

Why celebrate?

What does Christmas mean to you? To us, that's an easy question. It's the gathering of the clans - families travel miles to be with their relations. It's watching the magic of Christmas on the smiles of playful children as they wait for Dec. 25.

A Christmas card

This is a Christmas card to you, our readers. From one week to the next, as we struggle from one project to the next, we find friends who offer their encouragement and readers who voice their appreciation.

Time for a woman

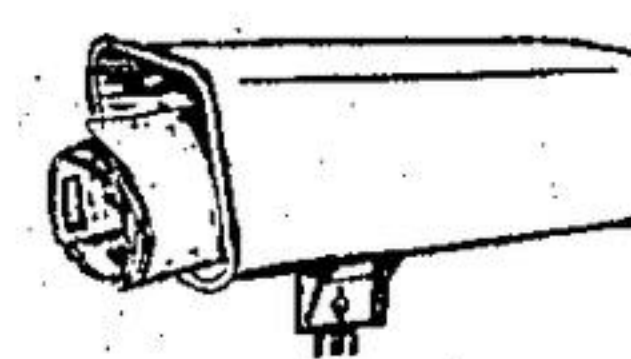
We think it's time for a woman on the Halton Police Commission. Regional Councillor John Graham was shocked that we've never had a woman representative.

Poem for Christmas

By BECKY RALPH
Father heard the shout so he looked for a way out. He got out a rope, and with a little hope, He tried to make a hole to lassoo an old grey pole.

Encounter in the snow

By PETER RALPH
ENCOUNTER IN THE SNOW
Through my windshield I saw him vault the fence and dash for the middle of the lane.



Send us a letter



"Think they'll ever pull wines that contain a REALLY dangerous substance... like alcohol, off the shelves?"

Goes beyond job creation



Until we get all the details of the transaction which places de Havilland Aircraft into the hands of an American company, who's to say whether, on balance, the sale is in Canada's best interest?

with a shoe company here. PRIDE INVOLVED
Canadians have always had a certain love affair with airplanes, a situation often attributed to the unique role they have played in opening our vast northland.

Havilland sale would raise nationalist-ic hackles. GOOD BARGAIN
What makes the transaction so susceptible to initial criticism is the price. Everyone seems to agree that Boeing struck a very attractive deal.

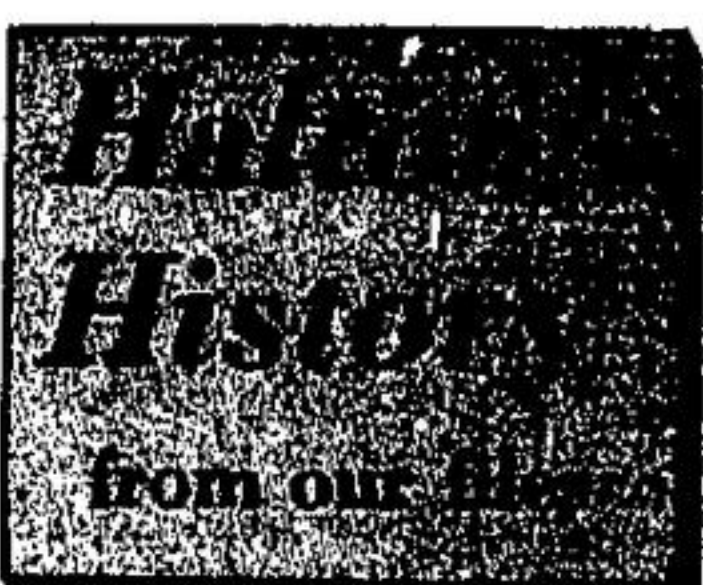
It's free trade posturing



TORONTO - We'll be seeing interesting times if Ontario and its fellow provinces really are in charge of negotiating free or freer trade with the United States.

Assuming that's true (is Prime Minister Brian Mulroney really such a malleable patsy?), what will be the aim of the veto-wielding premier of Ontario?

and timber industries that does not threaten our other industries, then obviously it is in Canada's interests," he said.



THIRTY YEARS AGO-Police Chief Roy Haley reported the holiday weekend was accident free. There was only one minor accident which resulted in a scraped fender.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Nienhuis of Sarnia announced the engagement of their daughter Tineke to Lourens Wierenga of Glen Williams.

FOURTEEN YEARS AGO-Collette Teller of Georgetown High won the Georgetown Insurance Agents Trophy for her first standing in a driving instruction course.

TEN YEARS AGO-Rev. Harold Martin of St. John's United Church is leaving Georgetown for Richmond Hill where he will be minister of St. Mathew's United Church.

Drummer Graydon Hillock, son of Mrs. Dorothy L. Hillock of King St. West, is writing the music for a TV video play produced at Boston University's School of Communications.

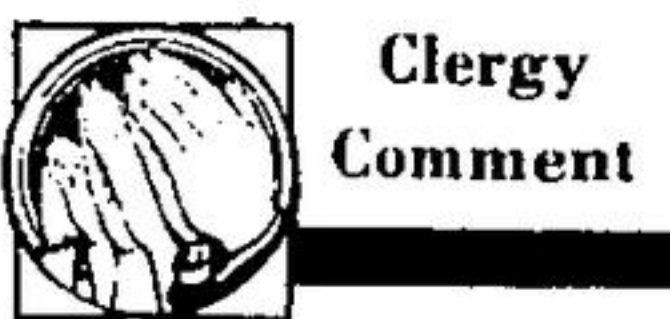
FIVE YEARS AGO-The Georgetown District High School wrestling team placed fifth of 12 teams from Ontario at the Bishop Ryan Invitational wrestling tournament.

Plans for the Georgetown Major Hockey Support Group's 15th Annual Midget Tournament are being finalized by Chairman Bryan Turner.

Poets' Corner

I can always tell you that is doesn't mean a thing. It might make me feel better but it would be a dreadful lie.

God gives lasting joy



being prone to pride. Then what of the modern myth of Santa Claus? Santa is really just a tame, little, false god, an unnecessary god who gives little, takes nothing away, and asks only a brief, superficial cleaning up of one's act one month a year.

Christians believe that God's threat of punishment, the sentence to hell, has already been fully carried out. It was executed when Jesus was executed.

God's real bounty and generosity are in His grace for Christ's sake, the forgiveness of sins, salvation, eternal life because of Jesus. He died for sinners (sinners would not a Savior). His love and grace easily dwarf the present, prosperous, preposterous world's idea of Christmas giving into significance.