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Election signal

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the

water...

Since May we've been spoiled: no elections, no candidates pounding on our doors, no polls or reporter's predictions.

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller broke the quiet of the summer Saturday with his formal announcement that he'll be running for mayor in the November municipal elections.

Sorry folks, but soon you'll find a line-up of other mayoralty candidates and would-be councillors making headlines.

It's a symbolic ending of the summer, reminding us that the carefree days are behind us.

Now it's time to start investigating the choices of candidates as they become known to the public. Several issues will make the election race more in-

teresting and more important than ever before.

Former Mayor Peter Pomeroy in 1982 had only one opponent with no town council experience.

Russ Miller, an appointed mayor in 1983, will now face challenges from his fellow councillors.

At issue will be problems common to other municipalities: the need for more improvements such as roads and sidewalks, the need to keep taxes down and trim government waste.

Each councillor and mayoralty candidate will have to stage his or her platforms on constructing a new municipal centre, and the expansion of Georgetown and Acton. They'll have to convince us why they're the best

man or woman for the job. Don't get caught when it's time for an allcandidates' meeting or when politicians start canvassing for your vote.

Form your questions now, sort out your opinions on what you feel are the issues for your community.

Start early and judge fairly - there's a lot at stake, not withstanding the future of your community.

State of 'a-fairs'

Halton Hills is alive with news about our state of 'afairs'

This week has been particularly good to us in terms of news about fair days.

Fairs and festivals give us a chance to mingle with the crowds and strut our stuff - to entertain and be entertained.

Here's four reasons to smile as we anxiously hang on to the precious few months left before snow, hockey and staying warm become a pre-occupation.

1. Halton Hills Day at the CNE Thursday was another success by all reports we've received. It's a great way for local talent to get exposure while, at the same time, it lets people know what Halton Hills is all about. The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce deserves a pat on the back along with all its helpers for the efforts.

2. Members of the Georgetown Highland Games committee just received word they've been given permission to hold a "Champion Supreme" class competition next year. This will mean their June festival will attract bigger and better bands, and more crowds.

3. Save your money for Acton's Leathertown Market and Ciderfest. Even people from outside the region flock to this event with a small-town atmosphere where the food, fun and entertainment are hard to beat. Mark it on your calendar: Aug. 31.

4. Back in Georgetown the annual fall fair Sept. 8 will be action-packed and sporting some new crowdpleasers in the way of a demolition derby and craft tent. Later in the month the Acton Fall Fair will bring us more carnival fare including the popular Miss Acton Fall Fair competition.



"As a political protest, Otis drained every bottle of South African broady and sharry in the house."

Full throttle patronage



Ottawa Report

By Stewart McLeod

As some critics suggest, the Mulroney government may be keeping a keen eye on public opinion polls as it ponders each decision - but a clear exception seems to be its patronage appointments.

In this area, there is no reason to believe that opinion polls are given more than a passing glance. Either that or the government is assuming, perhaps rightly, that since nearly half the respondents are likely to be Liberai, the over-all public opinion is automatically loaded against Tory

patronage. In any event, Prime Minister Mulroney and his advisers seem to be cheerfully ignoring that poll which Indicated that 52 per cent of Canadians disapprove of the way the government is handling its appointments. Despite the summer doldrums, the federal patronage machine continues to operate at full throttle. Well over 100 patronage jobs have been dished out in the last few weeks, most

of them to well-established tories. In most cases, it should be noted, they replace well-established Liberals. MANY OTHERS

The appointments we are talking about are those made by the Privy Council office, under the direct control of the prime minister. We have long since lost track of the countless ministerial appointments which do not require cabinet approval. Recent ones in this category included new board members to the Canada Development Investment Corporation, de Havilland, Canadair, and other crown corporations. Then there are the lawyers, agents, etc., who are given often lucrative assignments to represent various government agencies and

departments. Taken together, we're talking about thousands, not hundreds, of

patronage jobs. But it's those 100-plus high-profile appointments, made with cabinet approval, that tend to attract our attention. They include new members for the National Parole Beard, jobs which pay up to nearly \$70,000 a year. and for the Royal Canadian Mint, the Unemployment Insurance Commission, and various advisory boards which sometimes offer only a per diem stipend for services rendered. This would apply to someone like Harvey Atkinson, a Morinville, Alta., archi-

tect, who becomes a member of the Canada Pension Plan Advisory Board. He had worked on the election campaign of MP Peter Elzinga, the Tory party president.

Another well-known recent appointment, to the National Parole Board, was former Hamilton, Ont. mayor Jack MacDonald, an unsuccessful Tory candidate in the last federal

Edmonton lawyer Robert Lloyd, a well-established Tory, becomes a director of Teleglobe. And George Cross, a temporary member of the same board of directors, was a former Conservative member of the Newfoundland legislature.

The overwhelming majority of the appointments have Tory connections. **PUBLIC CYNICISM**

And while the opinion polls indicate that Canadians generally disapprove of the way patronage is dispensed - or that it is dispensed at all the prime minister can draw comfort from the fact that a majority of respondents didn't like the way the Liberals handled this business either.

In disclosing results of a rather comprehensive survey, polister Angus Reid said this issue was a "major loser" for the Tories. However, "the catch is that only about 20 per cent of Canadians perceive the performance of the Conservatives on this issue to be worse than that of their Liberal predecessors."

Another 15 per cent actually thought the Tory performance was better than the Grits, while the majority, 55 per cent, felt it was about the

So when all factors are considered, it's probably not surprising that the prime minister is not concerned that a majority of Canadians are opposed to his handling of patronage. In fact, given his campaign rhetoric about cleaning up the system - "there has to be a better way" - he might well feel encouraged by the lack of public opposition. In any event, it's full speed ahead. And at the present rate, it won't be long before federally-appointed Liberals will be placed on the endangered species list.

We dislike unknowns



By REV. JEFFREY C. DAVISON, B.Sc., B.D., St. John's United Church

COMMENT

of Georgetown and Glen Williams All my life I have been brought up to beware of people who think they have all the answers to life. Along with a healthy respect for skill and knowledge there has always been a sense that there is so much that we do not KNOW.

It has been said that for every discovery we make in science three more unknowns immediately appear. You will understand then why one of my favorite bible verses is I Corinthians 13:12, "For now we see in a mirror dimly....",

As a minister, I have discovered that people do not want very much to do with uncertainty. We ministers are called to preach the firm truth of God's Word with a certainty which scatters all unbelief, and most of the time I hope

However, I am also acutely conscious that while God's Word is firm and sure, our human interpretation of it is not. I stand with St. Augustine who said, "Anything which your intellect is able to comprehend is not

Any human understanding of religious truth will always fall short of completeness, and all of us must live with questions we cannot answer and problems we cannot solve.

It is also sad to see, as William Sloane Collin says, that 'People never do evil so cheerfully as when they do It from absolute conviction."

There was no visible uncertainty with Adolf Hitler, nor is there with the Ayatolas in Iran, yet though millions find leadership through such people, the resulting evil is enormous. Beware of believing too much and of thinking you know the answers to all the questions of life . "Now we see through a mirror dimly."

It was Harry Emerson Fosdick who described his dialogue between doubt and certainty by saying: "Most of my life i've lived in the woods, but there has always been a piece of cleared ground in the woods.

"As I've grown older the plece of cleared ground has grown larger. In my preaching I've always preached out of the cleared ground and not out of the woods." What the church and the world needs today is not an arrogant and narrow dogmatism either religiously or politically, but a broad understanding of the cleared ground.

The deep certainties are there in the gospel. A God who loves us revealed in Jesus of Nazareth.

THIRTY YEARS Edwards, North Halton golf club pro. finished fourth in the Niagara Parks Commission Tournament. Last week he qualified for the Canadian Open in Weston where he eventually dropped out after a 54 hole total of 225.

Bernadette Brooks of Georgetown will be leading the dancers at the CNE Grandstand show this year. Her father, Alfred Brooks, was an original member of the world famous Dumbells who gained popularity during the First Great War.

Rev. W.J. Lane formerly of Limehouse is now preaching in Plenty Saskatchewan. Harking Price who saw him preach there recently brings news of Rev. Lane's success there.

The prize winning Lorne Scoti

Band will once again be performing at the CNE on music day. The band which won a prize in Group 2 last year is directed by Bandmaster Alf Perrott. Patricia Donaldson came from her home in Wanganui New Zealand to

marry William Kent at Knox Presbyterian Church. They plan to move to Toronto where Mr. Kent works at the Queen's Park Archives. FIFTEEN YEARS AGO-Acton OPP arrested a man in connection with the hit and run death of an eight year old Acton girl, Laurie Lynne Shaw. Maril-

yn McIntyre and Steve Marshall witnessed the tragedy. The local Canadian Arthritis Socie: ty Organization has a \$1,900 fund raising goal for the fall. The society

has spent \$4,500 in Georgetown this Five town tearns will be competing in the Ontario baseball playoffs this year. The tykes, peewees, bantams

and midgets all missed the playoffs by one or two points. The Georgetown Recreation

Committee wants to form a local tennix club based at the new Joseph Gibbons tennis courts on Weber Drive. The courts were a Lions Club project. Beaver Lumber owns the old

smithy shop on Water Street, and they want to sell it for \$49.95. The catch is the building, which is one of the four oldest in Georgetown, must be preser-

TEN YEARS AGO-Retired Georgetown librarian Marjorie Nazer is having her second art show, in Toronto. The show will feature 40 works in the following media: oils, ink and embroidered wall hangings,

Nurse Marilyn Mitton just returned from serving the needs of over 500 women from over 69 countries at the World YMCA Council meeting in Vancouver. She said the trip was "just like heaven".

The Potato Fest in Hillsburgh is honoring women in conjunction with the International women's year. They designed events which recognize women this year.

The Georgetown Indoor Pool held the second swim meet of its history. The Georgetown team finished second behind Fairfield and ahead of three other teams.

Five members of the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Association will represent Halton Hills at the International Rescue and First Aid competition in Minneapolis Minnesota. Glen Chapman, Gord Wildox, Jim Jenkins, Bob Crawford and John Lightowler will be going.

FIVE YEARS AGO-A.E. LePage completed its second major local take-over in the past eight months with the purchase of Stephen B. Saxe Ltd. in Georgetown.

English born journalist and book editor Norman Holt is the new owner of the Book Shop. The Main Street South book store was formerly owned by Zoe Bellamy who moved to Vancouver. The

store will now be called Oxbow Books. Four teams are tied for the lead in the Georgetown Flag Football League with only four games to go. Wimpy's. Greeks, Dave's BP and the Delrex Smoke Shop each have seven wins and

The Acton Bulldogs tug-of-war team are training full-time as they plan for a tour. Coach John Schonogy has a training schedule devised and wants his team to compete at various fall fairs.

Hard to follow Hiroshima repercussions

Dear Sir. We found it hard to radio-activity in the follow the logic of Mr. aftermath of the explo-Earl Ryder on the bomb- sion, maybe he is unable ing of Hiroshima and its to distinguish between: consequent repercussi- the well known politenweek's (August 7) editi- people and their true on of The Herald.

would have been enormous without dropping the enormous power then available to the U.S.A., surely a Japanese island could have been found with a much lower popu- risk. lation.

The total devastation have proved the point. Dropping a second bomb on Nagasaki was totally unnecessary, Given Mr. victim and his attempt to of the "sensible use of

downplay the dangers of printed in last ess of the Japanese feelings on the dropping of the bombs. As for Mr. Ryder's

The war with Germa- head-in-the-sand stateny was over when the ment that "since that atomic bomb was first time the risk of nuclear dropped, therefore, we war has been handled only had one enemy and successfully by the U.S. not "enemies" as Mr. government and their Ryder stated. Whether allies and the risk seems the ailied casualties to be diminishing", the political posturing of both the U.S.A. and atom bomb is debatable. Russia, the massive Even if an atomic bomb build up of weapons and blast was deemed neces- the reliance on computsary to demonstrate the ers (which are known to have brought us to the edge of the holocaust on more than one occasion), do nothing to lessen the

larael, China, France and even South Africa are known to have the alone would certainly bomb, would Mr. Ryder consider all of these countries to have "stable governments"? Should we feel safe knowing our Ryder's emphasis on the destiny (was) is in the long term survival of one hands of such dispensers

diplomacy" (as Nixon). as Reagan with all their cowboy western confrontational approach to international affairs? Anyone watching the

film 'Speaking our Peace' on CBC TV on August 6 must remember the remark made that World War Three has already begun. The U.S.A. has exploded over 500 nuclear bombs underground, the Russians over 400.

France is still atmospherically testing, as we were tragically reminded by the bomb-

ing of the Greenpeace ship, the Rainbow Warrior in New Zealand, The uncontrolled radio-activity unleashed is spreading across our planet, mixing with ubiquitous

toxic chemics .

Perhaps because of the contrast with the more immediate danger and high profile of the earlier atmospheric tests, the recent and massive series of underground lesting seems to be accepted by the general public as of little

In fact, each under-

on inevitably spews its radio-activity into the ground eventually to be delivered into our environment. Contrast the apparent silence on this with the high publicity

ground nuclear explosi-

attended by every effort to find safe and responsible methods for disposal of nuclear waste from power stations by isolating it permanently from the environment in rock formations proven stable through geological time.

The outright dismissal by the U.S.A. of the Soviet's invitation to join them in cessation of nuclear testing is the most recent example of an opportunity missed.

The reason given that testing is necessary to allow the U.S.A. to catch up with the Russians is clearly nonsense. With the current ability of both super-powers to destroy the world many times over, each and every increase in the nuclear arsenal and in the sophistication of the bombs and their delivery systems increases the

have Mr. Ryder's confidence that 40 years after Hiroshima we can all sleep soundly in our beds. Indeed, our only hope of survival is multilateral disarmament, for which all the peoples of this planet must work unstintingly. Sitting back and stating all is well with our world is very dangerous indeed

at this point of time.

Therefore, we do not

Yours truly, Peggy Bowhay, George Bowhay, RR3, Georgetown

No sense in global arms race A recent British war and not a post-war Dear Sir, the subsequent possibilieven a lock of geese has ty of atomic warfare not mistakenly been inter-I read with interest the Columbia survey indica-

article written by Mr. Earl Ryder recalling Hiroshima. This weekend I, like many others. was discussing and trying to understand Hiroshima with my family

father.

and with a veteran, my I wish I could share Mr. Ryder's assurance that "we have avolded

by accident but by the sensible use of diplomacy." Sense is the last Truly, with thoughts of thing I see in the arms my three children's

When a war-games tape was mistakenly plugged into a computer the whole Western world was put on nuclear alert for six minutes: (November, 1978). My goodness,

preted as a fleet of Soviet

future in mind, unlike Mr. Ryder, I have more concern for another Hiroshima than for a failing economy. (I realize how closely linked the economy and world militarism are).

tes 80 per cent of childrwill die in a nuclear holocaust. (Toronto Star, Aug. 5, 1985).

Eugene Rostow, arms control chief for the first two years of the Reagan administration has said, "We are living in a pre-

world." I find no assurance in these words, only en (9-18 years) fear they responsibility as a parent and a cilizen to speak out for justice and peace through nuclear disarmament.

> Sincerely, Cheryl Lightowlers, Georgetown

Dear Sir. On behalf of the businesses helped make Georgetown Ladies Powder League I would like to take this oppor-

three losses.

Helpers deserve

pat on the back

tunity to thank all the people who helped to make our Fifth Annual Tournament the big success it was. Friday night's enter-

tainment was provided by our coaches playing Town Merchants. The men played a very tight game despite the number of distractions. The merchants put a very strong team together consisting of John Vieira - J.V. Clothing; Fred Harris - Smoke Shop; Glen Sproule - C and S Plumbing; Ken Sproule -Ken's Auto Body; Chris Milne - North Halton Sports; Ron Yates - Brackens; Bill Smith - Bill Smith Auto Parts; Golden Bear - Barry Whitworth - Georgelown Chrysler; Art Crowreed-Auto Wreckers; Frank Van de Valk - Mavalk; Al Gardiner - Georgietown Pontiac; Fred Harrison -ReMax.

Thanks to Brad Smith for organizing the game. The majority of games were played Saturday.

The tournament dance was held Saturday night

and final games Sunday. Many individuals and both events a roaring success:

Activity Van, Bakery Delite, Beaver Lumber, Burger King, McDonalds, Neilson's, Pompeli Pizza, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120, St. John's Ambulance, Umpires, S.O.B.'s, Wayne King - Tournament Chairman, Jim Tuck, Steve Gemesi Park Attendant, Dave Hill - D.J., Donna Randell, Roger Gervals, Bob Weaver, Colleen Davis, Pat Scarborough, Gerry Perkins, Cor Osterhof, Floyd Foster, Wayne Sproule, Bud Hayes, Mario Santos, Pete Ward, Pete Wanner, Larry Peterson, Brad Edgar, Al Moore, Bob Inglis, Niner, Penny Butterworth, Joyce Hutchins, Pat Morey, Debbie Lindsay.

With the help of all these people the G.L.P.L. Fifth Annual Tournament is something we can all be proud

Debbie Tatham. Tournament Director