

An equal answer

A decision by the provincial government to put Roman Catholic Schools on an equal financial footing with their public school counterparts should be seen as a positive and upward step.

Catholic parents may now breathe a sigh of relief. Separate School ratepayers pay twice for education under the current system. It will now be affordable to send their children to high school and allow them to use their savings for post-grade 13 training.

As important as the financial issue is the matter of principle. It's a question of equality.

Undoubtedly there will be problems to face in the future where both public schools and separate schools will have to make adjustments. However, by putting the two school systems on an equal basis, there will be a healthy competition that is fair and open.

Many Catholic parents will want their Roman Catholic high schools to remain strong education institutions with unique features. This can be achieved with their continued support and their willingness to accept new challenges.

It will take patience and a willingness to work together in a spirit of co-operation to accomplish the transition. Only those who object to equality will oppose the decision made by Mr. Davis.

Garbage restraint

We're hearing it everywhere. This is a time of restraint. And now, it's a time of restraint when it comes to garbage.

Regional councillors are asking us to exercise self control when it comes to filling the weekly dustbin. They also want us to take a double look before we purchase articles that are overwrapped.

The region is finding itself in a tight bind with garbage collections four per cent higher this year than predicted. Already they've dumped 71,793 metric tonnes, since January, into the region's landfill site in Burlington. The squeeze is on, with room left for only 9,000 tonnes before the dump will be full.

The region's waste disposal engineer Jack Corbett says we're running at between 3,000 and 3,500 tonnes a week. That means the Burlington site will be full in a couple of weeks.

Although an emergency certificate has been applied for to allow dumping to continue at the region's sole landfill site, the Ministry of the Environment has still to give its permission.

In the meantime, if you can restrain yourself from adding to the problem, do it. Have a garage sale. You'd be surprised at how your garbage is someone else's treasure. Or try to recycle what you've got, finding a creative use for something like a burned pot. Plant an african violet in it.



George Haas ...



Pioneer Citizen George Haas was a central part of the Pioneer Days parade Thursday evening. In the picture to the left he is seen being taken to the stage in a fringed-top surrey. The youngest pioneer was born Thursday at 11:35 weighing 6 lbs. and 11 oz. Robin Matthew Hallett is the son of Jennifer Ellenton and Doug Hallett. The newborn was presented with a gift certificate and trophy from Pennesworth owner Lynn Barnard. The Pioneer Citizen George Haas received an engraved plaque from The Georgetown-Halton Hills Herald. (Herald photo)

... Herald award recipient

1984 Pioneer Citizen of the Year

The following story is an account of Georgetown's Pioneer Citizen of the Year, George Haas. The award is given out annually by The Herald to a person who displays a pioneer spirit. This story was told to his family by George - below are some excerpts from his rich history.

When George Haas came to Canada he only intended to remain as long as he had a job - it's been a long stay lasting from 1905!

George was born in Landstreu, Austria in 1896. His parents Friedrich and Wilhelmine Haas, were farmers who raised three children.

When he was three months old the family moved to Russia, where they farmed for seven years. In 1901 at the age of 15, George went to Vienna,

Austria to apprentice as a blacksmith. Returning home in 1904, he found many relatives emigrating to Canada.

He worked later in a small machinery factory with 12 hour days. George asked for his parents' blessing to emigrate to Canada.

His daughter Alice says George was very much like today's youth who often have the itch to see the world after high school.

He travelled to Belgium where he boarded an American cattle boat holding 1200 people, docking at Quebec City 11 days later.

It was a three day trip by CPR from Quebec City to Winnipeg where second cousins offered room and board for \$14 a month.

His first Canadian job was watering cement blocks at a cement factory near the Louise Street bridge, receiving

\$1 a day, working until supply exceeded demand forcing the factory to shut down.

In Winnipeg two years later he and a cousin shingled houses for \$2.75 a day and also worked at the Vulcan Iron Works and Winnipeg Casket Company when jobs were available.

George's parents and his sister Marie emigrated to Melville, Saskatchewan in 1909 and he built them a two room shack the next year.

The next year George married Karolina Mensch in a Lutheran Church near Langenburg, Sask. She was born in Russia in 1890 and with her family emigrated first to the United States and then north to Manitoba where her father was a blacksmith.

The couple settled at MacNutt, Sask. in a home George built. Continuing in construction in 1916, one of his jobs was to build an L-shaped loghouse

for a MacNutt farmer; in 1917 he erected five houses and a barn in the same area, then built the MacNutt Lutheran Church in 1919.

In 1922 George was hired by the CNR at Melville, working as a blacksmith, carpenter and rail pile-driver-operator until he retired in 1954 at 68 years. His ability to speak German, Polish, Russian and English was an asset on the job.

Since 1968 George has made his home with his children. His daughter Alice lives in Georgetown with her husband Grant on Prince Charles Drive. George has three children, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

George is devoutly religious and spends his days reading the Bible, reading daily newspapers and playing solitaire and cribbage.

Halton's History

THIRTY YEARS AGO-Monday's severe electrical storm caused a major fire in Horby when a large barn was struck by lightning and destroyed. The barn was on property owned by Mr. Barringham, president of the Barringham Rubber Company in Oakville.

Despite floodlighting and police patrol, daring thieves entered the new IGA Store on the highway early Sunday morning and made off with a quantity of cigarettes valued at over \$100.

Possibly the oldest living native of Esquimes is Mrs. J.S. Wilson who on July 1 will celebrate her 100th birthday in Toronto.

First old time fiddler to win a prize at the CNE, and member of one of Esquimes's oldest families, John Wilmer Nickell, 86, died yesterday in Guelph General Hospital.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO-Dr. R. T. Paul's old house, Mill Street, opposite the entrance to the municipal parking lot, will become the home of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, while the new bank is being built on the corner of Mill and Main Streets.

Drivers who have long objected to the 30 mile an hour speed limit on Highway 7 will soon have some relief.

Letter to the editor

Keep Friday hours

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was filed with our paper for publication. Dear Library Board Members:

This letter is in response to the article in today's Independent (June 20) regarding the early Friday closing of the Georgetown Library.

It seems absurd to me that everything else in town is open Friday evenings except for the PUBLIC Library. As a frequent patron, I endorse the idea of this service remaining open Friday evenings, not just until 6 p.m. as suggested but until 8:30 p.m.

A large number of people, many whom

work outside of Georgetown, are just coming home at 6 p.m. and would welcome the opportunity to return books enroute shopping or to select replacement reading material for the weekend.

Apart from the early

Thanks for tour

Dear Sir: Mrs. Iutzi's class wants to thank you for coming to talk to us about being a news paper editor.

Thank you for the souvenir editions of The Herald. We really enjoyed your visit, and we all liked the tour that you guided us on. But the smell of the ink was pretty strong.

Thanks for the Portugal papers. I got my aunt's friend to read it and put it on a tape recorder. And also thanks for the 1867 newspapers. We all read it together.

Yours sincerely,
Scott and Adam



By PAT WOODE
Herald Columnist

When I first met Chad he was peddling his tricycle in his driveway and with eyes sparkling he asked, "Hi, who are you?" When I answered he announced with pride in his voice, "I'm Chad Albert Edwards."

Chad is a bright lively five-year-old who was born with spina bifida, a birth defect causing the spine to protrude from the back and allowing it to be exposed to risk. As a result he is unable to walk but he can propel his tricycle as competently with his hands as others operate tricycles with their legs.

Until the late 1960's about 70 per cent of spina bifida babies died in their first year. Today the survival rate is about 80 per cent. If all goes well there will be normal intelligence, motor function at birth will remain, 40 per cent will improve motor function and gain control of bladder and bowels and the majority will walk with braces.

Georgetown's Halton Regional Police have been occupying their in-town office rent-free and without a lease since February. The Regional Police Commission learned of the situation when the building's rentless landlord complained.

Letter to the editor

Our thanks to Henry Veenstra

Dear Sir, Halton Helping Hands would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Henry Veenstra and all those individuals associated with the Christian Reformed Churches who gathered together on Saturday June 9 to give of their time to help us out.

These young people took time out from their own lives and volunteered to do a number of odd jobs (over 30 in total) for the elderly in our communities of Milton, Georgetown and Acton.

It is not the first time that Henry Veenstra and his youth crew have come through for the elderly in these communities but it is a credit to them that as on previous

occasions they performed their jobs well and without pecuniary compensation of any kind.

These young people are an example that happily stands in contradiction to some recent remarks that were made in our Legislature regarding young people.

We understand that this group of young people under the guidance of Henry Veenstra will be devoting more of their time to different communities this summer.

From the numerous compliments we have received about this group and their work, Halton Helping Hands is confident that whatever community they serve their work will be received with the same enthusiasm and gratitude.

A special "thank you" to you Henry and your group from all of us here at Helping Hands and from all of those people who benefitted from your selfless service!
Clara Greco,
Halton Helping Hands

More power used

Ontario's energy consumption last month totalled 8.7 billion kilowatt-hours. That's a six per cent increase over the May, 1983 consumption of 8.2 billion kilowatt-hours. Peak electricity demand in May was an estimated 14.8 million kilowatts, 3.8 per cent more than last May's peak demand of 14.3 million kilowatts.

Race helpers thanked

Dear Sir, The Recreation Department wants to extend a thank you to all joggers, wheelchair participants, spectators and helpers who assisted in making the Mayor's 6th Annual Road Race a success again this year. Thank you also, to the kind residents who offered water to the runners on route.

Special thanks should be extended to: Race committee, Bob Daniell and Courtney Warner, McDonalds, Georgetown Track Club, Halton Regional

Police, H.A.M. Radio Operators, Recreation Department Summer Staff, Works Department, Gordon Alcott Arena Staff, St. John Ambulance, Finish line chute operators, Mayor Russ Miller, Rob Irvine for filming the event; And the following sponsors who helped finance the cost of the awards:

Town of Halton Hills, Barber and Hendley, Firestone Tire Centre, Roos Travel Agency, Nikki's Pools and Service Ltd., Georgetown Custom Car Sound, The

Sign Shoppe, Chateau Restaurant, Ramrock Electric, Bill Smith Auto Parts, Georgetown Decorating Centre.

Certificates were awarded to all runners who completed the race. If you did not pick up your certificate after the race, it may be picked up at the Georgetown Recreation Office. Also those award recipients who were unable to stay for the presentation, your awards are also at the Recreation Department Office.

Joy Thompson, Recreation and Parks Department

YOU CAN HELP

Citizen's forum

The following was submitted by the Citizens Against Violent Pornography.

Responding to growing community concern, Consumer Minister, Robert Elgie last month put forward a motion which would bring videos under the Ontario Film Review Board. This has now been withdrawn due to pressure from the NDP, headed by Bob Rae. These are some points to consider on this issue:

—There has been a shocking expansion of violent pornography in the past few years. Canada's pornography business is valued at about \$400 million annually" Toronto Mayor, Art Eggleton, The Toronto Star, March, 1984.

—"Hardcore pornography - violent, sadistic, degrading - is everywhere. We're just saturated with the stuff," says Cpl. Ron Kirkpatrick, head of Project P." The Toronto Star, February 26, 1984.

—In a murder case involving juveniles this month, the judge, Guy Gouard "criticized the community for its apathy and uncaring manner in not speaking out against the free flow of porn into the hands of our children." The Toronto Star, May 31, 1984.

—There is no age requirement for video rentals.

—Sgt. Kenneth McKinnon and Constable Phillip (Mike) Babineau of Metro Toronto Police found these (snuff films) in Toronto's Beaches, being rented to children as young as 12. "The kids love it," one of the store-owners told the two officers..." The Toronto Star, April 24, 1984.

—Researchers have shown...that exposure to even a few minutes of sexually violent pornography, such as scenes of rape and other forms of sexual violence against women can lead to anti-social attitudes and behavior." Dr. Edward Donnerstein, Psychology Today, January, 1984.

—"If one can sell the desirability of certain types of soap, soap and cars, one can sell the desirability of certain types of sexual behavior." Dr. Dolores Gold, Psychology Dept., Concordia University, February 1983.

—Video images are made even more available though their publication in magazine format.

In spite of the evidence the demands from Canadians for controls over violent pornography, the fact is we are seeing nothing but delays from both the federal and provincial governments. Who is to blame?

In this case, Bob Rae and the NDP have firmly aligned themselves against Dr. Elgie's amendments. They claim that individual judges would be better able to discern community standards than the already functioning and community aware Ontario Film Review Board.

In taking this stance Bob Rae, civil libertarians and other monied interests put themselves in the uncomfortable position of aiding and abetting the pornographers by delaying controls. Please support the passing of Dr. Elgie's legislation by signing the attached coupons and mailing them postage free to Dr. Robert Elgie and Mr. Bob Rae. Personal letters would be even more effective. The coupons are on page C4.