

# Reason for hope

For optimists, there can only be one conclusion: the message is getting through.

Drug education and drug awareness must be working. The Addiction Research Foundation (ARF) released statistics Nov. 5 showing drug use is declining among students in Ontario.

In Western Ontario, which includes Halton Region, students who were surveyed revealed there is a decline in the use of six different drugs.

Congratulations have to be spread around. ARF credits a variety of groups with education campaigns that have helped to fight drug abuse.

In Halton Hills we have a very active Drug Abuse Committee and the Optimists for many years have sponsored a drug education program for youths. ARF mentions the work of both the Halton Board of Education and the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board in developing strong anti-drug education programs.

Supporting them through it all have been ARF consultants and counsellors with loads of valuable information.

People from many different age groups are beginning to see the benefits of a healthier lifestyle.

An over-dependence on drug or alcohol isn't the best way to live. Students deserve to know the benefits of an "alternative" lifestyle.

# Making roads safe

By enduring the inconvenience of a few minutes every three years getting your photo taken for a new driver's licence, you may contribute to keeping some of the thousands of suspended drivers off the road.

Many of these individuals, convicted of driving offences - mostly impaired driving - now use other persons licences to escape detection while operating vehicles.

The new photograph-bearing licenses should go some way to deterring such people and keeping them off the road as the law intended.

Ontario joins several other Canadian provinces as well as all of the United States in the practice. While costly because of the need for photo-taking equipment in the 400 licence offices, the provincial government provided for this in recent budget with an increase from \$15 to \$21 for licences.

It seems like a basic step that can contribute to making the roads safer for those who use them responsibly.

-Courtesy Guelph Mercury



"I was forced to impose the news ban - the media were spreading those nasty truths about us!"

# Nails coffin on NEP



## Ottawa Report

By Stewart MacLeod

The government benches erupted with shouts of approval when Energy Minister Pat Carney made the final in a series of announcements which "put the nail in the coffin" of the National Energy Program.

The Conservative government of Brian Mulroney had fulfilled its commitment. It buried that last vestige of the NEP, perhaps the most controversial - and certainly the most expensive single program ever launched by a government in Canada.

It was brought in, and greeted with great fury, back in 1980 when the Liberal government of Pierre Trudeau, along with other governments, were hearing predictions that world oil prices would be soaring to \$80 U.S. a barrel. The Trudeau cabinet decided we needed a new regime to deal with this phenomenon. Not only to ensure that Ottawa got its fair share of the mounting millions that would change hands, but also to ensure a reasonable "Canadianization" of the high-rolling petroleum industry.

The western provinces, for obvious reasons, were stoutly opposed to what Ottawa was doing. So, in general terms, was the opposition Conservatives of the day - not to mention the United States government and most multi-national oil companies.

From the controversial beginning of the NEP, it was assumed that the Tories, if given a chance to govern, would make short shrift of the program.

**PROMISE FULFILLED**  
And, as it turns out, this was one commitment that the Mulroney government had little trouble in fulfilling. And this will no doubt go down in history as a clean-cut political achievement.

But, in fact, politics may have had precious little to do with the final dismantling of the NEP. Had the Liberals been returned to power, the rhetoric would have undoubtedly been more restrained, but it's doubtful whether we now would recognize much of the original National Energy Program. Again, it would have nothing to do with politics - but a great deal to do with the fact that the world price of oil today, below \$30 U.S. a barrel, is lower than it was when the NEP was conceived. Furthermore, other objectives of the program have, more or less, been achieved. Back in 1980, only about 27 per cent of the oil industry was under Canadian ownership, but this now has increased to nearly 47 per cent. And since 1980, some \$5 billion in public money was made available for frontier exploration which has turned up a great deal of valuable information on Arctic and offshore reserves.

If the Liberals were in power now, it's almost certain that they, too, would cut back on this generous exploration allowance.

## TIMING RIGHT

It's basically a question of timing. And you might recall that when Joe Clark's Conservatives came into office in 1979, their dealings with the western provinces, particularly Alberta, were as starchy as any conducted by the Ottawa Liberals. Facing the spectre of soaring oil prices, the Clark government was, despite repeated attempts, unable to strike any deal with the western provinces.

And had that government been re-elected, we would have had some program that, at the very least, loosely resembled the National Energy Program. No federal government, regardless of its political stripe, would be willing to let the provinces and the industry divvy up the profits from soaring oil prices. One set of projections prepared for the Clark government in 1979, and based on then-predicted prices, suggested that by 1985 the provinces and the oil industry would be sharing some \$23 billion while Ottawa would receive only \$3 billion.

The fear was that Ottawa would effectively lose control of the economy. I suspect that, had Joe Clark been re-elected as prime minister in 1980, the energy negotiations with the western provinces might have proceeded on a somewhat more civil basis, and perhaps many of the rough edges would have been removed from any new agreement that was struck. But there would have been something in place that resembled the NEP.

And if world oil prices suddenly take off again, don't expect continuing peace in the oil patch. Ottawa's basic interests remain unchanged.

# Two 50-donor awards at clinic

Dear Sir,  
The Blood Donor Clinic Committee would like to thank all donors who supported Monday Nov. 11th's Clinic, sponsored by the Lions Club.

Their help with distribution of the posters, setting up the clinic, loading equipment and general assistance at the clinic is appreciated.

Thanks to Dr. Kennedy, who was on call, the nursing staff, nursery help and drivers, volunteers and volunteers, the clergy, John Ollivier of Halton Cable Systems, Halton Hills Hydro for special efforts with promotional banners, Mr. Samcoe of the Dairy Queen for donation of orange juice and cups, Mr. Donnelly and Mr.

McIntyre of Loblaw's for donuts, Mr. Ronald of Pizza Hut for tea, coffee and serviettes, Catholic Women's League for kitchen help, caretaker Carlos Domingos and the many volunteers who gave their assistance to this clinic. Special thanks to Betty Milton and the telephone committee, and to Lea Douglas and Peggy Douglas, convenors of this clinic.

Red Cross officials reported 372 donors attended the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic and donated 347 blood packs.

The Lions Club sponsored the Clinic. The Lions won the Kinamen Club's "Bucket of Blood" promotion. Clinic organizers would like to thank

the people, who took time out to donate their blood. Donor Awards were given to:

- 50 - Raoul Panlin, Rennie Vandyke.
- 35 - Pat Robinson, Clarke Rutherford, Robert Weaver.
- 20 - Yvonne Giefert, Terry Dolbeck, John Veestra, Susan Dalton, Paul Burroughs, Les Otto.
- 10 - Stephen Sheperd, Audrey Hall, Ronald Fiddler, Edward Humphreys, Pamela Anderson, Michael Steinhaus, Paul Thompson, Stephen Brown, Debra Norman, Paul Keene.

The next regular clinic for Georgetown is Monday, Feb. 10.

Yours sincerely,  
Erica Thompson,  
Flo Street

# Art Show adds Christmas touch

Dear Sir,  
Nov. 9 was a day many Georgetowners won't forget in a hurry. Many will remember it for the cold, rainy day that it was but some will recall the early touch of the Christmas season they found at The Cottage in Cedarvale Park.

It was at the Cottage that the Credit Valley Artisans held their 10th anniversary Christmas show and sale. This was the show case of products from the hands of the guild members, its instructors and students - the culmination of many hours of work. The Cottage was beautifully decorated and the products displayed to its best advantage. When I saw the rain pouring down I was somewhat disheartened for Marg Searle, the show convenor, who with many others had put so much effort into preparing for this day. However, the good folk of Halton Hills came out and certainly made our day worthwhile.

The rain didn't seem to be a discouraging factor. Once inside the warmth of the Cottage and with some

hot cider to take away the chill, the fun and excitement of what they found was infectious. It turned out to be a rewarding day after all. I saw lots of smiling faces and that is a joy I shall be thankful for.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of support by way of recognition to an artist or craftsperson. Just coming out to see the finished product is a wonderful encouragement

and to have your artwork purchased is a tremendous thrill.

Those people who came out and staggered up to the Cottage that day made a great day for us and I would like them to know how much we appreciate their effort and their patronage.

Thank you so very much,  
Frank Anthony,  
President, Credit Valley Artisans

# Gifted student programs

Dear Sir,  
The Association for Bright Children will sponsor a meeting to outline program options available for gifted students in Halton on Monday, Nov. 25 at Georgetown District High School at 8 p.m. Speakers Gary Crossman, Superintendent of Schools - Special Education-Services, Halton Public Board of Education and Eileen Schneckenberger, Consultant for Gifted, Halton Separate Board of Education will provide complete details on current programming for gifted

students in both Halton systems.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend. The meeting will also include opportunity for questions and discussion.

Georgetown High School is at 70 Guelph St. (Highway 7) in Georgetown. For further information please call Sandy Van Harten at 832-5823 or Pat Stuart-Hagge at 877-2387 (Georgetown).

Yours truly,  
Sandy Van Harten,  
President, Halton Chapter

# Missed the timing

Dear Sir,  
Your Nov. 13, 1985 editorial "Voting for change" was excellent. However your timing missed by a week - particularly since it emphasized the need to watch the performance of councillors.

Most of the residents of this town have never attended a council meeting, and have no interest in what it does; others, who are interested, but because of work, family or other commitments are unable to attend, rely on the media to keep them informed. To have it suggested, immediately after the election, that some incumbents will need watching makes this reader feel

that you are aware of a lack in the named councillors. If this is so, you owed your readers this information prior to election day.

You have done them, council as a whole, and the residents of Halton Hills a "diservice". To make an informed choice at the polls we need all relevant information before voting day.

Dollie Moulden  
EDITOR'S note: We feel it is a voter's privilege to pick a winner, rather than a reporter's right. Our editorial was not meant as a criticism directed at the candidates mentioned. By defeating worthy, experienced opponents, we feel these candidates must live up to voter expectations.

# Fashion Show a success

Dear Sir,  
Thanks for allowing me space at this time to thank a number of people in our community for their presents and support at a number of projects and events that the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary have presented to the public. Hair Show and Fashion Show was a first for Georgetown, it was a great success.

Thanks to Donna Lambert from Scissors, her commentator Gini Deforest and the more than 40 models, men and women that took part. Thanks to Carol Barrow and Penny O'Reilly of Cameron Fashions and their models. Thanks to Elizabeth McNeilly of Elizabeth Fashions and her models.

In all over 100 people gave their time and talent for a great show. Thanks to Vandenberg Florist for their donation of flowers. Thanks to the ladies of Holy Cross for their support also the caretaker Carlos Dimago. Thanks to the Herald for their cover-

age. The Auxiliary held their 7th Past President Luncheon at the Chateau. The Past Presidents were Mrs. Joyce Hewson, Inez Crichton, Beth Clark, June Dean, Ann Gray, Marion Booth and Vi Haines.

Mrs. Sheila Thompson Region 5 president, Mr. Fred Morris Administrator of GDMH. Thanks to the past presidents, guests and Auxiliary members, both men and women for attending this luncheon.

Thanks to the Chateau for having us. Our next project is our Christmas Ball Friday Dec. 6, this is our big fund raising event of the year. It is not only for members of the Hospital but it is open to the public. Please get your tickets and come and enjoy the start of the Christmas season with good food, good music and good fellowship. See you there.

Yours faithfully,  
Vi Haines,  
Fund Raising Convener

# Clergy Comment

By DR. JOHN M. DRICKAMER  
Immanuel Lutheran Church

What would you think of a preacher who taught only some, not all, of the Ten Commandments? Then what would you think if he applied them only to some, not all, people? You could hardly consider him serious about God's Word and will. He would be preaching for some other reason. His preaching would be sham, show, charade.

That is exactly the case with most of the self-righteous moral posturing and protesting in North America about South Africa. Many people claim to be morally outraged by apartheid. But then they are apathetic about so many other things that are just as wrong as apartheid.

Apartheid is oppressive and should be done away with. But it should be replaced by something better, not

something worse. South African blacks already have more money and more freedom than blacks in most other African nations, namely in totalitarian countries. If we speak up for more freedom in South Africa, we should also speak up for freedom in the rest of Africa, and around the world.

Voices calling for democratic reforms in South Africa are morally credible. But voices calling for totalitarian revolution are not. They are seeking change by death and destruction, and their goal is something more oppressive than the current situation.

It is just as wrong for blacks to oppress blacks as for whites to oppress blacks. A Communist revolution in South Africa would still result in minority government. It would be a smaller, more tyrannical government. The fact that the oppressors were

black would not make it any less oppressive.

How can we believe people who protest apartheid in South Africa but remain silent about tyranny elsewhere? What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

The hunt for Josef Mengele was another case of selective moralizing. So much attention was given to a dead Nazi when anyone with open eyes can tell you where dozens of living war criminals ride to work in limousines every day - the Kremlin. One million Afghans are reported killed by the Soviet war of aggression against Afghanistan.

How can we believe people who claim moral outrage about alleged war crimes of the past but turn a blind eye to real war crimes of the present?

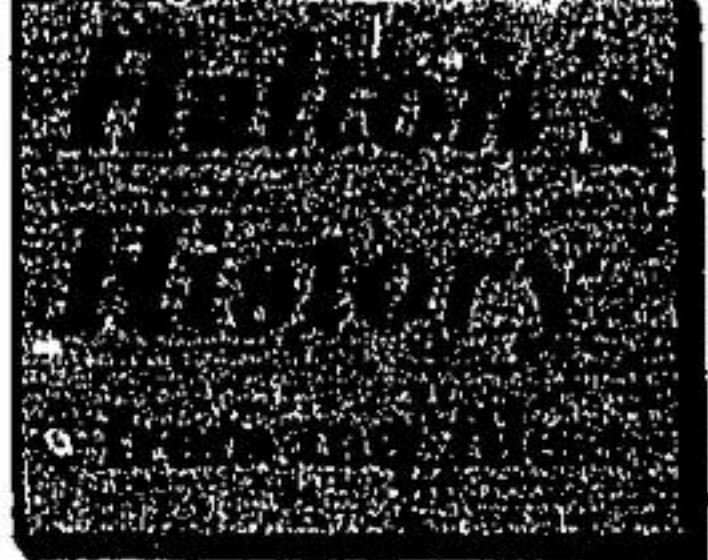
Enough talk about exotic localities! Look at Canada. Far worse than

apartheid is abortion. Apartheid oppresses people but lets them live. Abortion kills babies before they draw their first breath.

The media blare about hundreds who die in South Africa. Little is said about hundreds of thousands who die in Afghanistan. And there is deathly silence about thousands murdered in Canada and millions murdered in America. Are they serious or is it sham, show, charade? What is the motivation?

As long as abortion is legal in Canada, Canadians have no right to a "holier-than-thou" attitude toward South Africa. And we have not even mentioned so many other sins - especially sexual sins - that are publicly praised and paraded as free and joyous life-styles.

These lines are not pleasant. Warnings never are.



THIRTY YEARS AGO—Two men from Georgetown, Allen Walker and John Doherty, and their two friends from Brampton, Ronald Payne and Mike Finnigan, foiled the robbery of People's Credit Fuel.

Richard J. Miller took over as new manager for the Royal Bank branch in Georgetown. He was formerly manager at Wheatly, and will be succeeding Bob Darou.

Local man, Jim Kelly's picture appears in Time Magazine. Kelly was pictured at a high school opening in Winnipeg.

The oldest district resident, William George Gollop, died at the age of 95 in his home in Norval.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO—A mother of three, 50 year old Valerie Willard of Rockwood, was killed in an automobile accident on Hwy. 25. The mishap was attributed to the first snow fall of the winter, as there were no other vehicles involved.

Georgetown District Memorial Hospital was awarded a grant which enabled them to increase the total bed amount by 33.

One of Canada's oldest living men, Joe Martin of Georgetown, died at the age of 104 in Georgetown hospital.

TEN YEARS AGO—An 18 year old resident of Oakville destroyed the property and grounds of Georgetown District Christian School. The youth proceeded to Waterfalls Playground, where he rammed into a police car, causing \$1,800 in damages.

The rural areas of Georgetown faced a serious problem with wolves. Mr. Clare Wilson, a Halton Hills livestock valuator, stated that over 30 lambs and sheep had been killed by the wolves in a matter of months.

Georgetown councillor, Mike Armstrong, endorsed a resolution that the town opposed the location of the new drive-in. The theatre was scheduled to be built on what Armstrong said was prime farm land.

FIVE YEARS AGO—Halton Police Constable Bill Cunningham was nominated for the Ontario Medal of Bravery for his help in rescuing an unconscious woman from the McGibbon Hotel. Margaret Harrington, 36, was dragged to safety from the fire, believed to have started from a cigarette.

This year's finalists in the Optimist Club Youth of the Year were introduced to Halton Regional Police Chief James Harding at presentation ceremonies. They are: Victor Longo, 12, Paul Pressault, 13, Pamela Slavin, 16, and George Farrow, 18.

Nancy Carroll of RRU in Georgetown is the first winner of the Kinmen's bi-monthly "Win With Kin" grocery draw. Proceeds from the contest help the Kinmen pay for the new ice resurfacer at Gordon Alcott Arena.

Skip Greta Lamb led her team to victory at the Glad Robinson Bonspiel. Berge Froelher was the vice, Sandra Lovelace the second and Barbara Forfollow the lead.



By PAT WOODE  
Herald Columnist

Persons United For Self Help Ontario (PUSH) held its annual general meeting in Ottawa recently and I was fortunate to be among the some 60 delegates to attend.

PUSH represents disabled people regardless of the nature or type of handicap so arrangements were made to accommodate individuals needing sign interpreters, taped conferences, a loop system and 24 hour attendant care. PUSH is consumer based believing that the disabled can function fully within society given the chance and works on behalf of all disabilities. Those present at the three day conference included individuals with visual, hearing, mobility, developmental, psychiatric, or hidden problems.

Workshops included Independent Living, Employment, Education (bill 82) and International Concerns. After considerable discussion with an opportunity given to the representatives to express their views, resolutions were proposed, accepted and brought forward for approval by the general assembly. These resolutions were taken by the president and provincial co-ordinator to Ian Scott (Attorney General) and Bob Rae (NEP leader).

Our keynote speaker, Bill White, a long time consumer advocate, requesting the use of a wheelchair, outlined the changes that have taken place and encouraged the disabled to join forces with a recognized voice, requesting the rights to freedom and self determination.

The three P's, pity, powerlessness and paternalism, he stated are the forces that have worked in the past to permit society to fear the disabled or keep them in a sheltered environment. In the beginning people with a handicap allowed this treatment but now they recognize that they must work together as each have suffered a loss, are handicapped by the environment and are aspiring to become better members of society.

PUSH has grown from the roots with its member sharing an understanding and responsibility to each other, believing in the principles of cross disability. They believe in the right to participation, access, and equality.

Bill stressed the importance of the disabled becoming organized and taking power themselves - seeing their opportunities and taking them. Left to government, he claims, they will be commissioned and VIP'd to death.

Apathy and ignorance are the enemies to the continuing advancement of rights, freedoms and self-determination for those with disabilities.