

Futures can help

It's never easy being young and looking for your first job.

Now the provincial government has a program that's set to help Ontario's hidden resource: our youth.

Last week a program called FUTURES was announced. The program will provide on-the-job training and educational upgrading for those 16 to 24 years of age.

It was a bold initiative launched by the Liberals, a program we feel deserves a chance to succeed.

In Halton Hills, we're fortunate YES (Youth Employment Service), operating under the auspices of the YMCA, is established in town and ready to service this new youth program.

The program FUTURES serves to supplement what the Y youth program already offers. Now young adults who have left school at an early age may find it easier to contribute in the workforce. FUTURES also offers an incentive for youths to return to school at night while working during the day.

Both programs require support by local businesses. If you can help, think twice before saying no to a youth looking for their first job.

Joint purchase plan

There seems to be new hope for residents in Limehouse who are unhappy about a local auto wrecking yard.

We were told last week that money might be available for a joint purchase of land owned by Halton Auto Wreckers.

Ivor McMullin, Chairman of the Niagara Escarpment Commission, told the Region money might be available for a joint purchase if a municipality was interested in preserving property.

There's good news and bad news in that statement. Good news, because the only solution to the problems of a wrecking yard located in the middle of a rural hamlet is to buy the land.

Good news, because a joint purchase between the NEC, Halton Region and Halton Hills might make the project feasible. Here's the bad news: It won't be a popular move if councillors suggest Halton Hills come up with the funds.

The land probably won't be offered at a cheap price. Also, a park would serve only a small portion of the town's total population, but we'd all end up paying for it.

We're also concerned the news about a possible land purchase could result in the town becoming more lax about policing bylaws relating to auto wreckers.

Mr. McMullin's comments should be considered in a positive way. However until a definite solution is found, the town, Limehouse residents and Halton Auto Wreckers must work together to solve the problems that exist between them.

Foster Parents help save lives

Citizen's Forum

By PAT HRETCHKA
Herald Special

Now that the daily sight of children dying from hunger in Africa is no longer appearing on T.V., many people think the problem has somehow been solved. It has not.

Band Aid, Northern Lights, Live Aid and all the other fund raising activities have done enormous good work, but alas there is still much more to be done.

If you contributed to these efforts you may have already saved a life, perhaps more than one. You responded to a crisis situation. Would you be interested in contributing to an organization that is trying to prevent this crisis from spreading? Preventing a crisis may not be as dramatic as responding to one, but it makes a lot of sense.

The organization is "The Foster Parents Plan of Canada". A donation of \$276.00 a year will keep an entire family. In some cases it will contribute to the welfare of an entire village. Africa is not their only theatre of operations. The Plan is at work in South America and Asia as well.

My foster child lives in Mali, Africa. Mali has been affected by the same drought that has stricken Ethiopia. Tidiene, my foster child, is now thirteen. He has never gone to school.

He lives in a village and works in the fields with his father. The crops were poor even before the drought.

The extended family is still very much in existence in Mali. Although Tidiene has only one brother, his family consists of 47 people. All are dependent upon the family plot of ground for food.

The Village of Koronido, where Tidiene lives, has a grave shortage of water. The Foster Plan is helping in the digging of a communal well. As well they are assisting in the founding of a village cooperative to provide such staple goods as oil, salt, sugar, soap and paraffin. In the past they have given two donkeys and carts to the village.

Perhaps that doesn't seem very exciting. Small steps in a massive war against hunger. But perhaps these small steps will save this boy, his family and his village from the ravages of famine. You can help. There are many children, many families, many villages in need. You can be part of saving their lives. You can also turn your back and do nothing. The choice is yours.

If you are interested in learning more about Foster Parents Plan of Canada, write to them at 153 St. Clair Ave. West, Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P8.

Support UNICEF drive

Dear Sir,
Four hundred thousand school children in Ontario will carry UNICEF boxes as they trick-or-treat door to door on Halloween night - as they have done in Ontario for more than thirty years. While we may have come to take the familiar orange and black boxes for granted over the years, millions of children around the world will never take the work of UNICEF for granted. It provides the means of their survival and development.

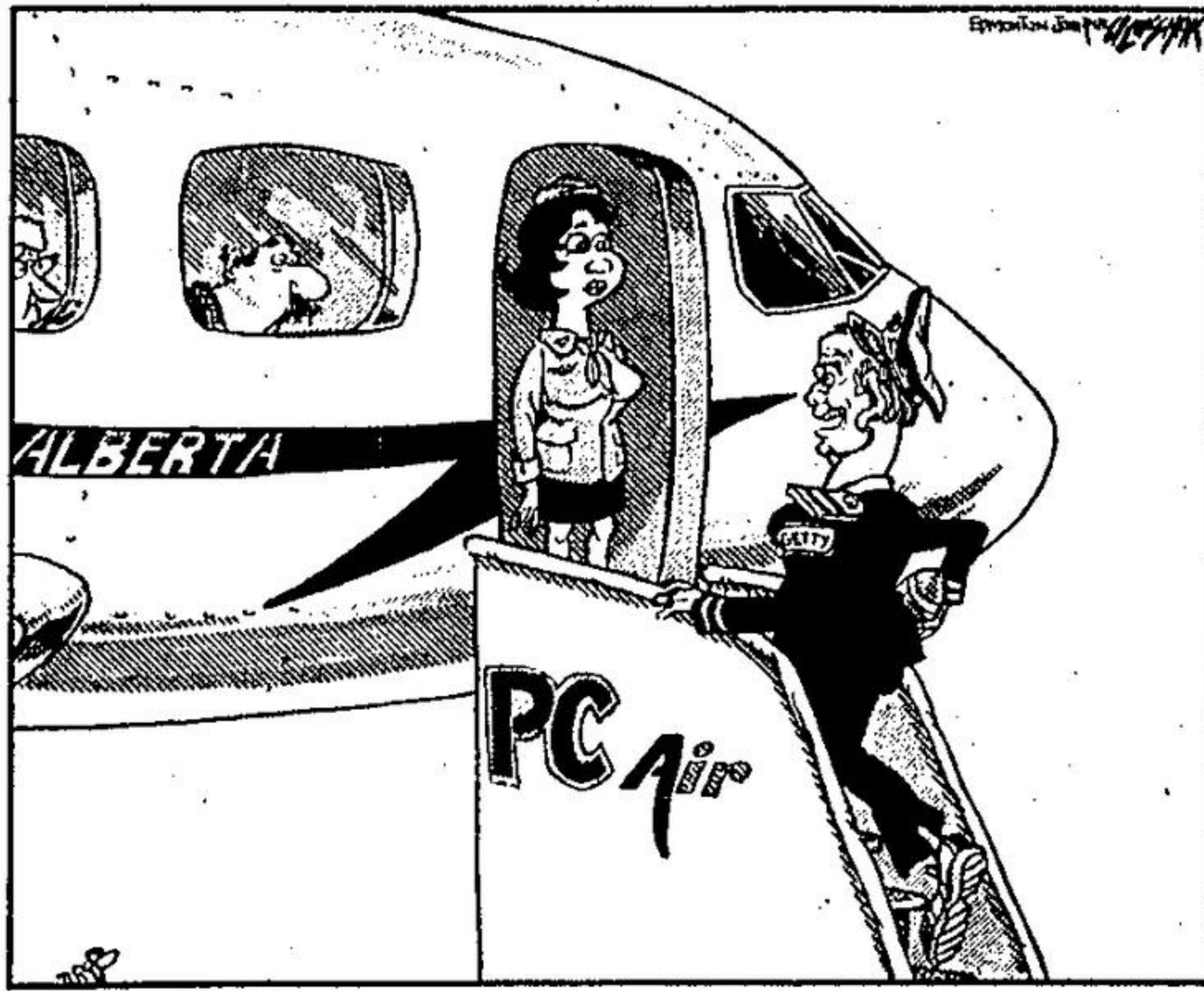
The money collected at Halloween has been changed for the better the lives of children world-wide. While clean water remains a rare and precious commodity in much of the Third World, UNICEF-drilled wells in communities small and large have meant children are protected from water-borne diseases and mothers are able to give more time to the care of their children,

having been relieved of the duties of finding and carrying water.

The fight against communicable diseases is also being waged through UNICEF's immunization program. It is a battle that can be won. Smallpox, once the scourge of whole populations, is now eradicated, with the last reported case being in 1977 in East Africa. Other dread diseases can follow this pattern!

Education, health care, improved nutrition and protection from cruelty and neglect are rights all children should enjoy. UNICEF, the children's advocate, is dedicated to the provision and preservation of the rights of the child.

Sincerely,
Hon. William G. Davis, P.C., Q.C.
and Mrs. Kathleen Davis
Honorary Co-Chairmen
Ontario UNICEF Committee



"Hi, I'm the new captain - where's the cockpit?"

Rent control double speak



Queen's Park
By Derek Nelson

TORONTO - The on-going stories in the media where Housing Minister Alvin Curling muses about an end to rent controls aren't to be taken seriously.

The fact is, Curling always qualifies any discussion about an end to controls with other remarks about enough "affordable" housing being available first.

And that, frankly, is where Curling and Premier David Peterson's Liberal government are on the hook - for the non-existent possibility of an end to rent review.

The Liberals campaigned in the last election on a promise to bring almost all rental accommodation in Ontario under controls. This includes previously exempt units built after 1975 or those renting today for more than \$750.

It has always been clear that any such policy would force most develop-

ers to abandon the rental housing market.

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Moreover, Curling hired as his executive assistant Sean Goetz-Gadon, a so-called tenants' rights activist who developers believe is fundamentally hostile to the whole concept of privately owned rental property.

To many of them that was a signal of the new government's intentions.

The negative impact was compounded by Curling himself when he said controls are good for developers because they eliminate uncertainty and keep prices where people can afford to rent.

Developers could only shake their heads at that kind of reasoning.

But what the public-at-large and developers can't do is charge the Grits with hypocrisy. The Liberals campaigned on a policy of strangling new rental housing and are now simply going to keep their word.

OTHER OPTION

Of course, that begs the question of what you replace it with. The only obvious answer lies in government-financed or subsidizing housing.

The Liberals have promised 10,000 units of "affordable" housing.

That's expensive, but with the extension of rent controls that can be only a first step.

What we are seeing is acceptance by government of the assumption that "affordable" shelter is a basic right. (Note that it just isn't accommodation that is a right, but low cost accommodation.)

Like all basic economic rights, it is up to government to provide it or so the assumption goes.

WHERE HEADED

Interestingly, Goetz-Gadon is an example of where we could be headed. He occupies space in a downtown Toronto non-profit housing co-operative.

According to Nicholas Patterson of the Canadian Development Institute, all such housing is subsidized (by the government paying much of the interest charges on the mortgages). A rental housing unit under the program costs \$47,000 in taxes.

Almost 80 per cent of those so subsidized are middle-income earners, like Goetz-Gadon, and such co-operative housing is very popular among people who aren't big fans of private development.

Is it to be the way of the future?

In your opinion

What's your reaction to the government's budget?



JEAN ROE: "They are nicker and dimming us to death. For practically everything there is a new tax."



JOHN MCKEE: "I'm disappointed they didn't take the tax off small meals. It doesn't matter what they bring in it won't please everyone. There should be breaks for home owners."



DOUG THOM: "I think the time has come in Canada when the middle class got together to speak out against carrying the rest of the nation. The time has come when those who are making a fortune and not actually reinvesting it in Canada are taxed."



BOB O'DRISCOLL: "I don't know anyone who likes higher taxes. I think a step in the right direction was the surtax on incomes over \$50,000."



DAVE WOODWORTH: "Too much money. They're raising the price of everything and they shouldn't raise the prices so much."



CHARLES HANCOCK: "I think it's going to be OK as far as I'm concerned. Gas is going up. Beer is going up, but I don't drink. There are some things you can do without."

Letter to the editor

Let the public have their say

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

It was with great surprise that I had learned of the decision of the general committee of Council to recommend to the Minister to implement Section 63 of the Assessment Act. The adoption of the so-called "fair market value" approach to assessment will result in higher taxes and in some cases substantially higher taxes for the present residents of Ward 4.

It was particularly disconcerting to observe that the Committee has made such a decision without the benefit of a tax assessment impact study which I understand is to be

completed by the end of November. I firmly believe that such a study will prove that the taxes for the existing taxpayers of Ward 4 will increase whereas the taxes for new development will decrease. This is simply unfair to the present and in many cases long time residents of Ward 4.

I believe that the taxpayers in all of the parts of the Town of Halton Hills should be aware of the effect such a decision will have on the taxes they pay. Accordingly, I would call on Council to defer any decision until the tax assessment impact study is completed and made public. Further public information meetings should be

held in order that concerned rate-payers can understand how this decision will affect them and make their views known.

As Council well knows the adoption of Section 63 is probably the most controversial issue affecting municipalities in Ontario in the last few years. While I can appreciate that such a decision may appeal to the personal sense of fairness of some Councillors I do not believe that this justifies proceeding without including the public in this major decision.

Yours truly,
Rud Whiting,
Chelvin Drive, Georgetown

Letter to the editor

Voters deserve straight answers

Dear Sir,

With the municipal election upon us the citizens of Halton Hills deserve straight answers from the candidates on the issue of expanding the town's property standards bylaw.

Such a bylaw sets minimum standards for all properties. These minimum standards assist property owners as well as tenants by ensuring that a few run-down properties do not deteriorate property value for all.

Halton Hills Community Legal Clinic gave town council clear evidence of the need for such a bylaw. Such a bylaw is particularly useful to tenants living in sub-standard housing as they can use the Bylaw Enforcement Officer to force the landlord to make needed repairs. We provided town council of actual examples of sium-like conditions right here in the town of Halton Hills.

The current bylaw covers only a very small downtown area in Georgetown and a similar area in Acton. It is blatantly unfair that a small number of citizens are protected by this bylaw while the majority are not. As well, the report of the town's own staff shows that expansion of the bylaw would probably not cost the town a single cent.

Only a few councillors spoke up directly in favor of expansion of the bylaw. Many tried to claim that they were in favor of such an action in principle while at the same time declining to do anything about it. The range of excuses was wide and none were credible. For example, one councillor suggested that the bylaw should not be expanded due to the possibility of tenants who try to enforce their rights under the bylaw being illegally evicted (despite the fact that the Landlord and Tenant Act prevents

such evictions). This is akin to saying that we should not give people the right to charge someone with assault when they are mugged for fear of the mugger coming back and killing them next time. Such factors may influence a person's choice whether or not to take action but they should not influence legislators who are being asked to grant basic rights.

During the coming election, I hope that all prospective candidates are questioned as to where they stand on this issue. Before voting, citizens should consider whether prospective councillors are prepared to do something for the low income residents of our town who are unable to get basic needed repairs done to their premises.

Yours truly,
Halton Hills Community Legal Clinic,
per Jack Fleming,
Staff Lawyer



THIRTY YEARS AGO - The biggest Georgetown robbery since the Beaumont Knitting Mill break-ins happened at Barber's Gift Shop where \$5,000 in watches was taken. About 80 watches, part of their Christmas stock, was stolen from owners Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barber.

Larry Edwards presented Ken Nash with the club championship trophy at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. Mr. Nash won the award by defeating last year's winner, Jim Linton, in match play.

Eighteen different classes with 295 students begin at Georgetown night school. It will be the first time both public school and high school classrooms will be used.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO - All the weapons in the Georgetown armoury have been removed to an undisclosed site in Toronto following the enforcement of the War Measures Act. All Lorne Scot armouries have been emptied, said Lorne Scots commanding officer Col. Earl Lince of Georgetown.

Dr. Ivan Hunter is the new part-time physician at the Halton Centennial Manor for the Aged. He replaces Dr. J.W. McCutcheon who resigned.

Georgetown District High School has eight new teachers: Linda Rowe, Maurice James, Sandra Fleming, Zorinka Kude, Nancy Anderson, Patricia Wilson, Linda Sullivan and Ann Campbell. They were welcomed at a dinner at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

TEN YEARS AGO - Two-1/2 year-old Jacqueline Robertson is the first traffic fatality of the year. She died in front of her Ewing Street home at 4:55 p.m. just as rush traffic from Smith and Stone was beginning.

The Halton Board of Education plans to build on to Howard Wrigglesworth and Glen Williams Public Schools and build two new schools in Hungry Hollow area of Georgetown.

Clive Llewellyn of Georgetown won a silver medal at the Pan American games in Mexico City. He was competing in the 1491-2 pound Free Style Division.

Ian Clark won the midget event and Mike Dixon won the senior event at the Peel-Halton Cross Country Championships. The midget girls and midget boys finished first.

FIVE YEARS AGO - The G.D.H. S. Cross Country team won five of the six divisions at the Peel-Halton championships to be the over-all champions once again. Thirty members of the team coached by Donna Metcalfe and Karen Cosgrove will compete in the Ontario championships. Paul Watts was the only Georgetown runner to take a first place, in the midget division.



By PAT WOOD
Herald Columnist

Society, as a whole, is still living in the dark ages when it comes to understanding someone with schizophrenia. Often they believe the sufferer to have split personality - a Dr. Jekyll-Mr. Hyde lurking within their soul preparing to do harm to others.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The diagnosis of a schizophrenic type disorder has nothing to do with proneness to violence.

Most researchers agree it is a biochemical imbalance affecting the brain resulting in hallucinations, delusions, high anxiety, withdrawal from reality, and emotional blandness among other symptoms. Two biological categories appear to exist - one group who have too many receptors in the brain for the neurotransmitter dopamine, the other who have enlarged ventricles (spaces in the brain).

Both these conditions can result in an overload, confusion of messages, and then an inadequate response to a situation.

Schizophrenia has a genetic factor and occurs most frequently in the 17 to 29 age group. Sadly enough, many young schizophrenics take their own lives.

Schizophrenic is not a rare disease. Approximately 1.5 per cent of our population suffer from this illness with more hospital beds occupied by this group than by individuals with any other medical condition. There is hope, nevertheless, as groups such as "Friends of Schizophrenics" (a self-help group of patients, family and friends) are optimistic that community services and research money will be given to fight this killer and disabling of young people.

At a recent meeting a guest speaker, Linda Parem, Director of Psychiatric Occupational Therapy, Peel Memorial Hospital, informed members of the progress that the hospital has made in treating patients. Psychotropic drugs are now administered and in most cases the individual responds well.

The lack of support services after discharge from hospital, however, can mean a readmission and therefore Mrs. Parem stressed the need for a daycare facility where schizophrenics would receive the activities and companionship they need.

A proposal for such a facility was turned down by the government two years ago in spite of the fact it could well have saved \$75,000 in taxes per year and needless misery.

Let's not allow schizophrenics to be fourth class citizens any longer. For those interested, the next meeting for "Friends of Schizophrenics" will be held Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Sheridan College, Brampton. Guest speaker will be Mr. Bob Callahan, MPP for Brampton.