

## Courting Toyota

Oh what a feeling, Toyota. It's courting time across Canada with communities fighting for a chance to bend an ear at Toyota.

Halton Hills will be making a bid along with all the others in an attempt to have the manufacturer build cars in town.

But how realistic are the chances?

As town planner Bob Crews says, until we know more about what the company wants, it's difficult to say.

In the meantime, the town has put out a strong message saying we're willing to talk and explain all the fine things the town has to offer.

That's good, because we could use a Toyota plant. Just think of the benefits: more jobs, more property tax revenue and instant recognition across Canada.

Halton Hills would be known as the site of the new Toyota plant in Canada.

The location of the new car plant in town would enhance our reputation as the home to some outstanding firms which do business throughout Canada and the world.

When Toyota comes down to making a choice, we do have some strong factors in our favor. We're close to a major transportation network which includes the airport and Highway 401.

Land is considerably cheaper in Halton Hills and spin-off automotive industries are located nearby; skilled and semi-skilled workers from the town and Brampton are available.

But until we know more about land requirements and what kind of servicing is needed our speculation is mere wishful thinking.

In the meantime, let's be aggressive in our approach by telling 'em what we've got to offer.

## A poor showing

It's been proven effective elsewhere, but Georgetown isn't convinced of a need for a Neighborhood Watch.

That's the indication the police must be receiving after years of encouraging the program.

Only a few streets in Georgetown have committed themselves to Neighborhood Watch.

The program essentially helps police by having neighbors watch out for suspicious people or incidents on their street. Neighbors have each other's phone number and periodically check when someone is always on holidays.

Naturally the police want the program to work in town the way it has in Milton and Acton. A person familiar with their street has a better idea of suspicious characters and trespassers than does an officer cruising in a police car.

Georgetown isn't immune to break-ins. One only has to check the weekly police report to realize this.

All it takes is a little co-operation among neighbors. And you'd be surprised how many new friends you'll meet along the way. If you can get your street interested, call the Halton Police and they'll guide through the program.



Frank Miller



## Timing his resignation shock



Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

Ex-premier and leader of Her Majesty's Royal Opposition Frank Miller could not have timed his resignation for shock effect any better.

His going was the focus of political and media attention here at the 28th annual premiers' conference, only one of which (Regina last year) Miller has attended.

The politicians, including Ontario premier David Peterson - as is their wont when one of their number has been found lacking in the court of electoral politics - were generally kind in their comments.

But at least one, Ontario Treasurer Bob Nixon, highlighted the harsh realities of their game when he was asked what the Liberals would like to face as PC leader in the next provincial election.

Reporters were looking for the name of a successor, of course, but Nixon said "Frank Miller".

There could be no sadder testimony to the rise and fall of Frank Miller than such a flippant one-liner.

Still, his resignation at this particular moment is a surprise. Over the past month, Miller has given every indication of being a man out to protect his job.

A series of PC policy conferences are set for the fall where Miller was expected to make a pitch to the Tory rank and file to unite behind him.

He's already travelled the province talking to party executives and his long time supporters looking for backing. And he's moved Miller loyalists into key positions in the party organization.

So what happened to his fighting mood?

The initial theories of his resignation among observers here tended to dwell mainly on the tactical aspects of why now.

What caused the precise timing of his resignation?

The obvious answer given was that it was an attempt to upstage Peterson during his debut on the wider Canadian scene at this premiers' conference.

(One smart-alec suggestion is that he was also exacting a measure of revenge on the Queen's Park Press Gallery by calling it when most of them were here...a long way from Queen's Park.)

More pertinent, perhaps, is that the quicker Miller goes, the faster the party can pick a successor and the

more influence Miller can have on who it is.

Few Tories believe the Peterson government will last the two years the Liberals pledged in their deal with the NDP. Hence Miller's call for a November convention.

But the really relevant question is why resign at all.

The answer has to be he hasn't been finding among the troops out there (never mind the general public) the kind of support he was hoping to encounter.

The Globe and Mail's latest CROP poll shows party popularity at its base vote of about 30 per cent. But from Miller's perspective the more important figure is the 19 per cent rating for himself as the best man to be premier, a figure that sinks to 9 per cent in Toronto.

If party polls showed the same thing or worse - and Miller hinted a while back they did - he must have been forced to conclude he couldn't lead the PCs from the wilderness. That's especially true if Miller loyalists have been telling him the same thing privately during his travels - and there is some indication they have.

To stay meant, probably at best, leading a disheartened and split party deeper into opposition. Instead, wisely for himself, one suspects, he's chosen to go.

## Premier's conference

## Region interests represented

Queen's Park Bureau of The Herald

Journalists love drama and conflict. It is the stuff of their trade.

Thus, it would be great to write about this week's premiers' conference as the place where the lone Liberal wolf in red tie - Ontario's David Peterson - has been let loose among the Conservative sheep.

Unfortunately, it won't work that way.

It is true that Peterson is the first Grit premier to show up at one of these things since 1978, when Prince Edward Island's Bennett Campbell had the dubious distinction of being the last Liberal government leader in Canada outside Ottawa.

But that doesn't automatically mean fireworks.

There are six Progressive Conservative premiers (four from the Atlantic provinces plus Alberta and Saskatchewan), one semi-Tory Socred (British Columbia), one New Democrat (Manitoba) and one semi-NDP Parti Quebecois (Quebec) along with Peterson.

### REGIONAL MEN

In theory, they represent political

parties as well as governments. In practice, they don't. They are there as representatives of regional interests.

That's why Peterson emphasizes that he "expects trade questions to get a really good review." Ontario is concerned about free-trade suggestions from Ottawa and some Western provinces.

It is the same fear that former Premier Frank Miller expressed when he attended the last premiers' conference in Regina.

As an issue, "free trade" (meaning open economic borders with the U.S.) is to the 1980s what the constitution and oil pricing were to the 1970s. And it may again pit the centre (Ottawa and Ontario) against the flanks (especially western Canada).

### GOOD ALLIES

Who can forget the solid alliance former Liberal Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and former Ontario Conservative Premier Bill Davis forged on both the constitution and oil prices?

And how Tory Davis helped destroy Joe Clark's federal Tory government for the benefit of Trudeau's Liberals.

Regional interests came first. There is a potential in that for the

element of drama sought by the media.

A couple of weeks ago Peterson muttered darkly about how Brian Mulroney's federal Conservative government had the nerve to sign energy deals with the western provinces and Newfoundland without consulting Ontario.

### FAIR TRADE

Later, after meeting Mulroney (apparently they are long-time establishment cronies) he said he thought the prime minister was "sensitive to the needs of Ontario as the industrial heartland."

Interestingly, Davis used to say the same thing about Mulroney, too, something he pointedly didn't say about Clark.

Still, premiers' conferences are polite affairs. Liberal red will blend easily with Tory blue. Even regional differences, if past times are any indication, likely will be smoothed over in public.

Much to the media's disappointment, any conflict won't reach the "blood on the carpet" level.

## Leaving God out of our lives



### CLERGY COMMENT

By FATHER KEN MISKIEWICZ

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, the four writers of the Gospel, describe for us the event where Jesus multiplied the loaves and the fish and fed a huge crowd of people. Jesus, "the prophet who is to come into the world", feeds a crowd of five thousand with five barley loaves and two fish.

The seeming inadequacy of the resources to meet the need is expressed in question form: Andrew the Apostle asks: "What is that between so many?" We are reminded of Mary's question to the angel Gabriel: "How will this be?" to which she received the answer: "Nothing is impossible to God."

We Twentieth Century North Americans tend to leave God out of many areas of our lives, areas such as marriage difficulties, financial problems, unemployment, our health. Some leave Him out because they do not believe He exists.

Others leave Him out because they do not believe He is interested in the many details of their daily lives. Still others leave Him out because they do not believe it is possible for Him to do anything about their situation. The

Gospel passage about the multiplication of the loaves and fish reminds us that God cares about our daily problems and that nothing is impossible to Him.

It is significant that Jesus fed the crowd with food which one of them supplied. He did not bypass the resources of the crowd, but He took those resources, hopelessly inadequate as they were, and, after giving thanks, He gave them back to the crowd and all ate and were satisfied.

Thus, Andrew and the other disciples discovered that the impossible became possible in the power and prayer of Jesus. What was given to Jesus was given back by Him transformed. The hungry multitude is still with us, the hunger of many for the basic necessities of life, the hunger and thirst for justice, the hunger for authentic love, the hunger for God. In responding to these various hungers, the Lord will not bypass our own resources.

They may not be adequate to meet a particular need, but neither are they irrelevant. The Lord asks us to give ourselves and our resources generously to Him, to place ourselves, what we have and what we are, at His disposal.

Then, we need never underestimate what the Lord can do through us. If we place our resources before the Lord, He will feed the hunger of his people with them, inadequate as those resources may seem to us.

### TERRORISM

There are some with wicked ways Who would spoil our sunshine days They would take away your life Cruel ways to show their strife Why, in innocence should we fall Little children, loved ones small Where in forgiveness will they stand Only vengeance by their command We have a life with dreams to build Let us live so they'll be filled Tragedies are a grieving shock Sadness when revenge does knock Is there any love in man Why when life so short a span If it wasn't for the justly few There would be no world for me nor you Many things we must accept Be thankful for what there is left.

By ALBERT BROOKS

## Poet's Corner

### RELEASE

This is not the place I choose to be but being weakened by the lure of promise I find myself a tad committed as the fly in an unfortunate web Curiosity caught me up time will be my release.

By MARLOWE C. DICKSON, RR2, Beeton

### COME BACK

Memories slip by in fits and starts like your shadow crossing my agitated reality You come and go like secrets through a keyhole You finally quit this place as though barred for life Did we ever get those wires crossed.

By MARLOWE C. DICKSON, RR2, Beeton

## Minister to seek amusement ride regulations

Ontario Consumer Minister Monte Kwinter this week said he intends to seek provincial regulations for the operation of amusement rides, go-kart tracks and other, similar public attractions.

"The ultimate objective is to take action to maximize the safety of amusement rides and related attractions used by the Ontario public," Mr. Kwinter said.

Mr. Kwinter said his proposals would require

amusement ride owners and operators to be registered and all rides to be licensed.

There would be an inspection program for rides carried out by specially trained provincial inspectors and the regulations would also cover design and maintenance of rides, accident reporting, qualification of industry personnel and other aspects of ride operation and safety.

"According to statist-

ics we have been able to gather, the overall safety record of amusement rides operating in Ontario is good and, in general, operators are conscious of the safety of rides under their care.

Nonetheless, I feel regulations for amusement rides will further help to reduce the possibility of accident and injury," Mr. Kwinter said.

Since 1962, there have been ten amusement ride fatalities and at least six serious go-kart

accidents, including three fatalities, in Ontario.

Mr. Kwinter said the need for province-wide regulation of amusement ride safety became apparent following the completion of a survey by his Ministry's Elevating Devices Branch which revealed that only 39 municipalities had bylaws governing amusement rides operating in their jurisdiction.

"I'm certain most people assumed amuse-

ment ride safety was strictly regulated. Unfortunately, that has not proven to be the case here in Ontario," Mr. Kwinter said.

"Many municipalities simply lack the human and financial resources needed to regulate amusement rides and many have also indicated they would welcome the province's involvement."

The minister said representatives of the amusement ride industry have responded favorably to the government's initiative and expect it to result in an improved public image and confidence in their industry.

There are at least 750 individual rides operating in the province during the summer. In the course of preparing the amusement ride study, elevating devices branch staff visited 81 locations, surveyed 850 rides and interviewed most of the 75 owner-

## Halton's History from our files

THIRTY YEARS AGO—Harold S. Campbell is the new assistant to Town Engineer Douglas Wilson. The Moore's Dry Kiln employee rated highest of the five who applied.

Georgetown High School graduate Andrew Molozzi is working on his Doctor of Philosophy degree in England. He received the Athlone scholarship allowing him two years of post graduate studies at the university of his choice.

Council approved plans to enlarge and renovate Georgetown's municipal office. Plans designed by architect R.W. Hall call for the extension of the office back into the parking lot and for renovations of the interior. The project is expected to cost \$42,000.

The Lions Club Country Music Night to raise money for the community swimming pool attracted 300 cars and many others on foot. The event raised about \$150. Limehouse entertainers Earl Scott and the Blue Valley Boys were featured.

Harry Purkins was the best of 17 applicants vying for the public library caretaker job. He replaces James Patton who is moving to Waterloo.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO—A 30-year-old Georgetown man was charged with arson and was remanded for 60 days for psychiatric examination. He is believed to be responsible for burning down the barn of the Beaugard Farm on Main Street South owned by Therese St. Jean.

Lloyd Peterson begins the job as deputy-treasurer in September. The Centerville New Brunswick native is a graduate of an appraiser's extension course from Dalhousie University in Halifax.

The Georgetown Ladies ball team is in first place with just three games left to play. Their five wins in the last six games are a great way to go into the playoffs which begin after Labour day.

Beaver Lumber is opening a new store on Guelph Street. MPP for Halton East Jim Snow will be sawing through a board barring the entrance at the official opening.

The town passed a bylaw stating, all swimming pools with a water depth greater than 24 inches must have a fence around them. Fences must be at least four feet high and have gates which lock when the pool is unsupervised.

TEN YEARS AGO—The Caledon town planner is considering the request of Desmond Rice to turn Wolf Park from a trailer park into a nudist camp. The Sixth Line 37 acre park would be for doctors, lawyers and upper income people if turned into a nudist camp.

Georgetown's Trevor Moores will be hosting the Canadian International Air Show at the CNE. Mr. Moores is an air traffic controller, a radar supervisor, at Toronto International Airport.

Julian Reed succeeded in opening the Norval Public School and was pronounced the Liberal candidate of the new riding of Halton Burlington. He is using the school as his campaign headquarters.

Junior Tibbetts was officially accepted as the new coach of the O.H.A. Intermediate "A" Chryslers Raiders. Junior Tibbetts was one of the team's top goal scorers and most popular players during the six years he played for the Raiders.

The Georgetown Merchants locked up a playoff spot by defeating the Mississauga team 6-0. Glen Williams also clinched a playoff spot.

FIVE YEARS AGO—Betty Fisher and Barry Shepherd will be running for the board of education again in the November election. Mrs. Fisher plans to run in the newly created Acton seat.

Despite numerous complaints, about the Junior Miss Halton Hills beauty pageant the Georgetown Fair is going ahead with the contest featuring girls 3 to 5 years old.

Georgetown's Wendy Chaplin won a bronze medal in the Ontario Summer Games lawn bowling competition held in Peterborough. It is her first win in a major competition.

Dave Kentner was named the chairman of the OHA Major Intermediate A Hockey League's new Sponsorship and Joint Participation Project Committee. Raider executive Finn Foulstrup will join him on the committee.

Parents of students attending Acton's St. Joseph's separate school don't plan to remove their children because funds won't be available to build a new school. Such a move would "do more harm than good", parents were told.