

Unchecked growth

It's a situation where what a neighbor does eventually affects us all. Unchecked growth in the City of Brampton might not be worrying residents of Halton Hills yet, but future plans by that city may decide the type of community we live in 25 years from now.

The Ontario Municipal Board is now hearing evidence on Brampton's plans to put housing and industry on 7,000 acres of farmland.

The Official Plan calls for housing for 70,000 people on 4,000 acres of prime farmland bounded by 10 and 15 Sideroads, Airport and Heart Lake Roads.

It will also consider plans for industrial development on farmland near McLaughlin Road and Highway 7.

A farmland preservation group, The Association of Peel People Evaluating Agricultural Land (APPEAL) says the land is too valuable to put industry and housing on and it should remain agricultural.

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF) opposes industrial and rural residential estate development, but they have consented to a phased-in housing development on 4,000 acres.

Brampton needs to slow their appetite for developing land. By growing so fast, there isn't an opportunity to evaluate the problems that may be developing, such as overcrowding, traffic tieups, and social upheaval.

As we sit on the doorstep to this development, Georgetown must sit back and hope the OMB, APPEAL and others will consider moderating Brampton's push for expansion. After all, small can be beautiful.

A good neighbour

Attend your local blood donor clinic Monday, Nov. 12 at Holy Cross Church auditorium and become a good neighbour.

There is no substitute for blood. The same way a car needs oil and gas to drive, the human body needs blood to function properly. In cases where an accident causes loss of blood, the survival of the injured person depends on whether blood of the same type can be found and donated.

To ensure an adequate supply of blood and blood products for all hospitals in Canada, the Canadian Red Cross society operates Blood Donor Clinics all across Canada.

The Blood Donor Service is under professional supervision.

Specially trained nurses take the donations following a review of the donor's medical history. Testing and typing of the blood is handled by skilled technologists, hired specifically for that purpose and aided by volunteers.

Ninety per cent of the people working with blood recruitment at local levels are volunteers.

The blood transfusion service depends entirely on the awareness of the public, that their good will and generosity breeds the voluntary donors who give freely and willingly for the benefit of their neighbour.

Letter to the editor

A right to travel

Dear Sir, There was a good deal of coverage in the Herald about the lawsuit involving Mr. Julian Reed and the right to travel the Credit River through Norval. Mr. Reed obviously has a very personal interest in this small section of river which he closed to public access, and this is the action which has drawn the lawsuit. Up to that moment, the river had been used from as far upstream as the Forks of the Credit down to the mouth of the river. Until the case is settled, the public's right to travel the section from the Papermill Dam to the Norval Bridge is in limbo.

be the precedent elsewhere. It is the concept of "Right of Way" that is at stake here. "Rights of Way" are established in English law and the concept is centuries old. For example, if a short cut existed between villages across private land and it had been used traditionally by the villagers, a "Right of Way" was established and the landowner could not stop people using the short cut. This "Right of Way" was quite clear - you could simply go from one end to the other. You had no other rights. You could not gather firewood, camp, hunt, fish, or the like because it was still private property. If the "Right of Way" became obstructed, by say a fallen tree or a landslide, the right of way just continued around the obstruction. In early Canada, the only easy routes across country were found on the rivers and lakes and it has been argued that these routes are very similar to the old "Rights of Way" enjoyed by the English. Obstructions in a river, such as rapids or a dam are similar to the fallen tree and the right of way would just go around them. If the early Canadians had these rights, then they exist today unless legislation is passed to remove them. I hope that this shows that there are wider issues at stake than the fate of a very small section of the Credit River. Yours truly, J.M. Graham-Smith P.S. I understand that Mr. Reed has been exasperated by the garbage that he has had to remove from his property that was left there by trespassers. I would share his feelings if people dumped their trash in my backyard, but none-the-less, he has no right to close a "Right of Way" if one exists.

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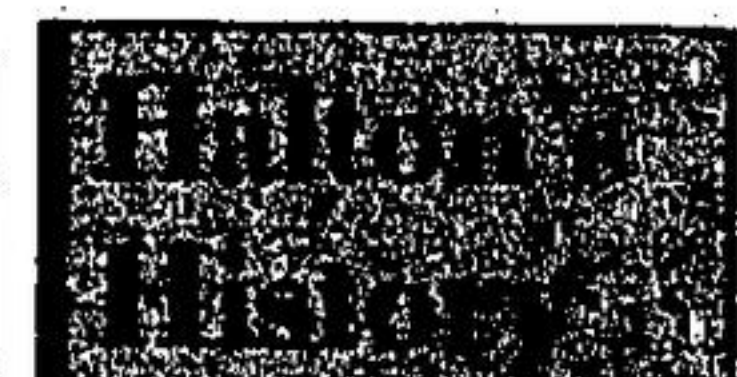
The Georgetown District High School has been practising in earnest for their debut of the play Camelot to be seen at the John Elliott Theatre starting Nov. 23. For ticket information call 877-4678.

Knights in armor shine for 'Camelot'

By NITA MILLESSE Herald Correspondent Rehearsals and preparations for the production of Camelot are coming along smoothly. This high school musical play is to be held at the John Elliott Theatre Nov. 23, 24, 25, 30, and Dec. 1. Camelot is a play put on by the students from Georgetown District High School, based on the story of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. In charge of this year's production are producer-artistic director Yvonne Oldaker

along with producer-musical director, Ralph Urael. Students and staff involved will be working very hard for the next few weeks preparing for their opening night. Probably one of the most interesting aspects of this play will be the medieval costumes. Mrs. Joan Nipper, Bethann Robin, and six other assistants have been working busily to produce over two hundred costumes for this play. Simon Oldaker is in charge of designing and

producing the play's suits of armour, which consist of 22 paper-mache moulds. Along with the above mentioned, members of the cast and crew are also involved in making the costumes. For the students, tickets will be sold during the lunch periods in the school. The price to see this production is \$5 for adults, and \$3 for senior citizens. For those outside the school wishing to buy tickets to Camelot, the number of the ticket office is 877-4078.



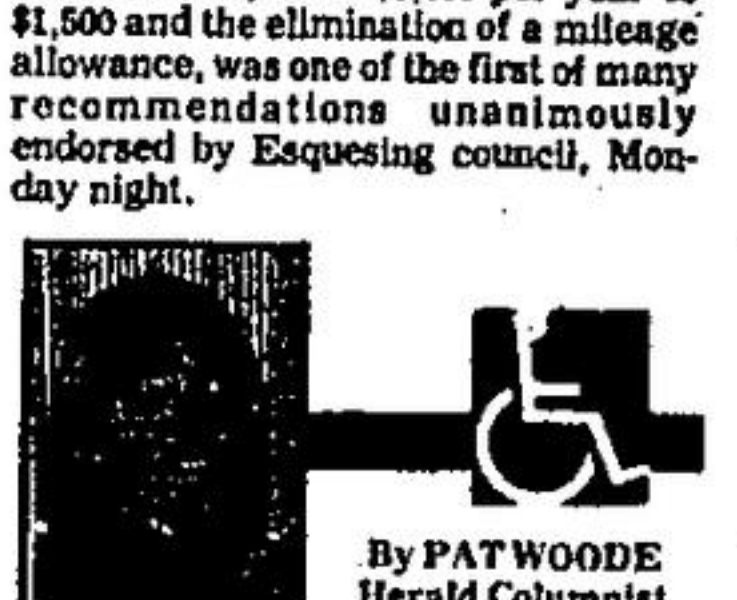
THIRTY YEARS AGO—Mr. Bill Leslie, manager of the Roxy Theatre in Georgetown for the past two years, has bought the theatre lease from National Theatres, and starting Nov. 8, Georgetown's Roxy Theatre will be operated as an independent enterprise. Wigo Television, which has operated in the Cordaro Bldg. since establishing in town a few months ago, is planning a move to larger quarters across the street.

The first parents evening to be held at Norval Public School took place this week. Rev. Kenneth Richardson, presently Anglican rector at Jarvis, will become minister at Georgetown and Glen Williams in January. Another new merchant joins the Main Street fraternity this week when Stan Hutchinson opens the Modern Meat Market.

Giving good credit to the good work of their fox hounds, Jim and Jack Presswood, and Bob Rayner, bagged four red foxes Saturday afternoon in the Georgetown area. The first meeting of the Institute Girls' Club was held at the home of the leader Mrs. Jesse McEnery. FIFTEEN YEARS AGO—Police Chief Harley Lowe credited the good bunch of local teenagers for one of the quietest Halloweens in years.

A \$1,434 account for designing outdoor lighting for baseball games in the park, was withdrawn from council's accounts Monday when Cr. Ern Hyde termed it exorbitant. Cr. Sandy Mackenzie told council on Monday that local teenagers were complaining about the town's anti-littering bylaw.

A fifty per cent cut in school board trustees fees, from \$3,000 per year to \$1,500 and the elimination of a mileage allowance, was one of the first of many recommendations unanimously endorsed by Esqueving council, Monday night.



By PAT WOODS Herald Columnist

Remembering

For four years the slaughter had gone on

By RICHARDE RUGGLE Herald Special For four long years the slaughter had gone on. Men had poured in to the battlefields of France and Belgium from Britain and Canada and the United States and Germany to face one another, and be killed. Canadian missionaries to China came to supervise coolies who dug trenches, and worried that the west's Christianity would no longer appeal to the east, when the Chinese saw that it did not prevent Europeans from slaughtering one another.

Canadians had flocked, or sometimes been pushed, to the colours. It was a patriotic duty, and no one wanted to seem unpatriotic. Even the churches were roused, and when the government released figures that suggested an unusually high proportion of Anglicans in the forces, the Methodists redoubled their ardour in recruiting. The figures didn't really mean that there were more Anglicans; if a new soldier didn't know what religion he was, the kindly recruiting sergeant often just put down C of E (Church of England). You had to know what you were if you wanted to be listed under another category.

Even livestock was recruited, and the Herald contained ads placed by the British commission who were to visit Georgetown, buying horses to serve at the front. For people who faced death every day, religion was important. When they were left on their own to go to church, the soldiers usually stayed in barracks. But when a church parade was called, they turned out by the thousand. And though they grumbled at the idea, they were glad they went, however reluctantly. But religion was more than just church going. Bill Burgan of Norval, who died a couple of weeks ago at the age of 84, used to talk about the vision of angels he had seen in the trenches. His experience was not unusual. Men thought of all their comrades suffered, and wondered why God allowed such pain. A few thought of all their comrades suffered, and pictured God wondering why men inflicted such pain.

A Canadian poet and chaplain, F.G. Scott, whose work was to pray with the wounded, to bury the dead and to console the bereaved, remembered that God had shared this fragile human life: For lonely graves along the country side, Where sleep those brave hearts who for others died Tell of life's union with the crucified. Finally an armistice was signed. Later that morning, in the last battle of the war, Sir Arthur Currie's Canadian Corps took Mons, where the first German-British conflict had taken place four years before. Some people questioned whether the final battle was necessary. Then, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an eerie silence replaced the constant explosions the soldiers had come to expect as natural. There was peace. The First World War was thought to be the war to end all wars. People said the new weapons - armaments and poison gas - were so terrible that nations would not be so foolish as to wage conflict again. Just as some people today think that the threat of nuclear annihilation is so awful that NATO or the Warsaw Pact countries, or the growing number of regimes that are learning the technology of nuclear weapons, will somehow restrain themselves from using them. The Jewish people have a concept of peace, of shalom, that recognizes that peace is more than the absence of conflict, that it demands the presence of justice and good-will. The cenotaph in Remembrance Park, and the plaques in some of the older churches of the town, record the names of those who left their homes here and were killed in action. They hoped for a world without war; but it is we who are faced with the urgency of that need, who still face that problem and must do what we can to resolve it.

The Independent Living Conference, sponsored by the Ontario March of Dimes on October 25 covered a great many areas of concern to individuals with handicaps. I will share with you the information derived from the workshops in several of my upcoming columns. "Sexuality in Human Relations", touched on such aspects as meeting and dating, dealing with the attitudes of family members and society, as well as sexual functioning. Personal experience were shared by panelists Pam Stokes (a polio victim confined to a wheelchair since childhood), her husband Jim, and Tony Aquilina (a paraplegic since age 19). The discussion was moderated by Mel Basbaum, senior rehabilitation social worker at Chedoke-McMaster Hospital. The disabled are no different than anyone else in their need for acceptance, understanding, and love. Their sexuality is only part of the whole person and therefore it is important to get to know them as human beings. Often a relationship begins in a platonic way with feelings that grow deeper with time. This was illustrated

in a film depicting two young people with cerebral palsy who fall in love. Attitudes including society's, family's and friends' can have a considerable effect on how the person feels about their own sexual desires. Often well meaning parents are over protective lest their child get hurt. Prejudice exists among certain segments of society who may feel it is not the right of a disabled person to express love through marriage. Pam, in a humorous fashion, shared a personal experience. An elderly woman approached her on the street while Pam was holding her baby. The woman remonstrated that it was a disgrace that Pam should have a child. Tony indicated how easy it is to feel that you are not a sexual being when confined to an institution such as a nursing home, hospital, or rehab centre. Communication between couples, the ability to explain what affects your happiness, and learning the extent of your abilities are all vital to achieving and maintaining a rewarding relationship. For social workers who counsel the disabled, it was stressed one must permit a person the opportunity to discuss sex. On the other hand if the subject is of no concern, it should not be introduced by the worker. Where consummation is physically impossible, Mr. Basbaum recommended that couples seek assistive devices, if so inclined, that will aid them in achieving sexual satisfaction.

Senior Scenes

Autumn Mood - (Patience Strong) I love the earth in Autumn mood, the misty dawns, the golden noon. I love the quiet evening hour, the glory of the harvest moon. I love the last slow-fading rose that lingers on the garden wall; the mellow sun that seems to shed the light of blessing over all. Old houses wrapped in crimson cloaks; the stains of creepers on grey stone. Woods of russet, bronze and scarlet. Leaves of every tint and tone. Season of the golden hours, with Winter nigh and summer past... Nature in her brightest garments...clothes in beauty to the last. May the final phase of life be like the earth in Autumn mood-rich with blessing and contentment, full of peace and quietude. For God's mercies glad and grateful, having neither doubts nor fears... May I walk and see the beauty in the Autumn of my years.

To celebrate Ontario's Bicentennial, Esqueving Historical Society is sponsoring its second Bicentennial Essay Contest. It is open to all adults who live within the boundaries of the former Esqueving Township, which includes such communities as Acton, Georgetown, Limehouse, Glen Williams and Stewarttown. You are asked to share your stories contributing to Esqueving history. There are three categories: Category 1. Early Memories of my Esqueving Community. Recollections of people and events that stand out in your memory. Category 2. History of a Group. A history of a group or organization based in Esqueving Township. Category 3. A Family History. The story of your own family or one with which you are familiar, where at least one member was a resident for some part of his life. There is no limit to the length of the essays which are to be mailed to Esqueving Historical Society, Box 51, Georgetown, Ont., L7G 4T1, postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 1984. Prizes for each category are \$35, \$15 and \$10. Come to a Seniors' Christmas Bazaar at 8 Durham St., Nov. 17, 12 noon - 3 p.m. Featured are crafts, Cabbage Patch clothes, bake table, white elephant table and lucky draws. Lunch: Adults \$1.50, Children 75 cents.



Crime prevention officer Constable Dave Crawford reads a Halton regional police display on crime prevention for a Nov. 8 awards and dinner night to be held in Hamilton. The display will be used in a seminar presented that day in conjunction with Crime Prevention Week. (Herald photo)

Crime Prevention Week

Prevention makes it harder for criminals

By ROBIN BAKWELL Herald Staff "A lot of the crimes committed are done because criminals are opportunists. If you can reduce the opportunities, you can reduce the chances of becoming a victim." That's how crime prevention officer Dave Crawford sums up one of the aspects of his job with 12 Division in Halton. "That's it in a nutshell. It's just common sense," he said. By leaving a garage door open with a set of golf clubs or a barbecue in sight you are presenting the perfect opportunity for a poten-

tial crime, Constable Crawford said. Nov. 4 to 10 is National Crime Prevention Week across Canada and Constable Crawford spent some time explaining his job, responsibilities, and some tips in crime prevention with The Herald. Constable Crawford feels his main function as a crime prevention officer is to get the people in the community aware of potential problems which may exist and help them protect themselves. His duties involve speaking to various groups, working on and setting up different programs, home security

checks, shoplifting prevention talks to stores and "anything to do with crime prevention." As far as a typical week goes, Constable Crawford said there is not really such a thing. One of the newer programs in the Halton area against crime is called the business telephone alert system. An example of how this service could be useful is if there were a number of cheques stolen with a cheque writing machine. Businesses would be contacted through the Chamber of Commerce in the area to be warned of possible fraudulent cheques. Those busi-

nesses would be contacted through the Chamber of Commerce in the area to be warned of possible fraudulent cheques. Those busi- ses contacted would then phone other businesses and appyramid type situation would arise, hopefully informing a large area. If a pharmacy, drug store or medical centre was broken into and a prescription pad was stolen, the same system would come into effect with druggists calling the police if anything suspicious should come their way. "Even if we don't apprehend the criminal, if the system deters the criminal element, the program has done its job," Constable Crawford said. A more established program in Halton is the

Neighborhood Watch in which neighbors look out for each other. Constable Crawford called this program a "natural" as neighbors usually watch out for each other anyway. A pilot project Constable Crawford and 11 Division crime prevention officer Bob Ustrycki are working on involves a Neighborhood Watch program for people in the rural areas. He feels homes in the rural areas are more vulnerable because they are further apart. One recommendation he suggests for rural residents is for them to have a home security

survey done on their residence. Constable Crawford will go to the home, and point out weak spots at the residence where a burglar might be able to gain entry. He will show them how to increase security on their homes through better doors, locks and the securing or reinforcement of basement windows with bars or grills. "A lot of times a potential burglar will see bars or a grill on a window and will simply go on to an easier target," he said. The home security survey is free as is the

operation I.D. program which is another form of crime prevention offered by the police department. Individual articles can be inscribed with the owner's drivers license or social insurance number which will help the police in case of a possible theft. "In order for these types of programs to be effective you need the co-operation of the officers on the road and the public. If the public is not involved the whole idea is being thrown out the window," Constable Crawford said.