

## Onus on business

Michael Wilson's unveiling of a new federal budget Thursday didn't deliver on a well-remembered promise by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney who said his concern was for jobs, jobs, jobs.

The finance minister is hoping that business in Canada can replace more government work programs by expansion of their own firms.

It's a risky venture. Mr. Wilson is counting on a continuing upsurge in our economy which is closely linked to the fortunes in the United States. For Canadian firms to grow much is riding on whether interest rates can remain low.

By tackling Canada's deficit problem, Mr. Mulroney is hoping he's sent the right signals to businesses who clearly wanted measures taken to reduce the deficit.

Now much of the onus for creating new jobs must come from a satiated and confident business sector.

The Prime Minister's daring move is well worth trying. But it will only work if business take the necessary steps to put a dent into the millions of names across Canada who seek a chance for meaningful employment.

## Think fitness today

Think fitness. At least for a day.

Today is Participation Challenge day across Canada and Halton Hills has a chance to prove something: that we're a fit bunch of people.

Last year was the first challenge day and although many diligently jogged, swam or danced we were beaten by our western counterpart from Red Deer, Alberta.

The town recreation department and many others are helping to ensure we can improve on our 25 per cent turnout rate last year.

All that's necessary is to exercise for 15 minutes and then call 873-1657.

That's the hotline set up by volunteers from William Neilson Company Ltd. in Georgetown.

Virtually all of the schools will set aside some time for students to exercise. But if you're an adult or senior there are special opportunities for you to participate thanks to the town, the Georgetown YMCA and Work That Body and others.

If you don't know yet what's available to get you moving, phone 877-5185 and the recreation department will assist you.

## Taking away pressure



### CLERGY COMMENT

By DR. JOHN M. DRICKAMER

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
A recent television program discussed violence among teenagers. It presented ideas we have all heard before. Teenagers need to be accepted but feel pressured to succeed. They fear rejection and failure.

People of every age are in that situation. We need to be accepted by other persons. But society pressures us to achieve "success", whatever that is. It gets complicated. We begin to fear rejection in case of and because of failure. The pressure increases when personal worth is based on achievement. Our value, even in our own eyes, comes to depend on some idea of performance.

What are we to do? We can work like mad to achieve success. But that effort is doomed to failure, eventually, for everyone. There is no satisfaction. We only want more and more.

Or we can struggle to be free from mental and emotional slavery to success. We can view our worth — and the worth of others — as a reality with or without money, fame, beauty, power, or any of the elements that spell "success" in the world.

Do not misunderstand. We should work hard and do our best to be helpful in family and community. But our sense of worth and our acceptance by others should never depend on what we do but only on what we are — human persons created by God, loved by God,

ransomed by God.

The point is to take the pressure off. But can it be done? In a world of sinners like us, this pressure remains rather constant.

The only way for such acceptance to survive is for forgiveness to occur — and recur. We all do things that are wrong. We all disappoint ourselves and others. We need forgiveness for acceptance to endure.

What is forgiveness? It is not: "No harm done", or, "It doesn't matter". That denies that anything is wrong. That is condoning, not forgiving.

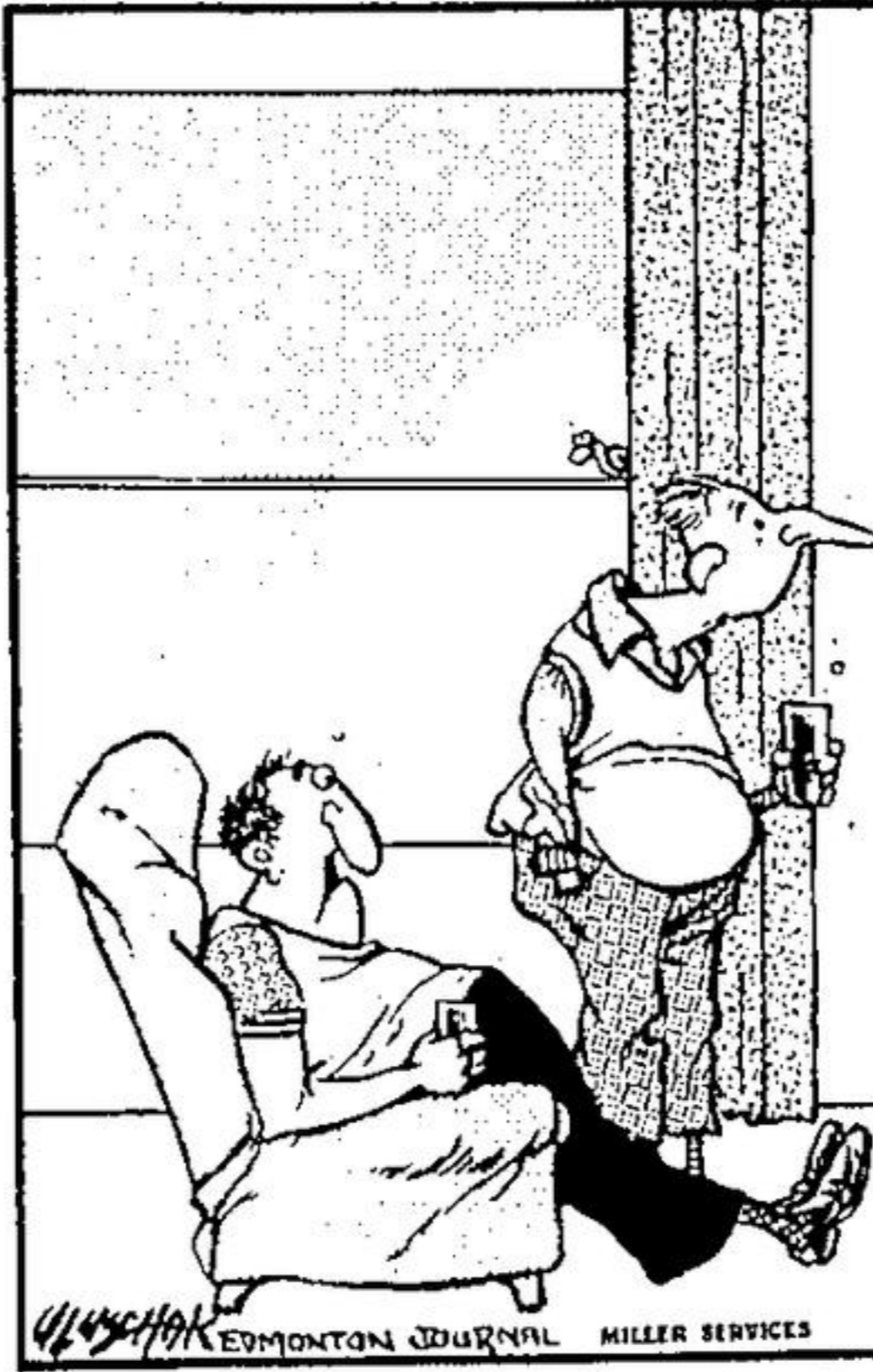
Forgiveness is: "You did wrong. I was angry. But I never stopped loving you. I have forgiven you. I am not angry anymore." Forgiveness is acceptance in spite of wrongdoing (or wrongdoing or wrongthinking).

Christianity is the religion of forgiveness and acceptance by God. Other religions tell us that we can do enough good works to make God like us. Christianity admits that we are sinners and that sin is seriously wrong.

But God loves us in spite of our sin! God the Father sent His Son to be our Savior. Jesus suffered God's entirely justified anger against our sin. He satisfied that anger for us. He appeared to die in His pain and death.

The message of Christianity is that God forgives and accepts sinners. He welcomes believers as His children for eternity — in spite of sin, because of Christ!

God, as work in His Word to convince us that He really has forgiven our sins for Jesus' sake. It is not based on anything we do. That forgiveness is the only really powerful motive for us to forgive and accept others also.



"I blame her leaving on that darn new Charter of Rights!"



## Honoring the dead

# Our way was, and is, better



### Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

For most North Americans the European portion of the Second World War ended May 8. But almost daily here there are reminders for many Europeans the killing went on and on.

Right to the end of May, for instance, there were death marches and shootings of Croats — maybe 200,000 died in the end — at the hands of Tito's Yugoslav Partisan Army after the British had turned them over to the Partisans.

There was a commemorative service here for those Croats. It received little media attention.

For one, such as myself, who did not live the Second World War but knows it only as (oral and written) history, what was bewildering about the media emphasis of the past two months was the focus on Bitburg.

A nine-minute act of reconciliation (not forgiveness) between Americans and Germans, most of whom aren't old enough to recall the war, somehow became a criminal act.

**HONOR DEAD**  
To honor the German soldiers buried there (yes, even the few SS) is not to honor the political systems for which they fought, any more than commemorating Russian military dead is to salute the rightness of the Communist system.

Nor does it mean forgetting the Holocaust (with a capital H), the Nazi extermination of millions of Jews simply because they were Jews.

But others faced their own holocausts too, if in lesser degree. The Croat ceremony is the memory of one such event. The Croats were allies of Nazi Germany and paid the inevitable terrible price.

The list goes on. Perhaps the equivalent of the population of Canada was deliberately killed over the span of six years by the various participants. It is hard to grasp.

**POLAND LOST**  
The victors tried the losers for some of the deaths (and in my view let many of the guilty off too lightly), but made no attempt to judge each other by the same set of standards.

There is irony in this, for it was to preserve the frontiers of Poland and balance of power in Europe that we in the West went to war — not to save Jews or fight Nazism. We failed.

The Soviets still occupy eastern Poland, which they received — along with the Baltic republics and parts of Romania and Finland — as their share of the spoils in a deal with Nazi Germany.

Naturally, the Soviets conducted their own holocaust by class and nationality, as they had earlier done in Russia itself, murders that went on well into the 1950s.

The mind goes numb with it all. Was the partisan slaughter of the Croats justified by the earlier Croat slaughter of Serbs? Is there a moral distinction?

**GOOD ALLY**  
For us in North America, spared those horrors, there is only one real distinction. However evil and degenerate the Soviet system, we needed its soldiers as allies or Germany would not have been beaten. (Nor, frankly, could Russia have defeated Germany alone either).

The Soviets marked our joint success by goose-stepping parades of their military might. We marked it with Bitburg and with Canadian veterans walking weaponless through the streets of deliriously happy Dutch towns.

Our way was, and is, better.

## Embarrassing salary increases



### Ottawa Report

By Stewart McLeod

My, my how time flies. It is difficult to believe that three full years have gone by since our parliamentarians found a solution to the embarrassing business of voting themselves periodic pay increases.

It used to be a terrible ordeal for our legislators. The publicity was horrific as, from time to time, they were forced to debate bills to give themselves more money. There were always those uncooperative non-conformists like Stanley Knowles, who consistently voted against any raises. This, of course, helped to make the others look grabby, if not greedy.

So the ever-sensitive Trudeau government came up with the ultimate solution. Facing one great climactic surge of embarrassments, MPs bit the bullet in 1982, voted themselves a hefty hike and then, so the process would never have to be repeated, established a system of pegging future increases to the cost of living. Every year, so long as prices went up, so would the salaries of MPs and senators.

Never again, or so everyone thought, would Parliament be seized with these humbling debates. Pierre Trudeau, who once called backbench MPs "nobodies", had left another legacy.

**WRONG ASSUMPTION**  
But, as mentioned earlier, time does fly. Here it is 1985 and we now have the results of a task force on MPs' salaries, a task force that was established as one of the first acts of the Mulroney government. And, guess what? The study, conducted by former Liberal MP Coline Campbell and former Tory MP William Clark, recommends more money for our federal legislators.

It's more complicated than that, of course, and there is probably a great deal of merit in some of the suggestions. But the overall result would be higher pay for MPs. And, instead of pegging future increases to the Consumer Price Index, the report recommends that the salaries be tied at three times the average earnings of Canadians.

By a curious coincidence, that's where I think my salary should be. Bet you do, too.

And while the present tax-free allowance of \$18,000 — which now comes on top of a \$54,600 salary — would disappear, it would be replaced by other benefits, including a \$100 a day food and lodging allowance for MPs whose ridings are beyond commuting distance from Ottawa.

Meanwhile, basic salary under the proposed new system would immediately go up to about \$69,000. There would also be major improvements in the pension plan.

**LOW PRIORITY**  
Prime Minister Mulroney has mercifully indicated that the task force report has a low priority in his general scheme of things. There was, he said, "no urgency" for reform.

And, in view of the state of the economy with its high unemployment levels, along with the fact that the previous reformation occurred only three years ago, the prime minister is unquestionably on the right track.

At this stage, it would be politically unwise to increase the income of MPs despite need or merit.

While I would be the last to suggest that MPs are overpaid, neither do I know of many who quit the business because of their low incomes. As for that survey of MPs, which suggests that 58 per cent are forced to dip into savings, I would like to see similar surveys of other occupations.

Personally, I've met only about three people who say they earn enough to live on, and I've forgotten who they are. What strikes me as more significant is the fact that 42 per cent of MPs say they don't need to subsidize their incomes.

But this is mere quibbling over statistics. The point here is that the whole messy business of parliamentary salaries was supposedly settled to everyone's satisfaction just three years ago. And it would be politically unacceptable at this stage to go through the seemingly selfish process again.

Furthermore, it would be stupid.

## Lung cancer on the increase



### By PAT WOODE

Herald Columnist

As the saying goes, "Lungs are for Life", and certainly lung tissue transplants have not reached the advanced stage of success as those for eyes, kidneys or even heart.

If one develops emphysema, there are no cures, although treatment can help the person live with their ailment. Thousands of Canadians each year are affected by this destructive disease with some 1,200 dying of it as a major cause.

Similarly chronic bronchitis plays havoc with human lives. Although it is not rapidly fatal it becomes an

important cause of disability and makes one more susceptible to other illnesses such as pneumonia, colds, pleurisy.

The annual cost of this disease in terms of time lost from work, disability pensions, and medical therapy may approach one hundred million dollars each year in Canada.

Lung cancer is on the increase. Surgery, radiation and chemotherapy are three ways it can be treated and for many patients cured. It, like the two previous ailments, however, can be prevented to a large extent by simply not smoking.

Doctors estimate that the smoker's high risk is lowered gradually to almost that of the non smoker after ten years away from smoking.

A disease that is contagious like tuberculosis can be prevented before any damage is incurred by walled up germs if caught early. In the 19th

century as many as one out of every five people died of TB before the age of 50. Today in North America it is well controlled and rarely causes death.

Allergies are not new but now, we know that the tendency to become allergic is inherited. Babies are not allergic at birth, but repeated exposure to certain substances may cause one to form antibodies to those allergens, which react in such a way as to cause allergic symptoms.

Hay fever and farmers lung are also forms of allergic reaction. The latter is caused by moldy hay and although the symptoms may be mild, continued exposure can cause death. In all cases of allergies it is wise to avoid the precipitating irritant.

Great strides have been made in treatment of lung disorders. Prevention still remains the simplest and most effective answer.

## Halton's History

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**—A Georgetown high schooler, Dave Hart has signed as a ball player with Midland's OBA Intermediate A Indians for the season.

Dave, a Georgetown resident 15 years ago when his father was Bank of Commerce accountant, returned to town a year ago when his father, Jack Hart was transferred from Richmond Hill as manager.

Two new members of the post office staff have passed their civil service examinations and become permanent postal employees. De French, who formerly worked at Ken McMullans implement agency is filling the position created by the elevation of Harold Marshall to postmaster when Lt-Col. Gordon Cousens retired.

Combined efforts of the Lions Club and senior public school children with an assist from Bill Leslie, owner of the Roky Theatre, raise a substantial sum Saturday for the new swimming pool.

Total proceeds of Peanut Day have still not been finalized, but according to chairman J.G. Collier, net profit will exceed \$600.

**FIFTEEN YEARS AGO**—A Georgetown man died in hospital in Galveston, Texas Monday, one week after rescuers pulled him from the Gulf of Mexico, unconscious. He was on a brief business trip to Galveston where he was checking out some machinery.

A blitz canvass for the Canadian Institute for the Blind here Tuesday: raised \$740, chairman Al Martin reported.

The following students took part in the blitz: L. Lewis, M. Kavanagh, Joan Fournier, Kathy MacGillivray, Anna Wilcox, Karen Peavoy, Velvet Duncan, Robert Howatt, Laurie Hyde and Gillian Hooton.

**TEN YEARS AGO**—Norval residents will have to face one more summer with uncertain and potentially unsafe water supplies, but it may be their last.

Halton Hills town council has officially made a request to the region and the province for a \$350,000 water-main extension project linking all homes in Norval with the Georgetown water supply system.

It's archaic that visiting baseball teams that come to Georgetown do not have proper washroom and change-room facilities, stated Dick Willis, a member of the Georgetown Baseball Association at Monday's committee meeting.

Various association members were on hand to express their concern over the lack of washroom and change-room facilities plus the lack of adequate lighting at the fairgrounds ball park.

**FIVE YEARS AGO**—Claiming that Ward 2 (Esqueping) residents do not receive any benefits for their tax dollars, a ratepayer, Ralph Denny has presented a petition asking town council to grade, widen and resurface the Fourth Line between Lots 27 and 32.

The town's general committee has declined to support Milton's continuing efforts to evaluate alternatives to regional government in Halton.

The committee received and filed a Milton town council motion Monday night which sought Halton Hills' input on the proposed formation of a special committee to study alternatives.

After finishing first among 25 schools entered in the annual Euclid Math Contest in Peel-Halton, GDHS has gone on to a tenth place finish among the 309 Ontario-wide schools entered across Canada.

Attempts by Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson to have council propose a ceiling on the amount the town's tennis clubs should have to pay for upkeep of courts almost backfired last Tuesday.

## POETS' CORNER

THANKFUL

The eye shall lead your weary steps  
And guide your willing hand  
Without those precious eyes of yours  
Would be so hard to understand  
Proud to have fingers that's all complete

And to walk around with normal feet  
And when your body is healthy  
You could dance all the night away  
Then you think of some helpless soul  
Who hume they have to stay  
Don't you think you are lucky

To be able, to live in a normal way  
It's up to you, my normal friend  
To lead a happy and loving day.

—BY ALBERT BROOKS

EMPLOYMENT CENTRE  
STUDENTS

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CENTRE DE MAIN-D'OEUVRE  
POUR ETUDIANTS

Scott Edmunds is in good hands with this Halton Hills crew of student employment counsellors. The James Street office in Georgetown is open for students to register for work and businesses are invited to phone in Job requests. The number is 877-6011. Seen here from the employment office are (left to right) student officer Teri Lamb, student officer Valerie Connor, supervisor Jo-anne Lockhard and receptionist Dawn Broadbent.

(Herald photo)