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## Pie in the sky

Peter Walker, a planning consultant, has come under harsh criticism lately by regional councillors.

And for good reason. He's trying to slap the region in the face by increasing his fees to \$120 per hour. It's an increase that's hard to stomach.

While a recognized professional at the height of his career, Mr. Walker isn't bargaining with the region in good faith.

He's trying to increase his fees in the middle of a lengthy landfill search, knowing that to find a replacement with his background knowledge would be extremely difficult.

Countless delays in the political process necessary to choose a landfill site has benefited few. Our regional councillors are fed up. One of the benefactors in the process is planner Peter Walker.

Through environmental legislation, the need for public meetings and a variety of other delays, the firm of Walker, Wright, Young Ltd. has been well employed by Halton Region.

His request for a \$120 per hour rate is an astonishing 33 per cent increase from his current rate of \$90 per hour. Canada's inflation rate is now pegged at 4 per cent.

According to the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario, the rate for the principal or partner of a firm is \$83 per hour.

A fee of \$120 per hour is a pie-in-the-sky figure. The amount isn't so surprising, when the rate comes from a firm that is throwing symbolic crumbs back to the public implying "let them eat cake."

## A new era dawns

There is encouraging news brought to us by Ontario Premier David Peterson.

July 2 he announced in a ministerial statement 43 promises from his new Liberal government.

The Grits have a number of impressive reforms in mind, but two — government secrecy and government advertising are refreshing to note.

For too long, freedom of information legislation has been ignored or has been too watered-down to be helpful.

It's understandable for a party that's been in power for 42 years to be reluctant about handing out sensitive or embarrassing information.

But it's a process of government we've come to expect increasingly over the years. There's no better way to cure bouts of Big Brother paranoia than by coming clean with the public.

For the same reason, Mr. Peterson's suggestion about bringing television cameras into the Legislature would be a welcome move.

A freeze on all planned government advertising programs cuts away at one of the major abuses of the Bill Davis regime. Huge amounts of money were spent each year telling Ontario residents how lucky they were to live in a beautiful province.

Little of substance was gained by these advertising blitzes, except for tooting the Tory horn.

A more open government without smoke and mirrors advertising will benefit us all.



Richard Ruggle

## Goodwillies Esquensing visit

By RICHARDE RUGGLE  
The General Assembly of Vermont passed a law in 1787 that allowed a town to build a meeting house and support a minister at public expense.

The denomination was to be chosen by majority vote, and unless taxpayers could produce a certificate of membership in another church, they were required to contribute towards the support of the majority's congregation.

A Barnet town meeting in 1784 had already unanimously chosen the Presbyterian form of worship, without specifying a particular branch of Presbyterianism.

That would depend largely on the availability of a minister, and it was only in 1791 that the Reverend David Goodwillie was called to the charge. Among those who signed the call were James Cross and John McNab, mentioned in the last article.

Goodwillie (1749-1830) had been educated in Scotland, and had preached there, and in Ireland and England, before responding to an appeal for ministers to come to America.

He sailed from Greenock in 1788, on a voyage that lasted 51 days; and in the fall of that year he was ordained at Philadelphia. One of the other passengers was Beatrice Henderson, whose father was an elder at Kircaldy, where Goodwillie had originally been licensed as a preacher. They would marry two years later.

The first major split in Scottish Presbyterianism had taken place in 1733, when the Associate Presbytery protested over the power of patrons to appoint ministers to congregations. In 1747 the Associate Presbytery divided into the Associate Synod (Burghers) and the General Associate Synod (Anti-burghers). The cause of this rupture was an oath that was required

of burgesses in certain cities, that they acknowledged the true religion preached within the realm.

Those who tolerated the oath were known as Burghers or Seceders, those who rejected this link with the state as Anti-burghers.

In the American colonies, an (Anti-burgher) Associate Presbytery of Pennsylvania had been formed in 1753, and it was an off-shoot of this group which ordained Mr. Goodwillie.

Despite their qualms about the burgher oath, the Anti-burghers were willing to take advantage of the provisions which provided town support for their ministers.

Goodwillie was to remain in Barnet until his death. He was Moderator of the Synod in 1803, a state legislator (1805-07), town clerk and treasurer (1807-27) and postmaster (1808-18).

In addition to his ministerial duties and political offices, he also practised as a physician, was a keen gardener, and corresponded about botany.

David's brother Joseph (1751-1808) had emigrated long before, in 1773. A blacksmith, he made guns for the British army during the revolution.

When the Americans took him prisoner, and confined him at Auburn, NY, he and two others escaped and fled to Quebec. In 1792 he visited his brother David at Barnet, and the following year bought a farm from him and moved there.

One of his sons, Joseph (b1795) moved to the Welland area; a daughter Elizabeth married Alexander Cross. The Crosses left the states about 1819, stayed awhile near her brother Joseph, then settled in the Scotch Block in 1820. Another son, George (1804-71) also settled in Esquensing.

It was by accident, however, that the Associate Presbytery of Pennsyl-

vania began its work in the Canadas. David Goodwillie had visited the area around Montreal in 1798, but no congregations were started up then.

A man named Orr who lived near Stamford, wished his children to be baptised in the church he had known in the states. He wrote to Dr. Alexander Bullions, asking him or one of the brethren to visit on their way to the Synod that was to meet at Pittsburgh (1822).

The synod misinterpreted the letter to be an invitation to open up a mission field in Canada, and appointed Bullions, Thomas Beveridge and Thomas Hanna to itinerate for three months each.

Bullions had married Mary, a daughter of the Reverend David Goodwillie of Barnet. Although he did not himself make it to Canada at this time, he would probably have encouraged his fellow preachers to visit his Esquensing relatives, the Goodwillies and the Crosses. Thomas Beveridge, who did come, was a son-in-law of the Barnet minister.

When Beveridge and Hanna met Mr. Orr and discovered their mistaken errand, they decided to continue on, and visited Galt, where a congregation was formed, and Esquensing.

It would be two years later (1824), when Dr. Bullions finally made his trip, that the Esquensing congregation was formed. With Stamford and Galt, it formed the nucleus of the small Anti-burgher presbytery that would be formed in Upper Canada.

The American missionaries had selected Esquensing as a stopping-point on their Canadian journey. It was this deliberate choice, prepared by existing ties of family and friendship, that led to the building of a church which would be an Esquensing landmark for almost a century.

## Halton's History

THIRTY YEARS AGO—Georgetown should have natural gas in six months if council passes a bylaw granting a franchise to the Halton Natural Gas Company.

Georgetown firemen gave their time to help complete the community swimming pool. Chief William Hyde directed the effort which committee member Dick Licata said saved hundreds of dollars.

Georgetown finally has a district softball team. The young team need uniforms and a sponsor. Mrs. June Greig is the captain of the team.

Sunday school teacher Gail Wheeler cut her foot on a broken bottle in the kicking shoe race at the Glen Williams United Church picnic. Six stitches closed the cut.

Joe Prucyk purchased 265 acres near Limehouse which will be opened Saturday as Waterfalls Playground. Mr. Prucyk dammed the river creating a natural swimming pool to which he added picnic tables and a refreshment stand.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO—Douglas Collison of Mississauga is Georgetown's new recreation director. Mayor Emmerson and Reeve Hunter led the voting in a unanimous decision in favour of the appointment.

Georgetown's Lynne Hyde is the new technical director for the National Arts Centre in Ottawa. Mr. Hyde is a graduate of the Ontario College of Art and designed many sets for Georgetown Little Theatre.

The congregations of First Baptist on Main Street North and St. Paul's Baptist on Mountainview Road joined and formed a new church body July 1st. Rev. William Cairns of St. Paul's will be the minister.

TEN YEARS AGO—Julian Reed is going for the Liberal nomination in the new riding of Halton-Burlington. The closing of the Norval school prompted Mr. Reed to enter the race.

Councillor Ric Morrow would like to see a water fountain at the Joseph Gibbons tennis courts. "I'm really embarrassed any time I go over there to play tennis," he said.

Georgetown will revert back to metal street signs if vandals continue to damage the illuminated ones. Councillor Joe Hurst said as much money was spent on repairing signs in the first six months of this year as was spent in all of 1974.

Steve Mitchell is in charge of major renovations for the Glen Williams Community Hall. Steve is a fourth year University student and former Glen Williams resident.

FIVE YEARS AGO—Jim Harrison who was the first to receive the Hockey heritage award was known as the Raiders' "number one fan" died in Georgetown District Hospital. He was 77.

Terry Fox will be arriving in Halton Hills on July 22 as part of his "Marathon of Hope".

Former Georgetown District High School student Jeff Inglis is sidelined for the Calgary Stampede's first regular season game. He has a knee problem.

The "Celebration Singers", all fifty of them, from Texas will be performing their gospel music at the Maple Avenue Baptist Church. The group is performing before 20,000 delegates at the Baptist World Alliance in Toronto.



By PAT WOODE  
Herald Columnist

Scoliosis is a lateral curvature of the back. About 80 per cent of cases are idiopathic. The rest are caused by neuromuscular disorders (eg. polio) or congenital factors. This condition has been seen in ancient mummies and occurs in fish and other species.

As the body becomes twisted, the ribs deform, restricting motion and lung capacity. If not treated, it forces the heart and other organs into more and more cramped quarters.

Although extreme in some cases it may or may not exert limiting strain, pressure, or exposure on the spinal cord.

Ancient Greeks used traction in an attempt to cure this condition. Various devices to limit or prevent motion, give support and/or pull the back into alignment have all been tried. Many of these also provide discomfort, immobilization and inconvenience.

It was found that supporting muscles could be influenced to correct the scoliosis in a back that was still growing. Problems encountered include choosing the correct muscles, amount, and duration, and frequency of stimulation, attaching the implants, miniaturization of components, and choosing subjects who would benefit most by this approach.

For some but not all, recent technology has replaced flannels, body casts, Milwaukee braces, Harringtons and other devices.

Miniaturization has provided an implant that can stimulate appropriate muscles for up to five years. This lithium battery powered unit can be turned off and on by passing a magnet over it.

The user has no wires connecting through the skin to controlling or monitoring devices. He is free to move as he pleases.

Dr. Bobechko, chief orthopaedic surgeon, Toronto Hospital for Sick Children, has done much research in this area. He emphasized, however, that treatment is selective according to the severity of the condition, age of the patient, complicating factors (eg. bone and muscle strength), and the lack of predictability of scoliosis in its early stages.

Each patient may require one or more approaches to effect significant improvement.

## Letters to the Editor

### Scottish name only

Dear Sir,  
I had the obituary of my late father sent to me by one of your readers in your paper dated June 5, 1985. I was absolutely shocked when I read the huge headlines — Retired Reverend Staunch Scotsman — I don't understand where you ever got the impression about his being a staunch Scotsman, other than Dad's name being Scottish — he was a Canadian Citizen!

through high school in Georgetown sent me this write-up, shocked by the news and wondering about my mother's address which was incorrect in the paper. We are very saddened by my father's passing,

and after I read this account in your paper I felt that I just had to write with regards to how I felt.

Yours sincerely,  
Margaret A. Peasey,  
Box 108, Shubencadie,  
N.S. B0N2H0

### Reprimand, apology owed

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was filed with The Herald for publication.

Dear Sir,  
On the night of June 18, 1985, I attended my husband's Ball Hockey game at the Georgetown Arena. Having watched him play for over two years, I could tell on this particular night that the game was being played extremely rough with a great deal of body contact and stick work.

My husband was involved in two incidents, one where he was checked into the boards with such force, the players' box door was flung open and the second where he was tripped into the boards and had to leave the game with mild concussion.

Up to this point the referees turned a blind eye to all incidents and only after someone got hurt, did they seem concerned enough to start calling penalties. This being a non-contact league, at the end of the game I approached the referees to question why they had allowed the game to get so out of hand.

In the conversation I

was told that they (the refs) don't care what happens as long as their game sheets are made out and they get paid, that it's the players' fault if the game gets out of hand, and each player is responsible for himself.

Further on in the conversation I was told "they weren't the ones wearing glasses". As our discussion ended and I threatened them with a formal complaint about their attitude not only during the game, but afterwards towards me.

I turned my back to leave and was then called an extremely complimentary name. At no time during our talk did I use profanity towards the two referees or insult them personally.

No only do I feel that they owe me an apology but that they should be reprimanded for the way they showed lack of responsibility during the game.

Yours truly,  
Diane Hill  
Note: This letter was hand delivered to Mr. Perkins on the above mentioned date. Still I am awaiting a reply.

## Well drawn Ont. cabinet



Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

TORONTO—Cabinet-making is an art rather than a science, a delicate balancing of talent here with geography there, of loyalty in this corner with trendy necessity in that one.

On those grounds Premier David Peterson's first cabinet fits the criteria nicely.

How he and his 22 cohorts perform in practice, of course, will only be known in time. Sometimes strange things happen to people when they get their limousines, their assistants and their scurrying bureaucrats running to do their will.

### Letter to the editor

## Canada should reject U.S. Star Wars plan

Dear Sir,  
Only about a month left! Prime Minister Mulroney says he will announce on August 23 whether Canada will climb on the "Star Wars" bandwagon, and citizen input is requested. Will many of us take time from the lazy days of summer to think about it, or to respond? We should!

Remember that this "Strategic Defence Initiative" will be no defence at all. It only would defend against ballistic missiles (the monsters that blast out of silos and arrive here in half an hour).

Our new North Warning System will pick up the remaining Soviet bombers and cruise-type

missiles launched from ships, subs, and land, and these will be taken out in a gigantic hunt-and-destroy mission right over — where else? — Canada — caught between the two antagonists like jam in a sandwich. Some defence!

Because it only "protects" against ballistic missiles (and therefore violates the 1971 ABM treaty), Star Wars simply encourages the Soviets to build more non-ballistic weapons. And so the arms race spirals upward again.

SDI won't increase our security, it will be incredibly costly, and we don't want the few expensive jobs it will create — some of them quite possibly at a company in this

town.

"Star Wars" has been denounced by the Canadian scientific and academic community in large numbers, and rejected by France, Denmark, Norway, Greece, Australia, and New Zealand.

Canada should reject it too! So put down the lemonade for a few minutes folks, and pen a letter to Brian Mulroney, Jean Chretien, and/or your MP, all at House of Commons Ottawa, KIA 0A6. Then, have a good summer.

Yours truly  
The Members of  
"HAND"  
Nora Lipp, Janet Duval,  
Cheryl Lightowers,  
Janet Southworth,  
Peggy Moutray, Lynn Jennings.

But in theory, at least, the Peterson choices strike most of the right chords.

The man with the heaviest burden will be Bob Nixon, the Brant County farmer whose father was the last Liberal premier of this province, and who himself led the Liberals against the entrenched Tories three times.

He'll be Treasurer, a tough job at the best of times but even rougher when there is a \$1 billion in election spending promises that have to be kept and a Triple-A credit rating that'll likely be lost.

HOUSE LEADER  
Still, Nixon is a fiscal conservative, meaning whatever budget he brings down in the autumn will bear some resemblance to financial reality, which is more than could be said if some of his fellow-Grits got their hands on the money spigots.

Just as important, Nixon will also be House Leader, which means he'll have the tough task of dealing with angry Tories and petulant New Democrats on a day-to-day basis to try and make the Legislature work smoothly in the coming sitting. It won't be easy.

The second-toughest post in the new administration, at least in the short term, is that of education minister, with the responsibility for steering full funding for Roman Catholic separate schools into law and through a set of public hearings.

That won't be easy either, and Peterson has chosen Renfrew County dynamo Sean Conway to do the job. A brilliant orator, deeply partisan, a politician quick and clever, Conway will need all his skills to face education critic Larry Grossman, the Tories' best street fighter.

Naturally, the other stars of the Liberal front bench, like St. Catharines' Jim Bradley, Huron County's Murray Elston and Jack Riddell, and Windsor's Bill Wrye are also in the cabinet.

Then there is geography. Since Rene Fontaine is the only Liberal from northern Ontario, he gets Northern Affairs and its patronage role to use.

And although there are no veterans in the caucus from the Ottawa area one of the Grits elected there had to serve, so Bernard Grandmaitre got the call for municipal affairs.

LOYALTY TOO  
Although speculation was that newcomer Ken Keyes from Kingston would be a shoo-in (as he was solicitor-general), Peterson loyalists like John Eakins (tourism and recreation) and Hugh O'Neill (industry and trade) from the same area also made it.

And then there were the "trendy necessity" appointments. In the age of "women and minorities" it was guaranteed Hamilton's Lily Munro, Toronto's Elinor Caplan and Alvin Curling would become ministers. (Curling is Ontario's first black cabinet minister. Later this year the federal Conservatives, using the same reasoning, will likely appoint Lincoln Alexander as Ontario's first black Lieut.-Gov.) That doesn't mean they won't be good at the task, only that their sex or color gave them an edge at the appointment post.