

Keep hall strong

There was a time when only Ted Tyler and a bunch of his followers felt strongly enough to want to save the Acton town hall.

Few were willing to sacrifice the time necessary for an on-going, seemingly endless, campaign.

But slowly, the tide changed, and more and more people became caught up in the enthusiasm created by Heritage Acton.

The pocketbooks began to open. Actario ticket-buying became a patriotic duty. Even those too young to remember when the hall was in use, or newcomers to town, became excited at the thought of retaining a part of Acton's past.

Even the town of Halton Hills had a change of heart by selling the building to Heritage Acton for \$1.

With the work almost complete, there seems little left to do except cut the ribbon and sip champagne.

But there's more work ahead. The building needs tenants - good tenants - that will attract people to the building and keep the structure as a popular place to bring families and friends.

No doubt more money can be used for interior decorations and furniture. We hope people will continue their support to see the project completed right through to the end. Now that the town hall is saved from the wrecker's ball, let's keep it strong and a central focus for Acton.

Planning for safety

A beautiful spot on the steep banks of the Credit River has been a death-trap for many years.

In the nearby town of Caledon there is a place called Cataract Falls which is a favorite of hikers, picnickers and anglers.

Two deaths last spring resulted in an inquiry. Jurors recommended the provincial government take over the land and create a supervised park.

The Ministry of Natural Resources acted quickly and they're now in the planning stages of a proposed 647-acre park.

The Ministry may have saved more lives by their actions. The area is a popular spot for those coming from Brampton, Toronto and Halton Hills.

Undisturbed natural beauty is a delightful rarity, but in the case of Cataract Falls, proper signs, supervision and maintenance is required.

If you want to help plan the development of the new park, the Ministry is willing to listen. Give them a call at 451-1516 or attend their open house in Belfountain this Saturday.

The last word

At the risk of sounding sexist, snippy and downright closed-minded we really have to take exception to the news from Claresholm, Alta.

It seems the good trustees of the Willow Creek school board have decided to change the term "teacher aides" to "teacher assistants" because "aides" sounds just like AIDS which stands for the disease acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

"I felt because of the word AIDS and the puns that can be made on the word, assistant would add more dignity to the job," said Ernie Patterson, the board's deputy superintendent.

Aren't things going just a bit far.

First there was all the bunk about using person for man, as in chairperson instead of chairman.

You can't call someone a rug hooker any more without implying she's walking Toronto's prostitute strip. Meat, thanks to the cop shows can now refer to a person; busted (because of the same source) is no longer broken or broke - it's arrested; piece isn't a section of apple pie, it's a gun; grass isn't the stuff you mow, it's smoked; Coke was once something you drank, now you snort it; buns were once just buttered hunks of bread now they are something ogled, and add the work hunk itself. The list goes on, there's fruit, fairy, moon smuck, dike and heat.

And, Lor' you can't even sing the grand old Christmas Carol Joy to the World without getting a snicker over the line Don we now our gay apparel.

And now aides has gone too, fallen to a disease we hope will soon be eradicated, just like its all too familiar abbreviation.

-Courtesy Woodstock Sentinel Review

Two major themes for Tory leader

TORONTO—Two themes - possibly contradictory - seem to be emerging as priorities for Progressive Conservative leader Larry Grossman as he tries to revive his injured party.

One has to do with style, the other policy.

The policy aspect can be stated easily. It is what the media calls "capturing the middle ground" or "returning the party to the centre."

To the media, of course, the middle ground includes backing rent control, being in favor of equal pay for work of equal value, supporting state-built housing and almost any other kind of government intervention in the marketplace.

Grossman indicated he was in favor of such economic absurdities, which isn't surprising, since it was his type of so-called Red Tories who introduced many of them in the first place.

All the current Liberal government is doing is making them worse (by extending rent controls to the luxury apartments of the rich, for instance).

But Grossman was undaunted at his post-victory press conference here.

There really aren't any major policy differences between the parties, he said, barring an exception or two such as extra-billing.

He made it clear that what he was offering was essentially "me-tooism", only done better than the way the Liberals are doing it.

It was the competence of the Grits he challenged rather than their goals.

Whether that will be enough at a time when most people seem content with Liberal Leader David Peterson's Kingdom of Yuppeldom is another matter entirely.

But it is in the area of style that Grossman seems to suggest there will be fundamental shifts in how the leader approaches the party.

One of the more successful rallying cries of Grossman's leadership opponents was the need to "open up the party" decision-making to someone other than a few backroom big shots.

What happens when the leader has a reputation, as Grossman does (from the Islands to rent control) for taking stands contrary to the beliefs of a majority of the party, stands similar to those of his own party's political opponents?



"I can understand why they'd have to replace the kitchen sink at Rideau Hall - it's probably clogged with taxpayers' dollars."

Letters to the Editor

Good reason for Japanese internment during W.W. II

Dear Sir,

"Thrown off their land, denied freedom of religion, speech, assembly, not accused of crime or given the right to be tried by court of law." I find this powerful and strident journalism, full of naivete.

How old is the author? Did the author live in Canada during wartime? Is the writer familiar with all the circumstances and ramifications of those days of all out war with Japan and Germany? As a Canadian, I am not proud of what was done to the Japanese on our west coast but I recognize that what was done, the authorities felt very necessary and were influenced by the climate of those days.

It is fact that Japanese fishermen had better charts and knew the west coast better than our own navy. Their boats were equipped with the very latest in navigational aids and wireless. It is also a fact and I have a witness, that some Japanese boys, from the high school in Chilliwack B.C. were going to Japan for military training during their summer vacation. The Japanese were in the Aleutians and Klaska. Explosive balloons were being released over the western coast of North America. Hundreds reached the mainland but their landings were never publicly reported so as to confuse and confound the Japanese.

We must remember too, that the B.C. coast was virtually undefended. Canadian forces were heavily engaged in the war with Germany. Five divisions that could have been used for coastal defence were in Europe. The

navy, the third largest in the world at that time was busy in the North Atlantic with convoy duty and anti submarine warfare. Our air force was allocated to the European theatre.

Pondering the problems at that time, with a sizeable ethnic group having roots with the enemy the authorities had little option but to move the Japanese inland. It is regrettable and as a Canadian I apologize, complete trust could not be placed in the Japanese community at that time. It is logical to assume that ten per cent could have supported a Japanese invasion and that would have been too many.

Mention in the article is made to lack of religious freedom and I seriously question that. Yes, they were placed in camps, freedom of movement was restricted but there is no record of physical abuse, no gas ovens, no starvation and no rifle butts.

I could go on a tangent here about the treatment of Canadian prisoners by Japanese but that is another subject that does not do justice to decent Japanese people. Please remember that reports of atrocities obviously coloured opinion of all Japanese at that time.

A hypothetical situation, but if the Japanese had landed on the west coast would Canadian Japanese have taken up arms against them? We will never know but basic human nature would seem to indicate that most of them would have had a problem. I wonder what I would have done. We can use as a reference the German invasion of the various countries of Europe.

Citizens of these countries, of German ancestry, rose to support the invader. There are many historical cases where ethnic groups have forsaken their adopted country in a war situation.

I have seen the Japanese war memorial in Stanley Park, Vancouver. I must admit that until I had seen it, I had no concept of the effort made by Japanese Canadians in World War I. I was impressed and they must feel proud.

They must be proud too of the U.S. Japanese division the most decorated in the American army. I do not intend to detract from their bravery and dedication but it must be remembered that they did not fight against the Japanese but against the Italians and Germans. It would have been unjust to ask them to fight against their own race.

Their internment was a measure of war, prompted by circumstances and yes by hysteria and prejudice. I see nothing to be gained by constantly resurrecting the episode. We interned thousands of Germans during World War I and the matter is consigned to history.

This was not genocide, it does not belong with the Armenian affair, the U.S. Indian or the Ibos of Nigeria. The Japanese in Canada have rebounded with vigor and hold no rancor. They are valuable Canadians and we here in eastern Canada are the winners. Thousands of displaced Japanese and their descendants now make their homes here.

R. Jackson (Capt.),
Highland Light Infantry (Canada)

UNICEF cards can help save the world

Dear Sir,

At a time when the news of human tragedies - famine, natural disasters, political or military strife, and always, poverty - seems almost to overwhelm hope, it is our pleasure to share a little good news with you and your readers.

Each year the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is able to improve the lives of millions of jeopardized children in developing countries. This year we witnessed some remarkable events. For three days, not a shot was fired in war-torn El Salvador as both sides laid down their guns so that the nation's children could be immunized. World-wide, an estimated half-a-million children were saved by oral rehydration therapy which combats the ravages of diarrhoeal dehydration, the biggest child-killer in the world.

As Honorary Co-Chairmen of the Ontario UNICEF Committee, we would like to remind your readers that they can join the Child Survival Revolution now as they prepare for the Holiday Season ahead. Proceeds from the purchase of UNICEF's attractive cards and gifts go directly to UNICEF's work in developing nations.

Let us take a stake in our future - the children. Let us give them a tomorrow.

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

EDITOR'S NOTE: UNICEF cards are available at the Georgetown Y (877-6103) or the Acton Y (853-1070).

Parade help

Dear Sir,

Please extend my personal thanks to all who participated in the Georgetown Santa Claus Parade on November 18, 1985.

Although sponsored by the Lions Club of Georgetown and with a great contribution of time and effort by the membership of this organization, the parade would not have been as successful as it was without the usual highly-spirited cooperation of many other groups and individuals who rendered a great service for the enjoyment of the citizens of Georgetown. In this regard, I extend a sincere gratitude to the following:

Region of Halton Police Dept., Halton Hills Fire Dept., Region of Halton Engineering Dept., Halton Hills Recreation Dept., The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, the Georgetown Independent, the Georgetown Herald and participating entries in the parade.

The generosity of donors who contributed great financial assistance has been acknowledged in your edition of November 27, 1985.

Yours very truly,
Lion R. (Bob) Gordon, Chairman,
Santa Claus Committee 1985

Solid record proves expertise

Dear Sir,
Re: Nov. 13 Editorial "Voting for change"

In reference to the Ward 4 results it was stated that while voters could have voted for Rud Whiting, a former M.P., they chose Marilyn Serjeantson as Regional Councillor. The comment was made that "she will need to show the town that they're not getting short-changed on representation at Regional level." I must ask - where has the reporter been all these years? In no way will Marilyn have to prove herself capable of handling this position - she has proven herself time and again as a committed councillor at Municipal level and the voters obviously have no doubts about her ability to transfer her knowledge and expertise to Regional level, as the polls clearly showed.

Yes, Marilyn is "new" to this particular position, but her solid record will stand her well at any level of government to which she aspires.

Thank you,
Marilyn Malcolmson

In your opinion

Will PC leader Grossman help his party's fortunes?



VIC BRISTOW

ARLENE CALLAGHAN

Question: Do you think Larry Grossman is the man to lead the Conservatives to better things?

VIC BRISTOW: "Yes, because he is efficient in the business world. He seems to have enthusiasm and energy."

ARLENE CALLAGHAN: "I think Larry Grossman has the general support of the Conservatives. Gross-



JACK EASDALE

man will unite the party. Timbrell's last speech was fantastic. I hope they don't lose him."

JACK EASDALE: "No. I prefer Timbrell myself. He is more like Davis. He is more relaxed and doesn't get his back up."

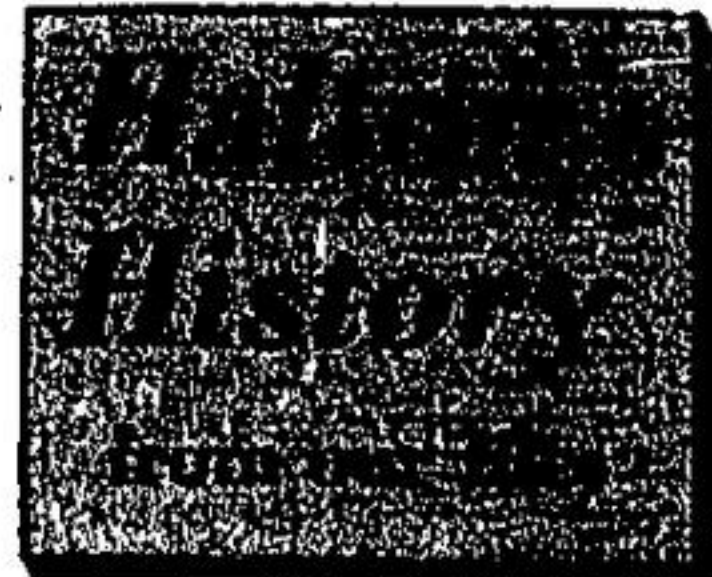
HARRY KEMPER: "I say probably. Why not? Why not give him a chance and see what he can do."



SHARON TIMMINGS

SHARON TIMMINGS: "I think he deserves a chance. I really don't think it was that bad before, but they needed a change. I don't know what he can do, but they need new blood."

JILL FOSTER: "Yes, I really do. We've had a lot worse. I think he will be a good leader, because he will work hard to fulfill his promises. I think he is a man of integrity."



THIRTY YEARS AGO—Glen Williams resident Neville Thompson, 21, died in a plane crash in British Columbia. The air force man was a passenger in an RCAF plane which fell in Johnstone Strait while en route to Port Hardy. Two others also drowned.

The Raiders made it four wins in a row with a victory over Oakville and Junior Beaumont scored four times. The Raiders sealed their victory in the first period which they finished with a 5-1 lead, two goals by Beaumont.

Main Street merchant James Goodlet presented a petition to council asking for a two hour parking limit downtown. Over 90 per cent of downtown merchants signed it.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO—Burlington's Central High Colts defeated the Georgetown Rebels to become this year's regional junior football champions. Rebel quarterback Randy Pope had a hard time getting by the Colts secondary coached by former Ti-Cat and Alouette Ralph Goldston. The final score was Colts 28 Rebels 13.

Bert Carney, 64, is nearing retirement and is working on a retirement project: he is rebuilding a 64 year-old steam engine. The collector of steam engines got his most recent one from a sawmill near Huntsville.

John Nurse of RR2 Georgetown won the gold medal for his sheep at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Ted Brown of Limehouse and David Fisher of Milton also represented Halton.

TEN YEARS AGO—External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachern is trying to free a Georgetown woman who has been detained 26 months in Poland. Mrs. Joanna Psaraki returned to attend her father's funeral in September, 1973.

Women are some of Glennwright Hillock's main customers at his recently opened Kai-Shin Karate Studio on Armstrong Avenue. "I personally think women karate is not so much for learning self-defence but basically for toning up," he said.

The Georgetown Rebelettes Varsity "B" basketball team finished their season undefeated and finished their year by defeating Oakville to take the regional championship. Sandy Chamberlain led the Raiders in their final game with 13 points in their 49-37 victory.

FIVE YEARS AGO—The Halton Separate School Board is giving "Approximately \$1 million to build St. Joseph's Separate School. Trustee Hartley Sherk said the funds have been allotted for 1982.

Georgetown swimmer Susan Masson, 14, was part of a team that set a national swimming record in the 200 meter medley relay. She finished her 50 meter leg in 33.7. The total time was 2:04.70.



By PAT WOODS
Herald Columnist

At the PUSH conference in Ottawa, Patty Holmes, a consumer, spoke on the topic of employment while two young men from Nicaragua enlightened us on some of the international concerns for the disabled in 3rd world countries.

Patty stated that poverty is a reality for many of the disabled as approximately 50 to 85 per cent are unemployed. Since money is power and financial independence brings success, a lack of money makes you silent. In the beginning human life was valued. Later only those who could contribute to society had worth. Still later begging guilds were formed and now we have moved to an era when this group is constantly being assessed before placement.

By 1961 she stated the vocational rehabilitation system was such that it could abuse the client or the client could abuse it. Before a person with a handicap could get what other receive, they were required to wade through considerable bureaucracy. As funding came through the Department of Health and Welfare, it was seen as a social welfare program. Gradually, Canada Employment and Immigration Commission made sporadic attempts to deal with the needs by providing special needs counsellors.

The problem then arose that individuals were referred to counselling whether they required it or not.

Eventually an Outreach Program started with funds being provided to projects for various target groups. Now, there are self-help groups, peer counselling and employment incentive programs such as wage subsidy. For the latter alternative a study conducted in Saskatchewan revealed only a 1 per cent success rate as most employees were laid off when the subsidy ran out.

Job sharing is one alternative that is widely accepted and a concept which the disabled community agree should be promoted. For those pursuing self-employment the Employment Development Branch could possibly assist with start up funds.

In a report completed on sheltered workshops, several problems were summarized. They include lack of vocational training, developing skills and potential, not placing trainees in the open market, allowing them to remain on long term employment (some have been in the sheltered workshop for 10 years).

To improve their self sufficiency, the disabled have formed their own national self-help organizations and are seeking support from other countries. They have organized a workshop employing a few people with disabilities but unfortunately they lack the financial means to purchase supplies required to expand. At least 99 per cent of this group are unemployed and are looking to countries like Canada for assistance.