator Bettyanne Wellstead says the Georgetown Central Business Improvement Area will be operating a horse and surrey around the Park area.

Pioneer parade



THE WAY WE WERE

In co-operation with the Esqueving 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.

Halton's History

From our files

THIRTY YEARS AGO-Bob Caldwell and Bruce Williamson opened their new IGA Supermarket on the highway. Over 1,000 purchases were rung up on the cash registers on opening day.

Stone School and Pinegrove farm forums took a chartered bus to Niagara where they were shown the new hydro development, including the seven mile tunnel under the city of Niagara Falls, and the reservoir which, when completed, will cover 700 acres enclosed with a 35 foot wall.

An industrial revival in Terra Cotta is forecast if negotiations now in progress for purchase of the old Halton Brick Co. property materialize.

Closed down in the "thirties" the 100 acre property which was acquired by district farmer Clarence Anderson in 1911 is being bought by three men from Owen Sound and it is believed they plan to start production again.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO-McNally Construction Co. was awarded the tender for the addition to the Georgetown High School, at last week's meeting of the Halton County board of Education. The tender submitted was for \$1,289,016. The same company, the lowest tenderer had originally submitted a tender of \$1,445,000 but was asked to review it, when the Board pointed out this was over the budget.

A former Georgetown resident, Clarence Kennedy, has been elected to a high post in the Lions Club. He is new district governor for District A-1, which comprises the Kitchener, Sarnia, Windsor area.

The recent Girl Guide cookie day in Georgetown produced an individual record that won't soon be topped. Sandra Freeman, a guide with the 5th Georgetown company outdid all other local Guides and Brownies in salesmanship selling 84 boxes.

TEN YEARS AGO-A 47 year old Halton Hills resident was selected as the New Democratic Party candidate for the Halton Riding at a nomination convention held in Milton last Thursday evening. Archie Brown of Speyside defeated candidate Don Wackley, 43, of Milton.

Halton Hills residents were told at a meeting last Wednesday night that new routes proposed for the Ontario Hydro's Bradley-Georgetown Transmission lines could lead to possible expropriation of some houses.

Acton High School students looking for jobs this year may find things a little bleak - local jobs are very scarce. Mike Worthington, plant manager at Polypenco Ltd., a plastics manufacturing company, noted that "of the 170 students I heard about looking for jobs, it'll be good luck if 50 are hired by local industries."

FIVE YEARS AGO-Despite assurances that the concerns of neighbors would be resolved and warnings that Halton Hills may find itself with a reputation for opposing progress, town council has reaffirmed its month old decision preventing the development of the Croatian Franciscan Custody near Norval as a major social and recreational centre.

Conditional municipal approval has been granted for conversion of the old Chapel Street Public School in Georgetown into a 100-bed rest home.

Halton Hills mayor Pete Pomeroy cut the ribbon to officially open the new Miracle Food Mart store in Georgetown. Assisting the mayor were store manager Bob Dudgeon, the store's first customer, Ivy Porter, and Fred Davis.



By PAT WOOD,
Herald Columnist

Arthritis means inflammation of a joint. There are more than 100 different forms of this disease identified and under investigation. Some forms of arthritis are very serious and if left untreated can result in substantial or complete disability.

Others cause only mild discomfort and can be easily controlled. In all forms more than 3 million Canadians are affected.

Arthritis cannot be cured yet but thanks to research, modern techniques coupled with new drugs and surgical procedures many victims have been helped.

In 1948, the year the Arthritis Society was formed in Canada, there were four specialists in the treatment of Arthritis. Today there are 180 most of whom were sponsored by the Canadian Arthritis Society in their training in the Rheumatic Disease Units of medical centres and training hospitals.

Gout, one of the most painful forms of arthritis is now controllable while pseudo gout still requires much research as progress is slow in this area. In the past five years more effective anti-inflammatory drugs have been developed and tested than were available in the previous 25 years.

The Arthritis Foundation stresses the necessity of consulting your doctor for proper and early diagnosis and treatment. Aspirin is still the best single medicine for arthritis as it relieves pain and reduces the inflammation which does the damage in joints.

Educational material is available from the society and freely distributed to anyone wishing information about arthritis.

Recently I received an enquiry concerning Parkinsons Disease. If you or someone in your family has Parkinsons, please contact me.

Renewable waste open house tonight

Want to know how the region proposes to transform your garbage into a marketable product? Tonight, at Halton Centennial Manor in Milton, there's a public meeting at 7:30

p.m. to discuss the region's proposed Energy From Waste plants.

The region has been studying the environmental and technical feasibility of burning up to 75 per cent of its

municipal garbage. Such a move reduces the need for acres of suitable land for dumping and provides steam power for sale.

Regional staff and project consultants will