



POLKA-ROO!

Special guests at the John Elliott Theatre last Wednesday were from the Polka Dot Door television program for children. The most entertaining character from the show was the animal Polka-roo, who brought cheers from the youngsters. The travelling troupe was here courtesy of the Recreation Department and the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture.

(Herald photo)

Sweet tooth lures 'Boys' to store

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

Haig Movsesian had a big grin playing around his face Sunday as he told the story of how he treated his orphan buddies at Cedarvale Farm to all the ice cream and soda their tummies craved.

The 70-year old Kitchener man pulled a chair close to his audience seated at one of the many picnic tables at Cedarvale Park, and plunged into his sixty year old story.

He'd found a coin, and pocketing it secretly, whispered the news to his fellow orphans. They would go out on the town and eat all the goodies they weren't getting at the farm run by the Armenian Relief Association.

Like any other youngsters, the Armenian orphans of the 1915 holocaust in Turkey had a liking for sweets. Together, they sneaked off the farm into downtown Georgetown where there was a restaurant.

After ordering mounds of ice cream and treats for his buddies, Mr. Movsesian, not yet a teenager then, was presented with the bill.

PRIDE

Laughing, he remembered his pride in pulling out the coin and putting it on the countertop. New immigrants to Canada, neither he nor the other boys knew much English, so when the restaurant owner started shaking his head and hands at them, they weren't quite sure what the problem was.

The boys eventually pieced together what he was trying to say. The coin was no good. He wouldn't accept it in payment.

Shaking his head, Mr. Movsesian recalled how the school principal Aris Alexanian, later the founder of Alexanian Carpets, came and paid the bill they'd rung up at the restaurant and made peace with the restaurant owner.

Ahh, but that wasn't the end of it. Back at the farm, the boys had another treat coming. It was a paddling on their bare bottoms by Mr. Alexanian.

Mr. Movsesian, whose name derives from the Armenian pronunciation of Moses, has since changed his name to Haig Douglas. He was one of the many Georgetown Boys swapping boyhood stories about life at Cedarvale Farm in the 1920s.



There was a long line-up of speakers Sunday afternoon as a new plaque for Cedarvale Park was unveiled at the park. Among the speakers were (left to right) Aram Alexanian, son of Aris Alexanian the principal at Cedarvale Farm; Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller; Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed; Stoney Creek Councillor Fred Lloack; Ministry of

Citizenship and Culture Executive Director Morris Diakowsky, Georgetown Armenian Boys Association Secretary-Treasurer Albert Papazian, Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermaid, "Georgetown Boys" author Jack Apramian, and Association Chairman Paul Adourian.

(Herald photo)

Armenian 'Boys'

Sacrificed for their beliefs

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a speech given by one of the Georgetown Boys, Jack Apramian.

Sixty-one years ago today, the first group of Armenian boys orphaned in the holocaust of 1915, arrived here at Cedarvale Farm. Today the dedication of this memorial plaque signifies the interest taken by many Canadians in the

history of those boys, many of whom are gathered here with families and friends.

The plaque is of particular significance to the "Georgetown Boys" and indeed to all Canadians of Armenian descent, as a reminder of our heritage from an ancient Christian race, who perhaps, more than any other, sacrificed for our beliefs and our religion.

Therefore, while we take pride in the erection of this memorial, that pride is meliorated by our thoughts and feelings for their sacrifices.

This plaque is for them too - men and women of honor and principle so great, and so deep, that they gave their lives for it.

This plaque is also a reminder of the thousands of Canadians of kind and generous heart: without them there would not have been any "Georgetown Boys".

The people of Georgetown, our first Canadian neighbors befriended us during the mid-twenties, and often came to visit us at Cedarvale - our beautiful, first Canadian home. So closely were we associated with the town that its name was given to us.

Now, after sixty years in Canada, we have become a part of the Canadian social order. Our children and grandchildren, born and edu-

cated here, work, play, socialize and intermarry with Canadians of many racial backgrounds.

But after 60 years, our numbers have diminished. This dedication would not be complete without remembering our comrades fallen in the Second World War serving in Canada's armed forces. We remember also our companions who died here, forever integrating with the land of Canada.

In the end, in the wide historical sense, this plaque is a symbol of the growth and development of Canada - millions of people from all over the world, coming to these friendly shores, establishing homes and families and becoming a part of the growing Canadian nation.

The history of the "Georgetown Boys" is a part of that history, and perhaps that also is the significance we are remembering today.

Letter to the editor

Handicapped plates require our trust

Dear Sir,
I have been following, with interest, the various articles and letters for and against the 'designated handicapped license plate'. As your columnist, Mrs. Woode recently stated in her column, each system has advantages and disadvantages. We have had our license plate for nearly a year and since they are provincially designated plates, they are accepted anywhere in Ontario, many other provinces and in the United States.

We have parked in many municipalities in Ontario and have NEVER had a problem. Certainly, anyone who doesn't object to applying to each municipality they wish to park in, submitting a doctor's certificate, and all the associated problems involved, is welcome to use the permit.

However, could I point out that the permit is not small, and must be prominently displayed; if you are worried about being visible, this will hardly make you invisible.

Have you ever seen a personalized plate? (ie.) SEXY - 1 or GEORGE? I have seen them on Chevrolets and Pontiacs, and it never occurred to me, that what was on the plate intimated anything about the car - just as if I saw a wheelchair symbol on the license, I would not assume the car was disabled, (although I do wonder seriously about our car - it seems to need its doctor more and more - so perhaps it is disabled!)

I also know of the case in Georgetown, 'in which a person in a car with special plates was harassed, apparently for that reason'. I also spoke to that person and the incident was not reported to the police. The offending car make and license plate number were not noted. A car full of

teenagers followed this person - who simply drove home with the car following.

Surely you read all the reports of vandalism on cars which don't carry the 'special plates' in your paper most weeks - it seems to me, following the law of averages, sooner or later a car with special plates may be followed (as in this case) or vandalized. The Halton Regional Police are in our community to help us, if they know nothing of the incident how can they be expected to help? I realize how terrifying incidents of this nature are, but as citizens we must help police to help us. Turfless will never help anyone.

Certainly, designated plates do arouse a little interest, but they have only been issued for about a year, and as you know anything new will draw attention. We are a one car family - when I am not in the car, it is parked in ordinary parking.

Some of my son's friends, who do not know me, have asked him why we have designated plates, they have always accepted his explanation without comment. If that is trouble, it is the closest we have come. There is still controversy surrounding the license plate - and I feel you should certainly follow your preference, but in the spirit of honesty, I feel both sides of this issue must be presented.

Citizens have no reason to be afraid of using the designated plate - anymore than a 'normal person' should be afraid of using a special plate.

We teach our children that the policeman is their friend, perhaps if you rely a little more on your friends you can live happily.

Sincerely,
Anne Dodds

Letter to the editor

Peewee tournament shows organization

Dear Sir,
Anyone who runs a community event can appreciate that there are three distinct segments to planning a successful project. The first involves proper and detailed planning, the second relates to the actual running of the event, while the third deals with post-event wrap up and paperwork.

It is the latter item that quite often gets forgotten and yet is critical if the event is to be run again.

June 22 and 23, Georgetown hosted our second Peewee Tournament which involved twelve teams from as far away as London and Port Hope. Over 500 participants and family came from outside Georgetown and contributed to the local Pioneer Days festivities, not to mention added revenue to Georgetown motels and restaurants.

Feedback from these people indicated they were very pleased with their surroundings and the friendliness of the people.

The baseball committee and the GBA would like to extend a special

thank you to North Halton Sports who generously donated over eighty trophies and medallions plus 250 crests to the Tournament.

We would also like to thank our Parks Department for maintaining the diamonds and for regular clean up before, during and after the games. An electrician even arrived Saturday morning at 7:30, when called to repair a faulty circuit.

Our Recreation Department also entertained younger brothers and sisters for several hours Saturday afternoon, which proved a welcome relief to parents.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge and thank the many volunteers who assisted in umpiring, scoring and food preparation Friday evening and all day Saturday.

Georgetown will be used by other tournament organizers as an example of how to run a successful event, thanks to the many people who helped.

Jack Lee,
Chairman, 1984 Peewee Tournament

Letter to the editor

Toothache a big headache

Dear Sir:

Have you ever had a toothache? - Most of us have at one time or another. It is an excruciating, horrible experience. Well, in Georgetown, if you have a toothache, you had better have it on Monday through Friday, sometime between nine and five p.m. or be prepared to suffer.

Over the holiday weekend, we had a toothache at our home. It seems almost inhuman to me that with 40 dentists listed in our telephone directory that we could find no one on Sunday or Monday to treat this 'sudden' ail-

ment. When we had a sick cat, we could find a veterinarian to assist on a weekend, but not a dentist.

We called everyone: Georgetown, Peel and Mississauga Hospitals. On Sunday night, the victim went to the Emergency Ward at Georgetown Hospital and received two pain pills and a prescription. And on Monday we finally found someone who would help and get the root canal therapy underway, but we had to go to Toronto to Cloverdale Mall, on Highway 427 to get it. While there, we found others from as far away as Orangeville

where they could not find emergency treatment either.

We always hear how wonderful it is to live in small towns, and perhaps it is, except when you have a problem like this. Then apparently, it is better to live in the city where they at least realize that there is a need for emergency service.

Surely the 40 dentists in our directory could have gotten together by now to establish some sort of system where one would be available at nights and on weekends to relieve the suffering of those few individuals who suddenly

find themselves in pain and in desperate need of assistance?

In the meantime, if you get a toothache some time that is not during accepted office hours, I highly recommend Tri-Dent Dental Centres, 24 hour Emergency Service...at 273-3730.

Better write down the telephone number because the next toothache may be yours and you will certainly be out-of-luck if you are depending on help from the dentists of Georgetown and area.
(Mrs.) Bettyanne Wellstead

Legion ladies raise \$2,500

By MARJORIE TUTTY
Herald Special

June 21 President Liz McNeilly, on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary presented a cheque for \$2,500 to Norm Ward, President of Branch 120 Georgetown. Accepting the cheque President Norm Ward thanked the members of the Ladies Auxiliary for their tangible gift of their work and efforts.

Any one wishing tickets for the Birthday Supper being held September 15 contact Hazel Dumper

and or Yvonne Lorusso. As Sports Officer Hazel has interesting and varied projects to convene this coming year. She values the participation and help of all our members, so old or new, young or not so young members come out and join the sports team of your choice.

MINI PROFILE
Liz McNeilly: Liz has been an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary for the past six years, holding the offices of 1st Vice President 1979 to

1980, 2nd Vice President 1980 to 1981, 1981 to 1982, 1983 to 1984 presently holding the office of President. She has chaired, convened and worked on various committees, for example the Annual Stag Party, Christmas Party, Bazaar and socials and helped at our banquets and fund raising events.

Liz is also one of our popular Pearly Queens who have contributed to many an evening's entertainment for us. A proud mother of five children and an even prouder grandmother of three grandchildren.

Her husband Bob is an honorary member of Branch 120 and is also very active in many of

the Branch's projects, as well as helping the Ladies Auxiliary by being our much in demand photographer.

To our Shut In's M. Hunter, A. Henney in Milton Manor, L. Roney at Napanee, A. Collins at Waterloo, C. Taylor, T. Green in Peel Manor: Wishing for you Skies Blue bright and sunny, A garden at your door, A song bird at your window, We wish you these and more.

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LEGION LINES

By LLOYD HOUNSELL
Herald Special

This coming weekend, July 6-8, we have the District Committee meeting here in Georgetown. We will be putting on a Social Evening for them and their wives on Friday July 6, the entertainment being provided by Norm Eyles, so let's turn out and give them a real welcome.

The Committee Chairmen for the 1984-85 year were announced at our General Meeting on June 28, and are as follows: Bill Kirk - House and Canteen; Eric Clarke - Membership; Harry Allan - Entertainment; Ray Clarke - Sports; Herb Arnold - Community Affairs and Sergeant at Arms; Harry Brown - Poppy and Youth Education; Bruce Collins - Secretary; Frank Nickolson - Treasurer; Gib Telford - Leadership and Ways and Means; Lloyd Hounsell - Public Relations; Henry Hale - Service; Denny Wright - Honours and Awards; Doris Bouley and Cherry Mathews - Sick.

CAR DRAW: Winners June 28. 43 T. Arnold, 418 P. Yates, 467 P. and K. Prust, 290 G. Grasyb, 44 C. Armstrong, 167 S. Coulligan.

ENTERTAINMENT: July 7 by the Pubtonces.

SICK LIST: Sam Glaby has returned to St. John's Convalescent Home for further rehabilitation. Georgetown Hospital - Pat McDaid; Rod Roshier, St. Mikes, Toronto, - F. Irwin. Owen Sound - Merle Reid.

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Hydro costs up for Region

Higher than budget hydro costs have sent the region's budget for the first five months of the year up by \$114,000.

According to a May 31 operating budget report, there's a \$41,000 hike in labor costs for hydrant and water services repairs due to the weather.

The budget also faces \$94,000 in extra spending for emergency repairs, and vehicle rentals.

The sole saving in the plant operation and maintenance portion of the operating budget

report comes in the figure of \$7,000 due to late staff hiring.

All in all, the region is \$242,000 overboard in spending in this area.

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