

# Citizen's forum

## No logic in school closures

Dear Sir,  
 Logic? The Board of Education closed down a town school. You want to bus the students out of town to a rural school (Stewarttown). Put in a portable class room until an addition can be built on to the school to handle the over 100 per cent enrolment you will have in Sept. 1986.

You will truck in water when the well supply cannot meet the demand which I understand happens now. Wait until the Grade 6 students are out there. Could I tender a contract to haul the water? You had better do a quick fix to the spetic system and pray it doesn't contaminate the well. You wish to do all this and call it progress? You got some nerve!

I know of three students (mine) that will not partake in this logic. If you wish, call me insane.

This logic equals a person watching his house burn down but telling everyone it's OK. There's enough lumber in the basement to build another one.

I would be more than willing to

meet with anyone from the Board of Education, anytime, prove to me the benefits. I must be damn dumb, I fail to see the logic or benefits.

Yours truly,  
 R. Hiseman,  
 Dayfoot Drive, Georgetown

## Volunteers are great

Dear Sir,  
 Thank you, once again, for your coverage of Volunteer Week.

Because volunteers in Halton Hills contribute so many hours of their time in sports, church, recreational and social service groups, it is important to let them know how much they are appreciated. Without your help it would not be possible.

Thank you to our many volunteers and to your staff.

Sincerely,  
 Maureen McCallum

## Bird watching Sunday

On Sunday Mountsberg Wildlife Centre is dedicating the entire day to our fine feathered friends. There will be ongoing activities such as horse drawn wagon rides, bird house workshops and exhibits on wildlife art by local artists - John Petrella, Bonnie Coulter and the Woodcarver's Guild from the Burlington Cultural Centre.

Visitors will also have a chance to Adopt-a-Bird for \$5 and watch birds being banded and released. The Adopt-a-Bird program was introduced last fall to support the bird banding and research programs at Mountsberg.

Scheduled activities include a guided morning bird hike at 9 a.m. with Bill Read, who has led hikes for various organizations including the Federation of Ontario Naturalists.

Dr. David Brewer, past president of the Ontario Bird Banding Association will present a bird banding session at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Brewer will introduce the techniques of bird banding, highlighting the history, purpose, geography and methods. Bird banding demonstrations will be offered at the Banding Station from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. by Martin Wernaart, Mountsberg's licensed bird bander.

From 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., Peter Van Dyken, a Regional Co-ordinator for a province-wide project on wild bird populations will tell visitors about a new atlas - Breeding Bird Atlas in Ontario.

For an informative walk about birds of prey, visitors can join Jim Aikenhead, education co-ordinator at Mountsberg from 2 to 3 p.m. The Wildlife Walkway is a 1 km trail with live birds of prey in enclosures and a compound with elk and bison.

A session on falconry will be presented from 3 to 4 p.m. by Red Mason from the Pearson International Airport. Mr. Mason will explain the importance of falconry and its use at Pearson.

Mountsberg Wildlife Centre is located on Milborough Line, south of Hwy 401 and west of Campbellville. Take the Burlington-Guelph Line exit from Hwy 401 and go south to Campbellville. Turn right on Campbellville Road and travel for five miles and then turn right on Milborough Line. Mountsberg Wildlife Centre is located about one mile on the left. For further information, please call the Region Conservation Authority 878-4131 (weekdays) or the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre at 354-2276 (weekends).

## Boating safely

Learn to be boatwise. The Halton Hills Public Libraries and the Georgetown Power Squadron are co-hosting a boating safety course for boys and girls ages eight to 13.

The course is Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. starting June 3 to 19 at the Georgetown Public Library.

Registration takes place at the library May 8. Cost is \$10 per child. For more information call 877-2681.

## Hospital grant

Georgetown Memorial Hospital is to receive a \$148,000 operating grant from the Ministry of Health, plus another \$158,000. These two grants go into the hospital's operating budget, to keep the hospital running on a daily basis.



Fred Morris

## A hard worker for hospital

After over a decade of managing the Georgetown Memorial Hospital, hospital administrator Alfred Edward (Fred) Morris was buried at Greenwood Cemetery last week.

A funeral service, attended by about 200 mourners, took place last Wednesday at Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown.

Fred Morris died in the hospital he served. Hospital officials declined to say what caused Mr. Morris' death, but it is generally believed to be lung cancer. He was 58 years old.

Mr. Morris came to the hospital in June 1973 from Toronto General Hospital where he had been assistant administrator.

Although a Burlington resident, the hospital director made many friends among his colleagues and staff, becoming a familiar face in town over the years.

"Certainly he was well loved and respected by all the staff in the organization," his assistant administrator Brian Pollock told The Herald. "In addition to being an excellent administrator he was a very humane person. He touched all the staff at the hospital."

There will be a tribute to Mr. Morris made by the hospital shortly, Mr. Pollock said.

"It's been such a difficult week for all of us here. Everybody's so physically and emotionally drained," the assistant administrator said. He was hired just five months after his boss.

Born in Quebec, Mr. Morris had a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto, attended the Banff School of Management Certificate program and was a member of the Canadian College of Health Services Executives.

Until about four years ago, he served as a member of the Ontario Hospital Association.

During his time at the hospital, Georgetown acquired the Bennett Health Care Centre in 1984. The same year, it also began to operate a four-bed intensive care unit and got an on-site ultra sound machine. Previously the hospital used to have



FRED MORRIS

discussions, there wouldn't have been the Bennett Centre and an active treatment centre."

A witty speaker with a lot of stories in his pocket, Mr. Morris had a way with words, Mr. Armstrong said.

The two men enjoyed playing golf together, a sport Mr. Morris liked very much.

"For a guy who had 'avoir du poids', he did pretty well," Mr. Armstrong chuckled.

He recalled how he used to tease Mr. Morris about his heavy smoking and about whether he was sitting two inches away from the Board table because of his longer arms or bigger stomach.

"He was a very private person. Nobody knew on the street how good or how bad things were in the hospital," Mr. Armstrong said. "He was a great supporter of what he was working for and made us proud too."

Mr. Morris leaves behind son John, a University of Western Ontario third year medical student, and daughter Lillian who lives in Mississauga.

## Arts forum - invaluable input given

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Halton Hills Arts Council, I wish to thank the citizens of Halton Hills for their response to our recent "Public Forum... Growing in a Growing Community". The participants' enthusiastic contribution helped to develop a composite picture of the status of cultural affairs in Halton Hills. It was a successful learning experience for us all.

We are grateful and pleased that Mayor Russ Miller and several of his

councillors were able to be present and actively participate in our attempt to take the community's cultural pulse.

We would be remiss not to acknowledge the invaluable assistance and leadership of Linda Langston of the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, in organizing and conducting the Forum.

Yours truly,  
 Wendy Buykes,  
 President Halton Hills Arts Council

## Nothing like sweet success

Dear Sir,

Our 15th annual book sale was a resounding success and we have realized a profit of over \$2,000 to support our scholarships to the Georgetown and Acton High Schools, our scholarship fund and our donations to community projects.

Thank you to The Herald for helping with our publicity. The Newcomers' Club joined us this year to provide refreshments, and we congratulate them on a splendid display of crafts and baked goods.

McDonald's and the Georgetown and Acton Public Libraries were the drop-off centres for books and we thank Finlay Arnold and Betsy Cornwell and their staffs for cheerfully tripping over books as they worked.

A very special thank you goes to Mr. Morrison, principal of Harrison Public School, and his staff, especially Mrs. McCormick, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Presley. We appreciate that they allowed us to share some of their space to store and sort over 300 boxes of books.

And, we extend our thanks to the people of Halton Hills for their copious donations of books and for their avid support on the day of the sale.

Without each and every one of you, our sale would not have been so successful, and we are happy to provide a service that is so appreciated by everyone.

Yours truly,  
 The University Women's Club of Georgetown

## Reader questions read-a-thon

Dear Sir,

On May 1, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., a read-a-thon will take place at Robert Little School. Participants will include the director of education, the board chairperson, the superintendent of schools, our mayor, a councillor, teachers and school principal as well as all Robert Little School students. Pledge sheets have been assigned to all students who are encouraged by prizes to raise the maximum amount of money for the school. The pledges are for the number of minutes each student is involved in the read-a-thon, and as it is a school day, all children will achieve fully the goals, irrespective of their contribution, effort, or academic gain.

What are we teaching these children? Possibly to expect a full

share of life without effort. Possibly how to raise money for charity.

What is the money being raised for, and who will authorize or administer its expenditure?

This is indirect taxation, admittedly with some volunteer aspects; however, what parent will allow his child to be the only one at school with a blank pledge sheet?

Is this type of activity legislatively defined or even permissible? What the Hell is going on here?

Yours truly,  
 David Watson,  
 Willow St. N., Acton

P.S. Are the funds to be used for kindergarten children to go on a field trip to a dairy farm, as happened in Sarnia? Over half of those children are ill as a result.

## Reunion at Harris Township

Dear Sir,

We invite all former residents of Harris Township to a fun-filled weekend July 26 and 27, 1986.

We would appreciate receiving pictures of former residents, their homes and histories as we are compiling a book for all to see when they visit the Township Office at the reunion.

Thank you for your valuable space. In this way we hope to reach our former residents of Harris Township who might otherwise not receive an invitation to the many planned events of this forthcoming reunion.

Township of Harris Reunion Committee,  
 P.O. Box 129,  
 New Liskeard, Ont P0J 1P0

## Seniors' Week

Want to learn more about what's available in town for seniors? Then turn up at the many booths that will be set up at key locations in Halton Hills in June.

The Elderly Services Advisory Committee of Halton is putting on a "Seniors' Awareness Week" June 16-21 and some 40 to 50 health and social services organizations which serve the elderly are taking part.

The province designates June "senior citizens month" each year and holding a seniors' awareness week in June makes sense.

## Bowling is Fun!

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