

Election talk

Trying to make points with who-knows-who, MPP Cam Jackson is talking political blarney these days.

How else can you explain his senseless name-calling over Bill 77 which has created a new riding for Halton Hills.

Like a Mississippi steamboat which chugs along slowly, but blows off a lot of steam, Mr. Jackson seems to be expending a lot of pre-election energy for naught.

The Burlington South MPP isn't happy with a Halton North riding for the next provincial election. Halton Hills and Milton will be linked together, replacing the old Halton-Burlington riding, currently held by Don Knight.

Most importantly, he's angry some of his Burlington residents will be represented in a riding consisting primarily of Oakville constituents (Oakville South).

Mr. Jackson feels a 3,000-name petition supporting a complete Burlington riding, plus the "lack of transit links or common media coverage" are solid reasons to oppose Bill 77. A Conservative, he blames Liberal Don Knight for deserting his Burlington constituents and serving his own personal interests, then chastises him for not doing his job in the Burlington part of his riding.

We think it's nonsense a political riding has to be joined together by transit links or common media coverage. Halton Hills by this criteria has never enjoyed such luxuries and we've survived nicely.

Similarly, at the Federal level, Brampton-Georgetown has been an effective 'mixed' riding and Georgetown has not been left out in the cold. By examining the federal PC riding association executive, some might say Georgetown is over-represented.

Rather than criticize Mr. Knight for voting for Bill 77, perhaps Mr. Jackson should look at his own personal motives in the matter. It sounds like election talk to us.

Stumped for answers

Another cherished old section of town has given way to the bulldozer and work crews.

Mountainview Road from the southwest corner of Dominion Seed House property along to the Greenwood Cemetery has been scarred.

Power lines and street lighting have been moved back to make way for a five-lane widening of the road. That in itself is not such a bad transition. Full of potholes and dangerous for pedestrians, Mountainview Road north of Guelph Street needed widening, curbs and proper asphalt.

But we're lamenting the loss of those beautiful full-grown trees that are a part of old Georgetown.

By comparison, that stretch of road now looks like a scene from Neil Armstrong's first walk on the moon, plus the cars and hydro wires, of course.

We're not suggesting an alternative method could have saved the majestic giants along Mountainview. But parts of town already look too barren without the benefit of grown maples or oaks. Guelph Street, in places, is a good example of how a road can appear to be the entranceway to a concrete jungle.

Compare Georgetown to London's Forest City and there's a world of difference. Somehow London has managed to live alongside nature, without disturbing it.

In the meantime, we'll have to wait for the young tender trees to grow, replacing the tall, proud stands which are now all in the town's past. Decimated by chainsaws, carried off thoughtlessly in cylindrical cubes, clumped into bunches to be carried off for cordwood...such an unceremonious, indifferent way to be plucked from the ground...

Learned the hard way

Six Canadian amateur athletes learned the hard way last week. Federal sports minister Otto Jelinek intends to stand by his convictions concerning the use of drugs.

sports world has lost two fine athletes (Len Bias and Don Rodgers) due to cocaine use and Wednesday night an American television station re-ran a segment on former Pittsburgh Steelers-Tampa Buccaneers' offensive lineman Steve Courson and his long-term use of steroids. For about 10 years Mr. Courson used steroids to help him get stronger in preparation for the war offensive linemen go through while in the trenches.



Staff comment

By Dan Ralph, Herald Columnist

Mr. Jelinek's decision on the funding ban comes almost a year after he first outlined the government's policy on drug use. At that time Mr. Jelinek's policy stated any Canadian athlete who tested positively for such substances as steroids would be banned for life for federal financial or any other kind of assistance.

Mr. Courson was at training camp last year when during the physical the Bucs' doctor examined the lineman's results and noticed Mr. Courson's heart was beating at 168 beats per minute. The danger present was Mr. Courson could incur heart failure that would leave him dead in a matter of minutes. This ailment was due to his prolonged use of steroids.

The decision by Mr. Jelinek to suspend financial aid to the athletes is a landmark one which is to be commended. There comes a time when there is enough talk, and action must follow in order for all involved to fully understand the governing body is serious in its intentions.

Mr. Courson outlined how at the age of 18 when he first started taking steroids (particularly Dianabol) his weight jumped 20 pounds and bench press increased 75 pounds in just a week. At the time of his medical scare, Courson was in week three of a 16-week steroids cycle.

All athletes were aware of the consequences they'd face if caught with chemical substances in their system. Despite that knowledge, these individuals elected to defy the rules and subsequently were dealt with in a very severe manner.

It's difficult for the average person to understand why intelligent young people persist in using drugs for the objective of improving themselves in athletic activities. The drawbacks of using steroids include kidney and liver failure and ultimately death. Yet still, athletes persist in using them.

Mr. Jelinek's decision on the drug issue comes at a somewhat appropriate time. In past months the

The sports minister's decision on the issue was commendable. He outlined his policy, and enforced it when push came to shove. Those involved knew of the risks, persisted and now have been punished. However, it's such a waste though. A waste of the time and dedication a national calibre athlete must have in order to achieve such a status. A true waste indeed.

Court order ban is ludicrous

I suppose more ludicrous things have happened than the banning of a CBC news report by a Quebec Superior Court judge. But coming up with some concrete examples takes a bit of head scratching, doesn't it?

Fortunately - or perhaps unfortunately - the ban didn't last long and now listeners from coast to coast know what was in that report from the royal commission on the Canadian sealing industry. It could be considered unfortunate only because the lifting of the ban deprives us of a court hearing when, presumably, some judicial authority would have assailed this repugnant form of censorship, and helped ensure it wouldn't happen again.

The injunction to prohibit the CBC from airing contents from the royal commission report was successfully sought by the commission's chairman, Albert Malouf, before Quebec Superior Court Judge Charles Phelan. It was a speedy decision, made without hearing representation from CBC, and brought into effect just before the airing of the 10 p.m. national news.

But apparently what none of the participants realized at the time was that this news goes to Atlantic Canada an hour earlier and the information from the royal commission report already was aired in that region. Naturally, that's the area most affected by the sealing industry.

So the ban had the effect of preventing the CBC from telling listeners west of New Brunswick what it had already told its listeners and viewers in Newfoundland and the Maritimes.



Ottawa Report

By Stewart MacLeod

SERIOUS ABUSE

Quite apart from this ridiculous aspect of the court-ordered ban there is absolutely no justification for any judge granting an injunction for the reasons offered.

Chairman Malouf, himself a judge of the Quebec Court of Appeal, said in his petition that the CBC story, if broadcast, could cause "suffering, hardship and financial loss" in the sealing industry - an industry which, ironically, has had nothing but suffering, hardship and financial loss for the last half-dozen years.

It was also argued that revealing the report prematurely like this - it still hadn't been officially turned over to the federal cabinet - might result in inaccuracies and because it was still a confidential document it was "extremely urgent" that an in-

junction be issued.

Not knowing the report had already been aired in one part of country, Judge Phelan granted the injunction.

When it was discovered the following morning that Atlantic Canada knew all about the report's contents, and that at least four newspapers also had the information, the injunction was promptly lifted.

If the implications weren't so serious, it would be funny. But one can't laugh very much when a court judge bans the dissemination of news on the grounds offered in this case.

OPENS FLOODGATES

With the appropriate scorn which is being heaped on the decision, it probably won't be repeated. But the fact is, a judge has created a Canadian precedent by issuing a gag order on unacceptably flimsy grounds.

To suggest that something shouldn't be "revealed" merely because it is "confidential" would effectively eliminate half the news from Ottawa. About the only things not marked "confidential" around here are the cafeteria menus.

As for the report possibly causing hardship and financial loss, that also stretches the imagination when one considers the condition of today's sealing industry. The commission chairman knows, better than anyone

else, what's contained in his report, and unless there are appendices that have so far escaped reporters' eyes, no further suffering or hardship is indicated.

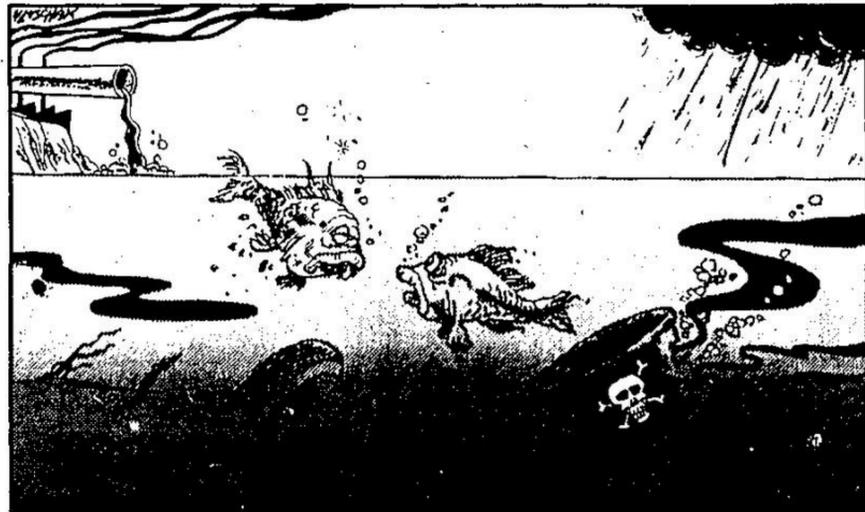
What's recommended, we are told, is compensation of about \$100 million to former sealers; that the hunting of harp seals pups should be banned; that seals are not an endangered species, and that the seal hunt is not as inhumane as we've been led to believe. There are no doubt kilograms of other material - but how it might cause suffering and hardship isn't easy to fathom.

As for the early release of information possibly resulting in journalistic errors, let's not permit that to ever get into the courtroom. The next logical step - or, if you prefer, illogical step - would be an injunction on all stories speculating on what might be in the next throne speech, or the next budget.

As we know from painful experiences, these stories quite often "induce the public into error."

Just imagine for a moment the circus that would have ensued if Pierre Trudeau, during his last two years in office, had successfully sought an injunction against reporters saying he was just about to retire. And surely, the departure of a prime minister, whether confidential or not, has as much urgency as the future of an already dormant industry.

Frankly, I have enough trouble writing for editors, let alone the judiciary.



"THE GOOD NEWS IS FISHERMEN NO LONGER WANT TO CATCH US"

Citizens' forum

No reasonable effect

This letter, addressed to MPP Don Knight, was filed with The Herald for publication.

Dear Sir, As a member of your constituency I feel obliged to express my concerns regarding Bill 94.

The Canada Health Act was first introduced by then Liberal Health Minister Monique Bégin. With the consent of all three major political parties the Act was unconstitutional since health matters were governed on the Provincial Level.

One short year prior to that David Peterson was quoted as saying that extra billing was necessary in order to maintain health care excellence. Conveniently wishing to comply with Federal Law, Mr. Peterson found it politically advantageous to change his view thus signing an accord with Bob Rae.

As a result of these events Bill 94 was passed in the Ontario Legislature on June 20 of this year. Health Care accessibility is a fine concept. However, the wording of the health care accessibility Bill infringes on the rights of both patients and doctors. Doctors no longer have the right to provide their patients with the best health care possible if the Hospital's Global budget can't allow for it.

Patients no longer have the option of paying for necessary treatment when waiting for months or years may prove detrimental to their health. As a patient, I feel that decisions regarding my medical needs are no longer in the hands of my physician but rather in the hands of the government's accountants.

I must congratulate Doctors Halperin and Hoddinott for taking the time to arrange a public forum to inform patients of the ramifications of Bill 94. I understand previous commitments made it impossible for you to attend that forum. Mr. Knight would you be willing to present your views at a public forum on the date of your choice?

On June 20, following passage of Bill 94 there were a number of your constituents among the patients dressed in black who were protesting outside the legislature building. A wave and "It's Federal Law" in response to the question of why you support Bill 94 in my opinion is not a reasonable effort to

communicate with the people you as our voice were supposed to be representing.

Sincerely, Maria Greifender c.c. Georgetown Herald Dr. E. Halperin Dr. B. Hoddinott

Give me liberty

Dear Sir, Merv Lavigne has won an historic victory in the Supreme Court of Ontario for the individual freedom of millions of Canadian workers. Justice John White has ruled that "the use of compulsory dues for purposes other than collective bargaining...cannot be justified in a free and democratic society."

His victory is proof that the little guy can still get justice in Canada, even when opposed by the might of big unionism. Although he was not alone - his court challenge was backed by thousands of supporters of the National Citizens' Coalition - it was an uphill battle all the way.

The scope of the victory is huge. More than three million Canadian workers are forced to pay more than \$1.3 billion in dues each year to unions. John Fryer, president of the National Union of Provincial Government Employees, estimates that 15-20% of dues are used to support political parties and causes. If he's right, that could mean a union elite is funneling about \$200 million into political action each year.

We feel strongly that Canadians should not be compelled to support political views with which they disagree. We agree with John Milne:

"Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue according to conscience, above all liberties." To Merv Lavigne and all those Canadians from sea to sea who sup-

ported him, we can only say: "thank you for standing up for freedom."

Sincerely, Colin Brown, President, National Citizens' Coalition.

Join the parade

Dear Sir, The Acton Agricultural Society will be sponsoring the 73rd Annual Fall Fair on September 19th, 20th, and 21st, 1986. The events cover the three-day period from Friday to Sunday.

On Saturday, September 20th, there will be a parade through the Town of Acton from McKenzie-Smith Middle School to the fair grounds at Prospect Park starting at 12:00 noon. The parade covers a distance of approximately 3.5 kilometres.

At this point we are contacting all groups and individuals who may be interested in participating in the parade. This year, as in the past, prizes (1st, 2nd and 3rd) will be given for the best floats in the parade as selected by our panel of judges.

Please mark the date on your calendar and take an active part in your Fall Fair Parade. If you plan on participating, please give me a call at your earliest convenience. Phone: 853-3344.

Yours truly, Robert E.M. Johnston, Director - Acton Agricultural Society, Chairman - Fall Fair Parade Committee.

QUESTION: If you had the choice of buying your favorite car, what would it be?

In your opinion . . .

What's your dream machine?



Andrew McVelgh: "A Lamberghini. It's a nice car and it's fast too."



Wayne MacEachern: "A Lotus turbo. It's a nice-looking and it's fast."



Lu Wagner: "What does Bob Borker have on his shows? ... a Lincoln. Why not, they're sleek and nice-looking."



Teresa Matheson: "A Toyota Supra. I travel in a Toyota all the time. They never break down and they're easy on gas."



Art LeBlanc: "I'd have a Buick. Like I said, is there any other GM cars (in our family) from the time I was knee high and up."



Haigaz Assadourian: "I never really had a thought about a big expensive car. Any car (in our family) from the good times."

Halton's History from our files

THIRTY YEARS AGO Terry Kennedy, 9, was one of three children interviewed by CFJB radio in Brampton when the station visited Lakewood Camp for crippled children near Port Colborne. Terry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kennedy.

Edward (Ted) Scott, 30, of Toronto was hired as a Georgetown police officer. He replaces Forrest Inch, now chief of Palmerston. Town council received the resignation of Constable Clifford Found who quit to take over a Petrofina Service station.

H. Reed Hunter, son of Mrs. Harry Hunter of Norval and the late Harry Hunter, was called to the Bar of the Law Society of Upper Canada. The graduate of Georgetown High School and Queen's University is practising law in Toronto.

Ted MacCormack, 49, died in Toronto General Hospital. He was a Main Street druggist for 20 years and held high offices in the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges. He leaves wife Mabel and son William.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO Lorne Stephenson is the new manager of Georgetown's Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. He succeeds Don Wingrove who managed the bank for 15 years. Mr. Stephenson comes from Kapuskasing where he was manager for 11 years.

The Norval Mets presented a new trophy to the Intercity Football League. The Gerry Nash Memorial Trophy is in honor of one of their players. Gerry (Nipper) Nash was the victim of a car accident July 10.

Five Quebec high school girls are the guests of five local girls as part of a student exchange program sponsored by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. Connie Allan of RR1 Georgetown, Elizabeth Carney of Ann Street, Debi Caruso of Charles Street, Patricia Syme of Raylawn Crescent and Cathy Krowchuk of Pennington Crescent will have visitors from Quebec.

Audrey Symmes designed a trophy for the North Halton Golf and Country Club's invitational tournament. The trophy uses the swan motif.

TEN YEARS AGO Seven Georgetown Jaycees rode to the Montreal Olympics to raise money for the Sunshine School in Hornby. They made the trip in 30 hours and averaged a speed of 13 miles per hour. The riders, who alternated on three bicycles, were Paul Atkinson, Mel Fawcett, Bill Gassner, Ray Roberts, Gary Scott, Dave Tyrell and Steve Tyrell.

Norman Lee, a geologist graduate, believes he will be more successful running a restaurant. He bought the King Wah Restaurant on Main Street which opens as the Shangri-la Garden this week.

Three new teachers were hired in Halton Hills. They are Janet Lawson, Stewarttown Senior School; Robert Crawford, George Kennedy Public School and Nancy Wilhelm, Pineview Public School. Johan Wilkinson of Acton High School and Dorothea McInnis of Georgetown District High School retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Stompin Tom Connors celebrated the birth of Tom Charles Connors Junior. The baby was born June 14 in Guelph and weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz.

FIVE YEARS AGO Georgetown Rotary Club president Bob Foskett bid farewell to Barbara Treviranus who is leaving for Denmark as a Rotary exchange student. The 19-year-old exchange student will be the guest of the Kogge (35 kilometres from Copenhagen) Rotary Club.

Stacey Hurley was defeated by Toronto player Patty Henderson in the semi-finals of the Ontario Closed Tennis tournament. Third ranked Stacey was not good enough for the top ranked Toronto player.

Limehouse's Joe Scott came home from the Canadian Youth Opportunities United track and field meet with a gold medal and two silvers. Joe is a member of the Worldwide Church of God and was competing in the Regina with 250 fellow church members between 12 and 20 years old.

Acton defeated Georgetown in mixed C Intercity Tennis four games to two. Marilyn Serjentantson and Ann Kennedy, John Rice and Linda Rice were among the Georgetown losers.