

We're not immune

A coincidence, but a timely one. The conclusion of a lengthy drug investigation in Halton Hills resulted in numerous charges.

It proved what many police officers, parents and teachers have known for some time: we're not immune to drug abuse in Georgetown and Acton.

Organizers of the drug awareness week Feb. 23 - March 2 should see a noticeable increase in concerned parents at a special forum.

It will be their opportunity to convince us to become active, be more aware of the problems that exist and help search for answers within our community.

Recognition night

Help the town out.

They're searching for deserving recipients for an Honors and Recognition Night.

It's put on by the Town of Halton Hills. Annually they seek public input on the selection process.

To be fair they even have a committee consisting of community representatives. Those from the arts community and two local sports editors help in the final selection process along with some town councillors and recreation department staff.

Individuals honored are singled out for the recognition they have brought to Halton Hills.

It's a great idea, but it needs your support. Do you know of a deserving candidate? It could be your next door neighbor. The deadline for entries is Feb. 18.

Friendships & roses



CLERGY COMMENT

By JOCELINE TATE

Mountainview Baptist Church
Valentine's Day - hearts and roses and chocolates come to our mind quickly. I dare say, though, that what a lot of us think about on Valentine's Day is our friends.

Love has many expressions and various forms. But in a world of strained relationships in so many families, it seems to me that the love of a good friend is something special, something to celebrate.

We read in the fourth chapter of Ecclesiastes that "two are better than one...if one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the one who falls and has no one to help him up."

Friends - all of us have at least a few. Some are friends simply because they are people who have been a part of our lives for a long, long time. Some are friends because of a mutual attraction and common interests.

Some friends have become so simply because we see one another every day and so have come to know quite a lot about each other. There are those who are our friends because we have chosen them. You've heard the glib saying: "We were given our

relatives but thank God we can choose our friends."

It is something to thank God for, that we can choose our friends. That we can choose those before whom we cast our pearls, those in whose presence we let the barriers down and expose our hearts.

But let us also thank God for those who have chosen us as friends. Those people in our lives who at one time or another have risked rejection, misunderstanding and exposure of their inner being to offer us a place in their heart.

Yes, pity the one who falls and has no one to help him up. Was there someone who helped you up the last time you were laid low? Was there one who said: "Here, let me help you carry your burden and ease some of that weight off your shoulders."? This was a friend.

A few years ago because of circumstances in my life, I went through a time of soul-aching sorrow during which I came across a little poem which touched me deeply. The author is Anonymous and expressed for me the essence of a friend: "Bring me a rose in the wintertime When a rose is hard to find. Bring me a rose in the wintertime I've got roses on my mind. For a rose is sweet Most anytime, and yet, Bring me a rose in the wintertime It's so easy to forget."

Is there someone in your life, today, in need of a rose? Be a friend.

Angela knew she'd reached her limit



Staff Comment

By ANI FEDERIAN

The day came that Angela knew she'd reached her limit when it came to trying to please her husband.

After having kicked her about for an hour, her husband looked down at Angela on the floor and said "That felt really good. I've got to do it more often."

That's when Angela left. "What mattered was the safety of herself and her child," Susan Davie, a volunteer at Halton Women's Place, a shelter for abused women, said.

The physical abuse had increased whilst Angela was pregnant, and continued after the child was born. Her daughter was born with some physical handicaps.

"Her ethnic background said, 'You're married. You must make your marriage work,'" Ms. Davie said. "She stayed because

she believed it would stop and that it was her role to stay."

Six months ago, Angela got her divorce. Only recently she told her parents why she left her husband.

An attractive 24-year old, Angela is now studying pre-medicine at the University of Toronto.

In her spare time, she does volunteer work at the Milton shelter for abused women. Angela is just one of the many women who come to Halton Women's Place looking for "time out" and a place to make important decisions about the future.

Not all of the abuse women receive is physical. Much of it is also emotional.

Ms. Davie told the humiliation one woman suffered when her husband forced her to go down on her hands and knees and eat dog food

in front of her own children and the children's friends.

A startling statistic is the one which shows 22 per cent of the abused women were abused before they even married.

How do you explain that? Ms. Davie said many of the women believed that once the couple were married they could change the man.

Statistics show, over time, the beatings become more frequent and more intense, Ms. Davie said.

Women start to feel they deserve the beatings, that they've done something wrong and finally, that they're worthless.

When they come to the shelter, they're often surprised to find they're not alone, that other women have also been treated the same in their relationship.

They learn that a marriage license doesn't give anyone the right to assault his partner.

Halton's History

Georgetown's oldest church

By RICHARD E. RUGGLE
Herald Special

From the time that Esqueing was opened to settlement, it was included on the itinerary of Methodist preachers of various circuits. After the 1834 union of English and Canadian Methodists which produced the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Esqueing was part of the Nelson Circuit.

Charles Kennedy (1792-1854) was a leading supporter of the cause around what was to become Georgetown. The Kennedys were active in a variety of churches. One brother, John (1787-1874) was an elder of the Presbyterian church at St. Ann's in the Niagara peninsula for over fifty years.

Another brother, George (1799-1870), after whom Georgetown would be named, joined the Congregationalist church. A third brother, Morris (1794-1888) was to be a leading supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Charles had been converted to Methodism in 1817; in 1818 he married Elizabeth Williams (1796-1855), whose family would give its name to Glen Williams; and in 1819 he was surveying the northern part of Esqueing township.

His survey work may have been a factor in the 1819 order in council which granted him a mill seat on the Credit, where Georgetown was to develop, on condition that he have a saw mill in operation within twelve months.

Charles was influential in local politics, being named at the first town meeting in 1821 as one of the two

wardens; and becoming one of the first justices of the peace in the area. He was also credited with the introduction of Methodism to the area, by his interest and his liberal support. His house was the home of ministers and a place of rest and refreshment to poor travellers.

The ministers stationed on the Nelson circuit in 1839-40 were Rowley Heyland, who had served the "new settlements" of the area some 15 years earlier, and Samuel C. Philp. It was about this time that it was decided to build a chapel, at the foot of the appropriately named Wesleyan street (it is now the Oddfellows' Hall).

On a snowy January evening in 1841, Egerton Ryerson spoke to a missionary meeting in Kennedy's neighbourhood, Esqueing. It was the first such meeting held in the place, and he commented on the commodious chapel being built. When the church was opened in October, Ryerson returned to speak at the afternoon service.

By then the village was called by its new name, Georgetown. In the morning, Anson Green had dedicated the church. Green told of that sacrifice had been made to erect the building: "We needed a church there very much, and our brethren have gone to the extent of their scanty means to provide one for us."

John Roaf, of the Congregational church in Toronto, was invited to preach at that service. Perhaps this unusual honour bespoke a broad

community support for this, the first church in the village.

The Barbers would later be strong supporters of the Congregational church, but they already had some connection with Roaf. Earlier that year, when a son was born to James and Hannah Barber, he was given the name John Roaf Barber.

It is not unlikely that their contribution to the building fund resulted in the prominence given to the Congregational leader at the opening service.

It was not until after the church was built, in 1845, that Charles Kennedy sold the land, for 5 shillings, to the trustees: Michael Farmer, James Collins, John Freeman, Samuel and Charles Kennedy, all described as yeomen, of Esqueing.

Georgetown had become the head of a circuit in 1844, a circuit that would include at one time or another Hornby, the Roughcast Chapel, Acton, Stewarttown, Erin, Silver Creek, Norval, the Octagon branch, Glen Williams, Campbell's Cross, Salmonville (Terra Cotta), Lipssett's and Leuty's (Boston) branches.

Writing our history depends on the sparse sources that survive. In my last article, I had followed Dick Huston's suggestion that Kennedy and Thomas Fyfe had only been named Justices of the Peace after the rebellion of 1837.

Since then, Walter Lewis has found a description, in the Brockville Recorder, of Mackenzie's meeting in Esqueing in the fall of 1837, before the rebellion, where Kennedy and Fyfe are already shown as being magistrates.

Gripes and Cures

Culprits for complaints

By PAULINE

Winter is upon us and with it come our recurring questions.

Why

—are pedestrians forced to risk their limbs, if not their lives, by unshovelled sidewalks?

—are icicles hanging from eaves not removed - particularly when they hang over public walkways?

—is so much salt put on our roads at untold cost in car repairs, rotted footwear and environmental damage?

—must hockey, a game of skill, speed and dexterity degenerate into an activity that only excites many when violence erupts?

—do Canadians find the weather a stimulating conversational gambit? Because we have so much of it?

—don't we take the time to look at our surroundings - wind sculptured snow drifts, the colours on the snow, blue in the shadows, rose and ochre from the setting sun, the appearance of wintering trees?

Other all season questions are

Why

—is lead still added to regular gasoline when we know how harmful it is to people as well as to nature?

—can't manufacturers produce a unit with the refrigerator at the top and the freezer at the bottom?

—is sound on radio so good but on television drama so bad?

—can't motorists learn the meaning of "yield"?

—don't motorists show more consideration to other motorists trying to exit strip plazas by moving to the far lane?

—don't the lotteries rule that all winners must have a Canadian address?

—can't someone devise an elevator door holder so that a single user can load and unload weekly shopping without bruises to knees, hips and elbows?

—don't we talk to each other, if not verbally, then at least with eye contact and a smile?

Two letters have been received from readers - both address the same problem. And the identified culprit is the thoughtless motorist who shows a

lack of care in parking. Cars that block sidewalks make it most difficult for

mothers with strollers, wheel chair users and those on crutches to navigate in safety. "Zorro", also identified the healthy who insist on parking in the areas reserved for those with disabilities as being less than considerate.

Some attention is being paid to previously published "gripes". While this column probably can't take all the credit, it was interesting to find in the Jan. 28 Globe and Mail that Dr. Plaut of Holy Blossom Temple had written in support of a ban on boxing. He quotes the American Medical Association who call it "an extraordinarily incongruous thing" that we have a sport in which two people get into a ring and beat one another unconscious. Shouldn't there be a group protesting man's inhumanity to man?

Just one more why this week - why are you, the reader, sitting there nodding your head in agreement - why aren't you writing to Gripes and Cures, c/o Georgetown Herald, 45 Guelph St., Georgetown, L7G 3Z6 and sharing with all of us your gripes or your cure for the irritants of living today.

A special thanks to our two respondents, do write again.

Until next time - keep warm.

Miller could play key role

Ottawa Bureau of The Herald

With Prime Minister Mulroney anxious to strike a constitutional deal with Quebec, and backroom initiatives already underway in this direction, a key role might well be played by Ontario's premier-in-waiting, Frank Miller.

"We feel optimistic about him," said a key aide to the prime minister. "We think he might have a better feeling for Quebec than people generally realize."

Outside Ontario, Mr. Miller is probably best known as a white, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant car salesman who likes plaid jackets and carries a friendly smile. And, at first blush, he might not appear to be a likely candidate for the role of "honest broker", a title that has been awarded to the last two Ontario premiers for their roles in federal-provincial relations.

But, at second blush, it turns out that Mr. Miller was educated at a Montreal university - he's a mining engineer - that his wife is a Quebec native, that he is bilingual and that, as a provincial cabinet minister, he was credited by federal officials as being "very sensitive" toward Quebec's aspirations.

NEEDS HELP
As Mr. Mulroney, a Quebecer himself, gets into delicate negotiations with the Quebec government - whether it be Parti Quebecois or Liberal - he can certainly use the assistance of a respected "honest broker" from the neighboring province.

Letters to the Editor

\$1,761 collected for UNICEF

Dear Sir,

Once again it is time to express our thanks to the boys and girls in the Georgetown area who went out with their UNICEF boxes.

With your efforts and the help of Knox Presbyterian Women we raised \$1,761.87 for underprivileged children in other parts of the world.

Also our thanks go to Cheryl Lightowers, who along with her Intermediate Sunday School

class of St. John's United Church, counted monies from the schools of George Kennedy and Centennial Middle School; to Mr. J.S. Bedgood from St. George's Anglican Junior or Sunday School; to Rita Munro, Sunday School Superintendent of St. Andrew's United Church; to Helen Corrie of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Georgetown Market, for her assistance and patience, and above all her smiling face.

We cannot afford to let any more children take THE LOW ROAD to poor health. The future of our planet rests in the creative, energetic enthusiasm of our youth.

Your support has helped UNICEF to give them the opportunity to take the high road to health! We thank you all.

Bud and Phyllis Livingstone, Co-chairman UNICEF Halloween Campaign.

Easter Seals raise \$127,000

Dear Mr. Rowney,

Your kind assistance during the 1984 Christmas Seal Campaign is truly appreciated. Without the wholehearted support of the members of the media, our task of raising \$125,000 would be next to impossible.

Our 1984 campaign is

officially over, although donations will continue to arrive during the next few months. We have, with your help, raised \$127,747.70 which is \$2,747.70 over our goal.

On behalf of everyone who will benefit from the money raised, whether it be in school education,

the Family Asthma Program, the Better Breathing Club or research, a heartfelt thank you for your efforts.

Yours sincerely,
Cec McFadden,
Chairman,
The Lung Association (Halton)

Halton's History

THIRTY YEARS AGO—Coming from Oakville, John Elliott is Georgetown's new CNR station agent, succeeding Arthur Cohen who has gone to Midland. Editor of the Smith Falls News Record, and a former Georgetown resident, Agnes Edward Dobbie was married in Toronto to Beulah Melinda Holtzman.

Members of the post office and customs staffs attended a party at Fairview Inn honoring Lt.-Col. Gordon Cousens who retired last week as postmaster.

Kenneth R. Harrison, ARCT, music teacher in several district schools, received first class honors in the mid-winter exams of the Royal Conservatory of Toronto.

Bob Goldham, and some of the other Detroit hockey players, will be on hand to see the little NHL in action.

Bandsman Norman Herbert received the Canadian Defence Medal at inspection night for the Lorne Scots Regiment in Brampton, Thursday.

Mrs. Ern Batkin of Georgetown was awarded first prize for her evening bag entry at the third annual exhibition of Canadian Hand Weaving.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO—Winner of the first place \$50 prize in the Jaycee sponsored car rally, Sunday, was the team of Graham Ferguson and John Collier.

Miss Grace Leavey, director of nurses of Halton County, and Mrs. Frances Jamieson, staff nurse, Georgetown, attended a three week conference in Toronto on team nursing development.

A Georgetown police constable, Arnold Vanclief, has just completed a two week course at the Ontario Provincial Police School in Toronto which will qualify him to operate the breathalyzer.

Rev. Kelvin Johnston of St. Andrew's United Church Georgetown, conducted the installation of officers at the first executive meeting of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded.

Campaign chairman of the Ability Fund, Mrs. Mary Cooper, said the fund has moved within \$275 of its goal of \$2,700.

Paul Burroughs, who turned down a pro football career for an industrial fellowship, is the newly elected president of the Georgetown Y.

Lois Wichman, a Georgetown District High School graduate, received her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Guelph.

TEN YEARS AGO—Charles R. Fogal will be the president of the Georgetown Agricultural Society in 1975.

Dale Wood, an accomplished and well known musician, has been named the new director of the Georgetown Choral Society.

Family and friends greeted Mrs. Ann Garner of Sargent Court on her 75th birthday.

FIVE YEARS AGO—Bill Crawford presented the first annual Business of the Year award to Smith and Stone Ltd. representative Dr. Stan Tooke at the Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Recent legislation requiring Maple Lodge Farms in Huttonville to limit the number of chickens it can import has prompted the firm to lay off some employees.



By PAT WOODIE
Herald Columnist

In 1983 there were 617 reported cases of sexual abuse and 433 cases of physical abuse against Ontario children. That number rose to 905 and 466 respectively by October 1984.

Although there is no hard proof, professionals working with abused children know that physically and-or mentally disabled children are more likely to be the targets.

In a recent two year study in Seattle it was estimated that up to 500 disabled children and adults were sexually abused per year in that area.

They also estimate that only 2 per cent of the cases are ever reported due to feelings of confusion, guilt, shame and fear.

While many handicapped live in healthy environments, why are other children treated this way? Often they are more available to abuse as they may require help to the washroom or bed, thus suspicions are not aroused by others. Society considers them to be unreliable witnesses particularly if they have a combination of physical, mental, emotional or speech disabilities.

The dependency caused by the handicap in many cases delays the child's progress keeping them at the hands of the perpetrator.

Isolation, an inability to move quickly, poor social judgement combined with a lack of education about appropriate behavior are all factors contributing to their vulnerability.

Offenses, such as rape and incest, may not be the result of sexual desire. Rather it may be the perpetrator's need for power and control. The handicapped person is therefore seen as an "easy target".

Since it is not always possible for these children to report the experience, caregivers should be receptive to the following symptoms.

—Suddenly avoiding or showing fear of a particular person or place.

—Sleep disturbances.

—Sudden regression.

—Unusual affection or withdrawal.

—Unusual changes in behavior.

—Advanced sexual knowledge.

—Difficulty sitting or walking.

—Pain, swelling, bruises, itching, bleeding or discharge in the genital area.

—Pain urinating.

As almost all molestation of handicapped children is done by people known by the child, this problem remains easily hidden and difficult to eradicate.