

## We'll take horses

Can the Halton Board of Education afford to take over the management of a proposed educational centre?

That question was sorely missing from a consultant's report on the Scotsdale farm property.

Bequeathed to the Ontario Heritage Foundation, this 500 acre site near Ballinafad is home to one of the most beautiful farms in Ontario.

A report turned down a request by the Ontario Equestrian Federation to make the site a heritage horse park.

Instead, it recommended a multi-use site with a primary emphasis on outdoor education. The Halton school board would provide the management, bookings and lease arrangements with other users of the site, the report indicates.

What the consultants fail to see is that our school board doesn't have excess cash to flash around. As it is, our trustees are doing their best to stave off a taxpayer revolt over rising education costs.

Can the public be convinced another outdoor education site is required in a time when technical and job related credits are being stressed? We think not.

We also take exception to a recommendation that a service club be allowed to set up a summer day camp for underprivileged kids. Of course the concept is valid, but there are numerous camps already available in Ontario with thousands of vacancies. Wouldn't a straight camper subsidy be better than building another camp?

In our view, it would be better to create a horse park and museum and provide a valid tourist attraction to an area desperately needing a 'drawing card'.

If it's a choice between outdoor education and horses, we'll take the horses.

## Not just an apple

Over the next few days Boy Scouts will be visible in our community, participating in Apple Day.

This is one of the few occasions when Scouting asks the community for financial support.

Your contribution is not buying an apple. It is buying the benefit enjoyed by many boys in Scouting.

Bou Scouts of Canada offers a challenge for the development of boys ages 6 and older. Consider enrolling your child in Scouts or signing up to help out as a leader.

At the very least, buy an apple when the kids come calling.

## The one person who made a difference

By Pat Hretchka  
Herald Special

How often have you heard, "I'm just one person. I can't make a difference." Well sometimes one person can make a difference, a big difference.

One such person was honored last week - Ray Martin, the founder and first chairman of the Drug Abuse Committee. The dinner to celebrate the opening of the Drug Abuse Committee office was the occasion for a surprise tribute to this dedicated and hardworking man.

The thread that was constant through all the toasts, speeches and presentations was the fact that without Ray Martin there would be no Drug Abuse Committee in Halton Hills.

Among those honoring Ray Martin were Regional Chairman Pete Po-

meroy, Don Knight, M.P.P., Norman Panzica, a well-known authority in the field of drug abuse and Jack Reed, principal of George Kennedy School.

Ray Martin, when he responded to the tidal wave of praise, was quick to point out that he had not worked alone. He mentioned the Optimist Club, which was in from the beginning and the Lionsesses, who are now much involved. He spoke of the other service clubs who have helped. He thanked Jack Reed for letting the committee start the first "Chicken Club" at Kennedy School. He gave special thanks to Pearl Guthrie and Marcella Neely for their hard work.

In spite of all his disclaimers Ray Martin was not able to convince a single one of us, that he had not been the essential

ingredient, the catalyst that had made it all happen. Here was a man who made a difference.

The Drug Abuse Committee Office is now open at 164 Guelph St. Operating hours are Monday 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Drop in and learn more about the program.

If you are looking for a worthy cause to support with your time and effort, this is a great one. If you are just too busy to help at this time but would like to offer a donation, it will be cheerfully accepted.

If you require counselling be assured that strict confidentiality is maintained. The phone number is 877-0915. If you need immediate help outside of office hours call the Contact Centre at 877-1211.



Last week MPP for Halton-Burlington Don Knight (left) presented a plaque of appreciation to Pearl Guthrie, drug abuse chairman and Ray Martin, the director of the drug abuse committee. Sept. 16 a dinner was held honoring Ray Martin for his long years of service to the drug abuse project in Halton Hills.

(Herald photo)



"Remember when 'fill 'er up' meant your gas tank, not their cash registers?"

## Why make apology?

Ottawa Report  
By Stewart McLeod

The United States ambassador in Ottawa, Thomas Niles, is new on the job and this probably accounts for it. But for the life of me, I can't figure out why he felt obliged to apologize for the boozing of O Canada at a New York baseball game.

If ever there was an overblown incident, this was it. And the well-meaning ambassador, probably unfamiliar with our folkies, still has to learn that what might excite Toronto newspapers, particularly in the sporting area, doesn't necessarily constitute an event of international importance. In fact, it's frequently not of Canadian importance.

And if Niles just looks at everything carried by the Toronto media about that recent series between the Toronto Blue Jays and the New York Yankees, he'll quickly realize he overreacted, just as they did.

At most, he should have giggled at the way we treated the whole business.

Instead, he solemnly declared that "most Americans, indeed most New Yorkers, were as deeply offended as were Canadians at the reaction of some spectators to the playing of the Canadian national anthem at Yankee Stadium last week...I hope that Canadians realize that the boozing reflected excessive partisan spirit in support of the home team and not any hostility to Canada."

However, he felt we deserved an apology and "I offer it on behalf of that vast majority of Americans who feel as I do."

TOO SERIOUS

I suppose that if we were to carry this on to its illogical conclusion, the next step would be for the Canadian ambassador in Washington to apologize to New York Yankee fans for what the Canadian - i.e. Toronto - media said about them. They were invariably

called crazies, animals, obscene, dangerous, and frightening.

Because that series - which would settle nothing in terms of standings - was deemed of such monumental importance, many newspapers and TV stations felt it necessary to send feature and investigative reporters along with their sports writers to tell us about Yankee Stadium and its fans. And I don't think it's unfair to say that we were generally led to believe the place was a sort of open-air mental institution.

TV stations even interviewed some Toronto fans who, we were told breathlessly, actually had the guts to cheer their team right in Yankee Stadium. Brave souls, they were. It was akin to jumping between the lions and cheering for the Christians.

And after being treated to such descriptions of the monstrously horrid Yankee Stadium inhabitants, we suddenly feign surprise when O Canada is boozed.

It was no longer sports news. It suddenly hit the front pages. And it was right up there on the TV National.

NOT EXPECTED?

What, I wonder, did we really expect from these beer-swilling fans who, we were led to believe, would lay down their miserable lives for a Yankee victory? Did we think they would stand stiffly at attention, listen with rapture to the stirring strains of O Canada and say, "How utterly divine." Did we even expect that a majority of these people would know they were hearing a national anthem? If so, what country? Where is Toronto anyway? Is Canada on the American west coast?

It was different when fans in Toronto boozed the French version of O Canada a few years ago. Most of them, we can assume, knew what they were boozing, and I know some Quebecers who felt genuinely hurt about it. However, as I recall, even Quebec Premier Rene Levesque managed to keep it in perspective with a shrug. He used a phrase about there being some in every crowd. And that was that.

## Letters to the Editor

# Bicentennial crop project complete

Dear Sir,

The Halton Region Soil and Crop Improvement Association has completed the final stages of the special Bicentennial Project undertaken in August 1984. The purchase and preparation of a field crop weigh wagon to celebrate Ontario's Bicentennial Year is now complete and in use.

Because this project required a large capital outlay beyond the means of operating finances within the organization, a committee of four directors canvassed agri-businesses, which could benefit, for contributions to our fund raising campaign.

This was most successful due to the generous community spirit of Halton and area businesses. Contributors are now acknowledged with free advertising signs on the weigh wagon providing inexpensive publicity of their business. (List of all contributors attached).

Austen & Noble Insurance Brokers Ltd., St. Lawrence Starch Co. Ltd., Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, Swanston Farm Equipment Ltd., United Co-Operatives of Ontario, McKinnell Farm Equipment Ltd., Guler Farm Equipment Ltd., Ed Stewart's Garage & Equipment Ltd., Langs Feed Mill Ltd., Twin Fuels Ltd., Eccles Elevator Ltd., Ashgrove Welding Ltd., Milton Equipment Div. Phelpsco Inc., Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Young's Farm Equipment Ltd., Ren's Feed & Supplies Ltd., Country Mart Ltd., Betzner Equipment, Bryan Farm Supply Ltd., Topnotch Feeds Ltd., Carlinbeth Feed, The Co-operators, Quid Microsystems Ltd., Marsh Bros. Tractor Inc., Millgrove Warehouse Ltd.

We greatly appreciate their co-operation in making this stage of the project a success. We also would like to thank Pioneer Hi-Bred Limited for their cooperation in the project. Their willingness to make available a weigh wagon

for our purchase, made this project possible. This weigh wagon is a long term asset for the membership use, to better evaluate management changes within crop production and the resulting effects on crop yields. The effect of

tillage, fertilization, planting rates, varieties, herbicides, insecticides and many other variables will now be more easily reported with increased accuracy.

With more meaningful information gained from the field trials that are

conducted each year, members will find innovative and proven methods of reducing costs and increasing productivity and profit. By making better management decisions, especially in the current farm economic climate, all

agri-businesses will benefit. In addition, a high yield competition is planned for any and all crops that can be handled in the weigh wagon. The committee in charge of this activity has readied plans for a com-

petition for wheat, oats, barley, canola, soybeans and corn for the 1985 harvest. This list will be expanded as required for the 1986 crop year.

Committee Chairman  
Dan Henry,  
President  
Dave Taylor

Dear Sir,  
I like to thank the staff crew for a great job. Thanks to Bob and Keith Fendley, Perry Holmes, Colleen McFarland, Don Boueyard, Dave Logan and Ted Waites.

6th Thanks to the referees for running the bar. You did a great job. Gary, Blake, Ray, Brian.

7th Special thanks to Rick Bonnette and Phil Carney from the town council for helping us out. And also the town council for passing the rent and arena.

8th Thanks to the arena staff for putting up with all the hassles and helping us with everything. Thanks Harold, Dave, Tom and Age.

9th Last I like to thank the people that came out and had a good time and helped raise money for the kids.

Yours sincerely,  
Scott Withers

## Dangerous Park Avenue hill

Dear Sir,  
One more complaint about the Park Ave. hill. We have here one of the oldest streets in town with the least work done on it.

You would almost think that this being election year that we might get something

done or at least get someone to look at it but I guess in this Ward 3 think they are a shoo-in.

In case you are one of the few who do not use the hill and by the amount of traffic, there can't be too many who do not, up to 60 vehicles an

hour, there are three hidden driveways at the bottom of a very steep and narrow hill, loose gravel, children playing, going to school or the park etc.

On this hill are four signs that say no parking as if any one could.

Shell Lawr

TEN YEARS AGO-After a close battle, amongst three hard working well known candidates, Liberal Julian Reed emerged as the victor of the new Halton-Burlington riding. Mr. Reed won by a slim margin over Progressive Conservative candidate Gary Dawkins.

As part of the election night activities, members of the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department were summoned to a storage shed fire on Main Street South, directly behind Global Department store and running parallel with Mill Street. Chief Ken Bulkema explained, "someone staying in the empty shed left a cigarette burning which caused the fire."

House league hockey will have a new feature for the 75-76 season with the establishment of a girls league. Shirli Richmond and Gerry Osborne are working on the details.

The Georgetown Christian and Missionary Alliance Church held a three day missionary convention from Sunday through Tuesday. Special guests at the Church included Reverend Rich Johnston, Lorna Munroe and Mrs. Elizabeth Barton.

The Georgetown Royalties Juveniles girls softball team lost to Glenfield 3-2 in the finals of a Juvenile Girls Softball Tournament in Richmond Hill this past weekend.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO-Douglas Sargent, a former mayor, reeve and warden of Halton County was hired as Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector for the town, at a salary of \$7,500 plus a car allowance of \$700.

The first executive of the newly formed Lionettes, was installed last Wednesday night, at the home of Mrs. Sheila Peer. The President of the new club is Mrs. Edna Gregg.

A Georgetown golfer, Ron Dillon, aceed the par three second hole at Derry Dell, corner of Hwy. 10 and Derry Road Saturday. Dillon's 165 yard tee shot with a seven iron was witnessed by Art Spence of Brampton.

A Georgetown area man, John Milleham, leaves for Europe tomorrow where he will be part of a 17 man Canadian motorcycle team that will spend six gruelling days of rally type riding there starting Oct. 5.

## No 'magic' drug exists



By PAT WOOD  
Herald Columnist

Over 2,000 Torontonians, 100,000 Canadians, and 2 million Americans are estimated to have either Crohn's disease or colitis (chronic diseases that attack the intestinal tract).

Symptoms ranging from bloody diarrhea, constipation, abdominal cramps, loss of appetite, weight loss and fever cause suffering and lost productivity for many individuals, most of whom are in their mid 30s.

Typical patients with "Inflammatory Bowel Disease" (IBD) are incapacitated for about 45 days a year and spend 26 days yearly in hospital. In acute care hospitals, one fourth of all the beds are taken by patients suffering from gastro-intestinal complaints and in Canada approximately 65 million dollars per year are spent to cover the cost of hospital beds to treat IBD.

Ulcerative Colitis was first "discovered" in 1875 but Crohn's disease was not diagnosed until 1932. Due to modern medical tests both conditions are easier to diagnose and treat.



THIRTY YEARS AGO-Miss Joyce Nevill was elected President of the newly formed Georgetown Business and Professional Women's Club on Monday evening. Mrs. Ethel Armstrong-Collins R.N. addressed the club.

Sandra Scott and Kerry Jepson were senior champions at the high school field day Thursday, when students competed in various track and field events at the park.

First World War veteran William Sawyers better known in town as "The Major", died in Sunnybrook Hospital last week and was buried in Pine Hill Cemetery on Tuesday.

A bulldozer, working at clearing a parking area behind the arena ripped into the end of an old water line sending water gushing into the air this morning.

Town employees succeeded in repairing the damage this afternoon, without shutting off the waterline which services part of the Smith and Stone end of town.

FIVE YEARS AGO-Town council has endorsed a motion allowing Mayor Pete Pomeroy and clerk administrator Ken Richardson to take whatever action is necessary to clamp down on illegal drag racing at an abandoned dragway near Acton.

Georgetown English Catholics said goodbye to Father Otger Devent Sunday afternoon. Father Devent served the Georgetown parish for over twenty years.

The Monday night Men's Bowling League saw Grant Richardson roll a near perfect game, 11 strikes out of a possible 12, and a spare for a score of 410.

Although no "magic" drug exists a variety of drugs are used to help control inflammation. High calorie total intravenous feedings and specialized liquid diets taken orally or by tube has helped offset malnutrition.

Improved feeding techniques for young patients (20 - 30 per cent are teenagers and children) has lessened the risk of stunted or delayed physical growth caused by the combined side effects of drugs and malnutrition. Side effects may include arthritis, liver disease, kidney stones, skin rashes and others.

What causes IBD? Researchers and scientists are not absolutely sure. Diet is speculated by some to be important as studies indicate that a proper amount of fiber can reduce the probability of such ailments as colonic cancer, hemorrhoids and Crohn's disease.

In countries where roughage is more prevalent in the diet, Crohn's disease is rare. Hereditary predisposition has also been put forward as a contributing factor. Studies show that about 15 per cent of patients have a relative with the disease. The immune system is under investigation as well.

Ititis (Crohn's disease) and colitis occurs world wide and is extremely costly to treat. The Canadian Foundation for Ititis and Colitis need community support to find a cure.

## Spot on Seven a special place

Dear Sir,  
One of my staff who lives in Georgetown brought in a copy of the article on Miss Gladys Fraser and Spot on Seven. Imagine my delight in seeing the photograph of Miss Fraser and "her girls" that I had taken one evening when we were there.

Our family had been guests of Miss Fraser at S.O.S. for almost twenty years and never missed a summer. The summer birthdays were celebrated there and Miss Fraser always prepared a special birthday cake for the birthday boys.

It was with a great deal of disappointment and sadness that we learned that Spot on Seven would not reopen this year. It represents an era that will remain in memory only, as Miss Fraser and her staff throughout the years,

cannot be duplicated. The writer Fiona A. Smith was one of Miss Fraser's "girls" as indicated in your article. It was interesting for us to watch these girls year after year during high school and university, growing and maturing and it gave us a great deal of pleasure to see

their familiar smiling faces each time we came in. Miss Fraser was a unique employer. All at S.O.S. will be missed. Many thanks for the opportunity to relive the marvellous memories. Sincerely yours,  
Elle Cass, B.A., M.D.,  
Toronto

## Pipe Band ball

Dear Sir  
This a brief letter to inform your readers that the annual Georgetown Girls Pipe Band annual Highland Ball is just around the corner.

Our faithful supporters know that a hot and cold buffet dinner served with other refreshments is just the beginning of a good evening.

Dave Smithwood keeps us moving to popular dance music interspersed with a "Gay Gordons" and the "Bird Dance." Kilt and Tartan ties are popular attire, but the mood is contem-

orary. A traditional Grand March usually follows a short performance by the girls... then it's back to "Wham, Tina Turner and the others".

Come and join us for a great evening Sept. 23 at Holy Cross Parish Hall. We start to receive our guests at 8 p.m., eat around seven and dance the evening away.

Tickets are \$12.50 per couple in advance. For more information call Virginia Hulme at 877-2415.  
Valerie Cunningham