

## Time well spent

We're glad to see the Halton Board of Education breaking some traditions. Trustees postponed their vote on the fate of three Halton Hills public schools at their Thursday meeting.

Trustees were asked to sift through roughly 200 pages of reports from parents, and consolidation committee members.

After hearing nine speakers oppose the school closings, trustees voted to wait until April 10 to make a decision. Board policy states that if a school is to be closed in September, then a decision has to be made by March of that year. That ruling had to be changed to accommodate the Halton Hills consolidation vote.

Trustees wisely asked for more time to mull over a barrage of paper and re-examine the strategy of the consolidation committee and other reports prepared for them by private citizens.

After nine briefs were presented Thursday, there were no questions by any of the trustees. This must indicate they were feeling overwhelmed by the length and depth of submissions presented to them opposing the closings.

Some parents were disturbed at the lack of time given to them to oppose the board report. Now the board has shown its willingness to be fair - and not steamroll through such an important document.

## Walk for peace

Maybe you don't call yourself an activist. And peacenik isn't in your vocabulary. That's okay, sure.

Maybe you disagree with the peace movement, feeling it weakens our position when the West negotiates with the Soviets. Maybe you haven't thought much about peace this year.

But 1986 is designated as the Year of Peace by the United Nations. It's a one-time event, an opportunity to sing out, celebrate, pray and hope for everlasting peace among countries.

Don't miss a chance Saturday to join in a One World Walk in downtown Georgetown sponsored by 10 local churches. They'll be walking to the beat of peace, hunger, and apartheid.

It's a fitting Easter message.

Maybe you're skeptical of nations who hurl verbal barbs daily across borders. Maybe you're fearful the world isn't ready for peace.

But give peace a chance - show your support.

## Town MD debates health care crisis



### Staff Comment

By SANDY CAMPBELL  
Herald Staff

The issue of extra-billing in Ontario is less a conflict of doctors wanting more money and more one of declining health care in Ontario. The message that doctors are fighting for better health care is slowly getting out to the people.

A doctor is the person who takes care of our health so what is so strange about their role of taking care of our health care system. Who better knows the state of health care in Ontario than doctors? If the majority of them believe a ban on extra-billing will hurt health care, shouldn't we listen?

Dr. Elliott Halparin of Georgetown is trying to get people to listen. He speaks to patients, and he speaks to government on behalf of the Ontario Chapter of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (C.F.P.C.).

Dr. Halparin is one of seven members of the executive of the Ontario Chapter of the C.F.P.C. which has 3,500 members, 96 per cent of whom oppose the ban on extra-billing. Dr. Halparin has spoken for the Ontario Chapter before the Social Development Committee at Queen's Park, and March 4 he had a meeting with Bob Rae.

The NDP leader agreed that problems created by extra-billing are few, Dr. Halparin said. Premier Peterson is quoted in the brief presented to the Social Development Committee by the Ontario Chapter as saying the same. Premier Peterson identified the problems created by extra-billing as restricted to some geographical areas and some disciplines of medicine.

Any problems created by extra-billing should be eliminated, Dr. Halparin said. The C.F.P.C. Ontario Chapter suggested some solutions at their Queen's Park meeting. One

was that any person over 65 or receiving government assistance carry a Health Care Accessibility Card which would forbid doctors from extra billing them. Another suggestion was that government rates be available in all areas of Ontario.

Inaccessibility to health care is not created by extra-billing. There is a shortage of funds for health care and it is not because doctors are taking too much from the health care budget. In 1971, 36 per cent of that budget went to doctors. In 1985, 22 per cent of the budget went to doctors.

Doctors know where the weaknesses in the health care system are and are now in a position to tell government. Extra-billing has been a bargaining tool for the doctors of Ontario; it has helped to make their views known to the public.

A doctor who does not agree with government policy has been able to protest by opting out. Disagreements might be over fees or over funding. Doctors not able to opt out because of a ban on extra-billing will lose that bargaining power.

"I don't think any group, once state-controlled, feels free to speak out against their employer without the fear of retribution," Dr. Halparin said. Would you rather have doctors or politicians bargain on your behalf for health care?

It would be splendid to have a new tennis court and basketball enclosure.

An orchestra should be organized and supported by the school.

"UNSERIOUS" ADVOCATIONS  
An approachphone to tell a form without a teacher when Mr. Ross is coming.

There will be found in the principal's office enough rocks, of different species, for the new school's foundation.

A bottle of smelling salts in case McCumber gets eighty per cent in Physics again.

## "We Advocate" examples

The 1932 Georgetown High School Yearbook had a column entitled "We Advocate". Here are some examples which appeared in The Challenge. Some were serious and some were so serious.

### VOX ADVOCATORUM

A telephone would be an added comfort and is a real necessity. There are times when one wishes to summon a doctor.

Lockers for the girls and boys would be a great improvement. A small rental could be paid for the use of the lockers.

German and possibly Agriculture, if desired by the pupils, should be taught.

—D. McLintock, (1B)

—L. Sanderson, (II)

—D. Mimms, (1B)

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## A trial balloon?

# Brannon's rebel cannon



### Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

The Progressive Conservative candidate in the York East byelection, Gina Brannon, is giving the Liberals and New Democrats conceptions.

You can tell that by the almost frenzied assaults on her by Education Minister Sean Conway and NDP Leader Bob Rae.

Brannon has had the audacity to say publicly that she is against the extension of separate school funding.

Conway and Rae find that abhorrent.

Conway called Brannon a "loose cannon". He said Progressive Conservative Leader Larry Grossman should "make clear by action" and not just words that he doesn't agree with her.

He won't say what action. He also called her stance "transparent" and a "reversal of principles", to which Rae added that maybe Grossman is "floating a trial balloon" to see the appeal of an anti-

separate school funding campaign.

The rhetoric alone tells you how bothered the pair of them are.

Where the Conservatives would have been expected right now to run third in a byelection, Conway and Rae appear to think Brannon's separate school position has changed the equation.

Separate school supporters make up only 15 per cent of the York East electorate.

And Brannon's stance may appeal to the public school majority.

Still, few people cast ballots on

single issues. Far more important are matters such as the attractiveness of the leader, an area that Premier David Peterson appears to have sown-up for the Liberals.

Organization, too, is important, the identifying of your vote and getting it out to the polls.

In byelections the NDP are always strongest in that category and in York East they have a solid base of support.

But, perhaps, the chief consequence of Brannon's separate school pitch is her name recognition. Judging from what reporters who've gone door-to-door with her say, people (whether favorably or unfavorably) remember her as "oh, yes, you're the one against separate school funding."

That may help election day. Whatever the results, however, it isn't necessary to take the Conway-Rae criticisms of Brannon seriously.

She didn't reverse principles and the Tories aren't flying any trial balloons.

She's known to have always privately opposed the extension of separate school funding, even when she was a public servant in the Education Ministry. (She's Roman Catholic, incidentally).

Like all good public servants, of course, she went about her job of implementing the extension because it was government policy.

And Grossman has made plain that support for the extension will remain Conservative Party policy.

He already has one public rebel in caucus against that line (Norm Sterling), and adding Gina Brannon doesn't appear to bother him much.

He notes he took public stances against party positions when he was a backbencher (such as the need to close Doctors' Hospital) and that Liberal Jim Henderson, a doctor, has broken with his party over extra-billing.

Actually, the Tories are probably happy with the fuss. It is giving Brannon publicity she couldn't buy.



"That's what I like about you - you don't waste words debating Canada's interests when a simple 'yes' will do."



### 30 years ago

Archdeacon W.G.O. Thompson, 72, died in St. Catharines Hospital. He was the Anglican rector in Glen Williams and Georgetown between 1932 and 1954.

Tom Herbert led single scorers in the industrial bowling league with his score of 334. Anderson's pulled into the number one place after sharing the lead last week with Provincial.

The Halton Junior Farmers debating team became provincial champions after a competition at the Ontario Agricultural College, George Freeseles, Mac Sprowl, Roy Ford and Lloyd Vivian were victors in the sixteen county competition.

### 15 years ago

Zoe Bellamy opened her own book store which she calls a combined business and hobby. The Book Shop is at 39 Main Street South and features books for all ages.

The goal tending of Brian Chapman helped the Georgetown Raiders defeat Welland in the Niagara Peninsula Intermediate A playoffs. Brian Chapman stopped 36 shots as the Raiders defeated Welland 11-3.

After 41 years of teaching Al Prouse is retiring. Mr. Prouse is the head of the guidance department at Georgetown High School. After retiring he plans to relax, play horseshoes and bowl. He may also take up golfing and curling. If you want to get a hold of him chances are he will be at the cottage.

### 10 years ago

Clive Llewellyn was declared Canadian Greco-Roman wrestling champion at the 74 kilos class of the Junior Championships in Montreal. He is now training for the National Trial Camp in Thunder Bay.

Debbie Gillespie won the All Round Chord for the Fifth Georgetown East Girl Guides. Mrs. Joy Cox, Division Commissioner for Halton, made the presentation of the second highest girl guide award.

Steve Saxton of Robert Little and Suzanne Martineau of Sacre Coeur placed first in the annual oratorical contest sponsored by the Georgetown Optimist Club. The topic was "Tomorrow's Promise".

Georgetown captured the senior championship of AGMO Snooker League. Wimp Green and Gerry Stoyles won the event by defeating Ducky Simmons and Rob Reid of Milton.

### 5 years ago

Patty Cutrara was the winner of the Georgetown District High School 1981 Snow Queen contest. Patty said winning the competition against 11 other contestants was a "thorough shock".

After nine weeks of competitive curling the second ladies draw is complete. In first place are Greta Lamb, Malena Letson, Pat McLeod and Mary Courtney.

Georgetown Agricultural Society members were attacked in the column of Toronto Star writer Michele Landsberg for the fall fair's Little Miss Halton Hills contest. Society president Joyce Gosling and fair board director Bettyanne Wellstead called the article unfortunate.



CALICO TOWN  
(Ghost Town in California)  
In Calico Town by a Joshua tree  
A young lady gave a smile to me

To picture her in a ghostly town  
Cactus and the sand blow around

The sand was burnt by the boiling sun  
Plants and animals had no fun

The wagon wheels and the trail they grind  
Where many a prospector's riches did find

They were the way, they used to be  
Today we travel differently

We think of home, and the loved ones there  
Just as though, they were in our care

The wind, and the sage can blow  
I want to go home, to the folks I know.

—By ALBERT BROOKS

## Citizen's forum

### \$2 million to world children

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was filed with The Herald for publication.

Dear Friends of UNICEF,  
On behalf of the Ontario UNICEF Committee, I wish to thank all the people in Ontario who supported UNICEF this past year, through the Halloween collection, generous donations and thoughtful purchases of UNICEF cards and gifts. UNICEF Ontario realized over \$2 million to help the world's children.

The success of our 1985 campaign was due in no small way to the many volunteers who gave their time and enthusiasm to our organization. This was complemented by the warm response UNICEF received from the media in Ontario.

Nineteen eighty six will mark the launch of a major initiative on the part of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) - universal child immunization by 1990. Using simple cost-effective vaccines it is possible to eradicate the six major child-killing and disabling diseases - tetanus, measles, polio, tuberculosis, diphtheria, and whooping cough.

New technologies and methods of delivery of the vaccine, and the commitment of individuals and governments in both developed and developing countries, make it possible to drastically reduce child deaths.

This year, UNICEF also celebrates its 40th anniversary in providing water, nutrition, education and health care to the millions of children whose lives are in jeopardy. The role of the Canadian public and government in extending these basic services to the world's children has been and continues to be both substantial and important.

In our campaign messages we urge Ontarians to "Give the Children A Tomorrow". Your assistance over the past year has done just that for hundreds of thousands of children. May I extend

thanks on behalf of these children and the UNICEF volunteers in Ontario.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Haig,  
Provincial Chairman,  
Ontario UNICEF Committee

### I love rabbits

Dear Sir,  
Christians have always been concerned about the secular emphasis on the Easter rabbit rather than on the saving message of the cross of Jesus Christ. However, the true meaning of Easter can be beautifully portrayed through the Easter bunny and the Easter egg.

I have always loved rabbits. They are clean, colorful, soft and warm, and can cover a great distance in one hop. They reproduce quickly, making them profitable to raise, but are helpless and fall easy prey to their enemies.

God's love for His own Christian people is like my love for rabbits. God is purging and cleaning them for the end-times, and making provision to protect them from their enemies in the difficult days ahead. He fills them with love and warmth. They are reproducing quickly as they hop to and fro throughout the world telling others of the Good News about how Jesus died that they might live forever.

As we see the chocolate rabbits, let us think about God's rabbits, and as we eat our Easter eggs let us remember they represent the new life.

Yours truly,  
Doreen Palmer,  
RR2 Georgetown

### Open House thanks

Dear Sir,  
On behalf of the Open House Committee I would like to thank you and your staff for the coverage we

received on our Community Special Event.

From the initial stages of planning, to the day of our Workshops and Open House, your staff were very supportive.

There were 1,000 residents who attended our event so it was a success.

Sincerely,  
Joy Thompson,  
Recreation and Parks Department

### Feed my sheep

Dear Sir,

Jesus said: Feed my sheep.

I sometimes wonder how well do pastors read the Bible, and how much they really believe. The Bible tells a pastor what he should be doing. Hebrews 13 verse 17 says, their job is to watch over people's souls and God will judge them on how well they do this. I Peter 4 verse 11 says, if you are called to preach, then preach as though God himself were speaking through you.

I think it is time that pastors and preachers should be more concerned about what God is thinking about what they are doing, than worrying what their congregations are thinking. If they are really tuned in with God they will preach what God wants said, not what the people want to hear to suit their itching ears, 2 Timothy 4 verse 3-4. 2 Timothy 4 verse 2 says to preach the word of God at all times, and 2 Timothy 1 verse 7 says, the Holy Spirit does not want us to be afraid of people.

To keep the peace most pastors preach that we are all Christians, and if the people have not heard anything different, that's what they believe. If someone comes along with a different story watch out, it's not always accepted very well. But the truth always hurts, so I would suggest that you get a Bible and find out for yourself who is right. 2 Timothy 4 verse 5 says, bring others to Christ, leave nothing undone.

Andrea DeMonte,  
RR5 Georgetown

Spring is.....

.....in your opinion

## Cleaning, gardens, warmth



Ken Bennett



Mary Knowles



Tim McGrath



Shirley Golden



Barb Dance



Don Uranick

Question: What do you enjoy most about spring?

Ken Bennett: "Getting rid of the dirty old snow and seeing the grass get green again. For older people summer is better than winter."

Mary Knowles: "Just seeing the green of the trees and getting the

garden ready for planting."

Tim McGrath: "Winter is over, good weather is here and I'm looking forward to summer."

Barb Dance: "Getting rid of winter coats and boots, and the warm weather."

Don Uranick: "Getting rid of the snow, seeing the green grass and getting outside again."

Shirley Golden: "The fact snow is over. I travel to work every day. Travelling is much better. Thoughts of warm weather too."