

Concert organizers very special group

Our hats go off to a group of five men who wanted to do something about tornado victims left homeless May 31.

With less than a month to prepare, Fred Harrison, Wayne King, Ken Morrow, Don Ricciuto and Bob Reynolds held a benefit concert.

Saturday their work was rewarded when more than 400 people showed up at the Gordon Alcott arena to support their cause.

Couples enjoyed a barbecue chicken meal and then danced to the sounds of Robbie Lane and the Disciples.

Many, many people deserve the town's thanks for the generosity and co-operation in making the night so fruitful. Dozens of individuals and business donated money or items or offered discounts towards the dance.

The event says a lot about our community spirit. We haven't lost our desire to help those who suffer tragedies, or those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

It just takes the initiative of people like Wayne King and his buddies to get the rest of us in the spirit.

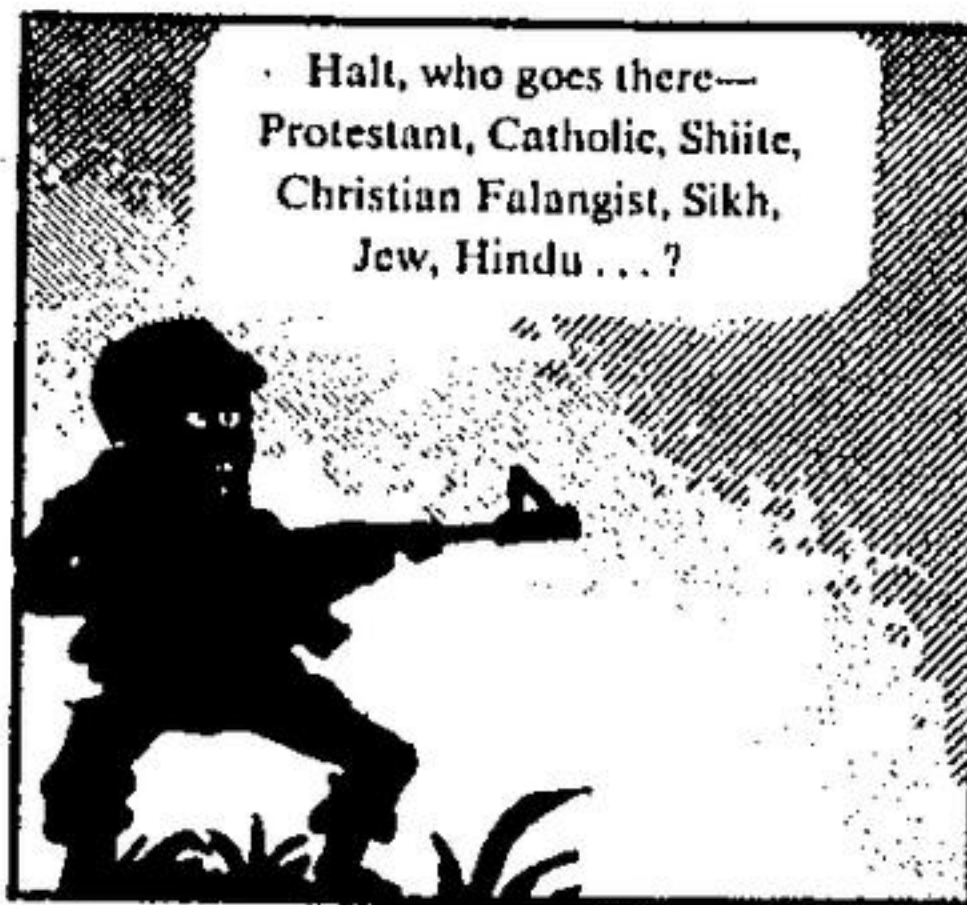
On a world scale, it seems efforts of others, particularly Live Aid's driving force, Bob Geldoff, have set an example likely to have an impact on future relief programs.

These fund-raisers have a way of saying we can be a part of the solution to problems faced by innocent victims of famine, poverty or natural disasters.



The five star production crew are a bunch of guys who got together to arrange a concert to aid tornado victims in the Orangeville and Barrie areas. The organizers that brought 400 to the Gordon Alcott Arena for an evening of music, food and dance are (back row left to right) Fred Harrison, Bob Reynolds, Wayne King (front row) Ken Morrow and Don Ricciuto.

(Herald photo)



Big blow from Chicago



Ottawa Report

By Stewart McLeod

If you follow journalistic trivia, you will probably have noticed that Paul Robinson, the "Big Blow from Chicago", will soon be retiring as the American ambassador in Ottawa. He's going back to his insurance business in Illinois to make big bucks.

And it's not being disrespectful to the departing ambassador to suggest the move, in the general scheme of world affairs, is somewhat less than earth-shattering. It's more a natural under-reaction to one of the most over-blown media events of the year.

Paul Robinson's picture has been appearing in our bigger newspapers almost daily, he has been featured on many television shows, including The Journal and, judging by the comments one hears, Canada-U.S. relations might never be quite the same again. If one didn't know better, it would be quite easy to come away with the impression that an event of historic proportions was occurring between the two countries.

At one recent reception, some of those earnest folks at External Affairs were talking about the departure of Paul Robinson in the severe tones that one associates with a shake-up in the Kremlin.

Yet, deep down, everyone knows that the departure of one American

ambassador in Ottawa, and his replacement by another, will have no effect whatsoever on our relations with the United States.

EASILY MIFFED

I am not absolutely clear on why we've come to attach so much importance to the person who President Reagan, or the State Department, decides should occupy that magnificent mansion in Rockcliffe Park. But we clearly do. Not only has every Canadian magazine and major television producer become obsessed with the utterances of Paul Robinson over the last three years, but now we are being treated to lengthy dissertations on his likely successor, and the probability that the Canadian government will be miffed by his lack of presence. It seems we are about to get a career diplomat, not a personal friend of Reagan's.

Last time around, some Canadians were miffed because we got a party bagman, who was obviously being rewarded by Reagan.

Mind you, there is probably nothing wrong with the odd miffing, but perhaps we could save it for more important events. A quick glance at history suggests that, all high-priced claims to the contrary, it matters not a whit whom the Americans send to Ottawa. Nor, I suspect, does it matter much who we send to Washington.

At the end of their terms, they all say they like to think they brought to Canadians (or Americans, as the case may be) a better understanding of current irritants, and they are leaving with great regrets, and deep satisfaction.

Next ambassador, please.

OUTDATED THINKING

As mentioned earlier, Paul Robinson, is, as ambassadors go, a fairly colorful one. I mean, he did remind us, if we needed it, that our navy couldn't defend the St. Lawrence River. He said we overspent on social services, that the old National Energy Program stunk to high heaven, that the old Foreign Investment Review Agency was staffed by "nitpickers" and that the metric system was "rubbish".

He also told a Toronto Star reporter to "shove off, kid", a remark that, miraculously, got top play on the national newscasts. Because Paul Robinson was the American ambassador, we seemed to regard his every comment as an official decree from Washington.

We all knew what the Americans thought of FIRA, of the NEP and metric - not to mention what most public figures think of reporters. And just because Paul Robinson happened to say things more bluntly, he scarcely rated the attention he received.

Perhaps it's all a hangover from the old days when, without the benefit of hot lines, television and jet travel, an ambassador really was his country's window in the capital. Heads of government were too difficult to reach. And how that ambassador got along with our prime minister, and other ministers, might have had some import.

But nowadays, apart perhaps from an ability to organize a good lobby, the talents, or personality, of an individual ambassador don't much matter.

Next!

Halton's History

THIRTY YEARS AGO—Groomman C.J. (Chuck) Uytendag of Georgetown hit his head on the pavement after wedding festivities at Innis Lake. He was standing on a car bumper directing traffic and fell off.

Employees of Avro Canada Ltd., many who live in Georgetown, will be getting a 3-cent-an-hour pay raise. Employees will receive hourly rates between \$1.48 and \$2.30 for a 40-hour week.

Bank managers Bob Darou of the Royal Bank, and Jack Hart of the Bank of Commerce volunteered to act as the co-treasurers of the community swimming pool fund.

The world's largest hailstone fell in the backyard of a nearby Brampton man's home. The triangular hailstone weighed about six pounds. The previous heaviest stone was found in Spain 100 years ago and weighed 3½ pounds.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO—A record 88 students will receive Ontario secondary school honour graduation diplomas at high school commencement in the fall.

Herb Preston of 94 Confederation St. won a 1970 Pontiac Laurentian from Masson Motors in the Legion Car Club draw. Bob MacKenzie sold the winning ticket.

Bobby Orr will be the guest speaker at the Little NHL Hockey Hall of Fame dinner held at the Legion. Bob Goldham and Alan Eagleson will also appear.

TEN YEARS AGO—Varians Associates of Canada at the corner of River Road and Mountainview Road North celebrated their 20th year of operation in Canada and in Georgetown. When the company started in 1954 it had 8,000 square feet of building space. Today it has 55,000 square feet of building space and employs 200 people.

Pastor Peter Ralph of the Georgetown Alliance Church is urging Georgetown residents to get involved in the Viet Nam Heartbeat Project. He is trying to help 4,000 refugee families who arrived in Montreal.

Georgetown finished first in their first swim meet held at the Georgetown indoor pool. John Slack finished first in 50-meter fly followed by Georgetowners John Lancaster and Roger Parsons.

FIVE YEARS AGO—Cricketers Ken Jones of Georgetown and A. Jagger-naught of Oakville were hit by lightning in a storm with hailstones "as big as one's thumb", said Ken Jones. They were treated and released from the hospital the same day.

Firefighter Bernie Egerton rescued three month old Reni Adema from the smoke filled basement of a MacKenzie Street home. The baby is in satisfactory condition in Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto.

Hornby resident Les Dorgo and his cousins from Hungary Erica Link, 14, and her brother Alex, 9, spent 24 hours trying to reach the shore of Lake Ontario in Mr. Dorgo's new speed boat during a storm.

Kenneth Morland, 28, of Acton and Dennis Mitchell, 25, of Rockwood were hospitalized after an early morning collision on 15 Sideroad east of the townline.

Local tennis player Isla Allison and her partner Al Adams are attempting to make it to the Lipton International Tennis Finals. They'll meet John and Linda Rice at Gordon Alcott tennis courts.



By PAT WOOD
Herald Columnist

Jaqueline Harbour of Ancaster, Ontario, has discovered that dogs cannot only act as an individual's "eyes", but also one's "ears". This knowledge she has put to good use as she is now in the business of training Hearing Ear Dogs for the hearing impaired.

She seeks small to medium sized dogs who are outgoing, exuberant, with a friendly personality and an aim to please attitude.

A dog begins his training when he is between six months and a year old. For one month he is placed in a home environment where antisocial behavior or health problems can be detected.

He is taught during this time to accept familiar noises such as washing machines and vacuum cleaners and not be afraid of traffic. If successful, he is then neutered.

The following month, basic obedience is required. All commands are taught in sign language. If the dog is found unsuitable for hearing ear training, he will be returned to the donor.

In the third month, the dogs start the auditory work. The stove timer is the first noise introduced and the dog is taught to get the attention of the trainer and lead her to the stove.

New sounds introduced include: knocking, ringing door bell, the telephone, fire alarm, smoke detectors; alarm clock, running bath water, baby crying, apartment intercom, the person's name and picking up dropped items.

Finally, the new owner spends a week to ten days with dog and trainer in the home environment learning to work as a team.

For someone living alone who wishes independence a dog permits privacy. This peace of mind extends to the family and friends of the hearing impaired person.

This constant companion who works for his keep costs \$2,500. The recipient is asked to donate \$150 of that if financially able. The balance is normally assumed by service clubs, organizations or individual donations.

If you are interested in more information, please contact me or Hearing Ear Dogs of Canada, 1154 Highway No. 2, West Ancaster, Ont., L9G 3K9, (416) 648-1522.

Letters to the Editor

Distress Centre welcomes callers

Dear Sir,
For information, befriending, distress or referral the North Halton Distress Centre welcomes callers 24 hours a day.

All calls are treated confidentially by the trained volunteers who are anxious to assist members of the community whether you simply require the numbers for recreational groups or have a more serious

concern involving drugs, alcohol or depression the centre (877-1211) can be the first contact in helping you find the answers.

North Halton has many organizations and services that may be available to meet your needs. Phone 877-1211 and speak to the friendly voice of a volunteer who can discuss the possibilities with you.

For the person with a hearing impairment a

T.D.D. is at your convenience between 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. If you are unable to speak English, the centre has access to the interpreters who can translate into Dutch, French, Portuguese, German, Spanish, Polish and Czechoslovakian. Just leave the telephone number and someone will return your call.

Thanks
North Halton Distress Centre.

Council 'inactivity' is not appreciated

Dear Sir,
Re: Fred Tolton and Halton Auto Wreckers.

Since I originally spoke to you July 11 several things have happened. The road has been moved to the north a few feet by extending and reinforcing the backstop. Work on this was completed on July 27 - almost two months after the initial suggestion was made in council.

I am not sure if I appreciate the full rationale behind the decision to move the road - I am pleased that something has been done, but I am not sure if it is the appropriate action to take.

Perhaps the council should have been obligated to look at more long-term solutions.

There have also been several more instances

of unlicensed cars being left outside the fence after hours and more and more vehicles parked behind the chain link fence after hours.

The recommendations from the committee will be going to council soon (hopefully July 22). I am most concerned that the past inactivity of the majority of the council members will be repeated.

This inactivity may have come to be expected by the residents of Halton Hills, but it is NOT a quality of behavior that should be accepted or perpetuated much longer.

I hope that some of the members of council will take this message to heart and begin to serve all of the residents of Halton Hills and not just the ones who happen to

be in their area, or who have a cause or problem that "appeals" to them.

Susan Cox
Limehouse



CLERGY COMMENT

By DR. JOHN M. DRICKAMER

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a church a business? Churches should adhere to strict accounting standards. But there the similarity ends. No congregation should be in business for financial profit. A pastor should care about the sheep, not the wool.

Another difference is that a business can change its products or services according to what people want. But a Christian congregation, while it can change externals, cannot alter the message of the Bible, God's own teaching, without disobeying God.

A business can ask, "What do people want? What do they think they need?" A church must ask, "What does God want? What does He know people need?"

We have seen car makers change their products a great deal because people wanted to save gas. It may be the fashion industry that makes the most frequent changes. Other businesses are always advertising something "new and improved".

Can a church do the same? No way! It can, but it would be wrong. There is no "new and improved" Christianity.

What do people want? They want a club, not a church, with lots of fun, sentimental music, free babysitting, and a minimum of that boring stuff like

education. What does God want? He wants people to be brought together to hear and learn His Word and to apply it in their lives.

What do people want? To be told that they can satisfy God with a little bit of basic, occasional niceness. What does God want? When He said, "Thou shalt not..." He thundered it. Were the Ten Commandments carved in stone? As a matter of fact, they were. We dare not change them.

What do people think they need? A little basic instruction in the minimum requirements for getting to heaven. What does God know people need? To be shaken to the core of their souls by the realization of their sinfulness and their inability to save themselves.

What do people want? To congratulate themselves on being easily good enough to stand before God on their own. What does God want? To convince people that the only possible salvation is through the forgiveness of sins—and

that He has provided that forgiveness by and because of the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ on the cross.

What do people want? A fashionable, rational religion that makes them comfortable with what they were already thinking and feeling and doing. What does God want? He wants His Word to correct the natural tendencies of fallen humanity in so many areas of thought, feeling, and action.

Real religion goes against our natural grain. It can be painful. But God changes our grain and our pain! Real religion is not band-aids and aspirin. It is major surgery on the heart and soul. Only afterwards do we realize that it was worth it.

The discomfort of the Law is replaced by the real comfort of the Gospel—the comfort of knowing God's forgiveness, love and grace in Christ. A person who knows that comfort would not change God's Word—not for the world.

Leading to chaos? Provincial dump selection process confining to reps

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

The regional planner thinks regional councillors should make the final decision on where the new dump should be.

Rash Mohammed told The Herald he thinks councillors should wield the final say on the highly controversial and expensive question, and not the environmental assessment procedure.

"After going through all of this, why shouldn't council make the final decision? We've had lots of public meetings and participation. We've given more than adequate opportunity to the public," Mr. Mohammed said. "Do we have to go through it all over again through a hearing process with municipality fighting municipality, and the public fighting the Minister?"

Going to the environmental hearings means forking out more taxpayers' money—through the region and through the municipalities.

Mr. Mohammed expects the hearing will take at least a year. "We'll need three to four months just to give our (region's) evidence alone," he said.

With consultants charging up to \$90 an hour, it won't be cheap. "Then, everybody has to cross examine them," Mr. Mohammed pointed out.

"It will be everybody fighting everybody else. If that's what the (Environmental Assessment) Act achieves at the end, then the law is an ass," Mr. Mohammed said. "The law is, in my view, to give order, not chaos, but that's the scenario I see."

Costs will be "horrendous", he said. Already the region has paid out \$1.3 million just for studies culminating in the naming of a preferred site in Burlington for the new regional dump.

"Then, after all this work, we don't know if somebody's going to take us through the courts," Mr. Mohammed said, shrugging his shoulders.

When it comes to waste management, municipalities are saying waste is a provincial problem, the planner said. Nobody wants it and the urban corridors are saying their wastes transcend municipal boundaries.

"The province has the money to build Energy From Waste (incineration) plants. We don't," Mr. Mohammed said.