

# Support the Centre

Keeping cultural alive is more than a slogan. It takes the participation and enthusiasm of an entire community to make it happen.

years ago this month when the ribbon was cut and the town opened its own gallery and theatre.

Since that time, hundreds of musicians, artists and patrons have passed through the doors of the Halton Hills Library-Cultural Centre.

To celebrate the opening of the Centre, town staff and volunteers have worked hard to schedule entertainment for the week of Oct. 14-19.

Show your support of the arts by taking in one of the shows. This is truly a week where there is something for everyone. There are children's shows, plays, youth choirs, professional guitarists and jazz musicians at the John Elliott Theatre.

You can't beat the variety - it's like re-living an Ed Sullivan show from the sixties.

Come on out and support the arts, support the Centre. It's yours.



There were many visionaries in the arts community who worked to build a library-cultural centre for Halton Hills. It was five

## A unique village

Children can't always learn best while they're in the classroom. They learn by doing.

That's why we're pleased with the Halton Regional Police Force. They announced last week plans to open a children's safety village.

The unique village is a miniature community with streets, traffic lights, sidewalks and curbs. Children learn safety in a protected environment by using miniature, battery-operated vehicles and bicycles.

The police force initiated and worked hard to bring a

children's safety village to Halton. The Region provided land and many companies have donated materials and money, such as Georgetown's Unilock Ltd. and Varian Canada Inc.

Teaching safety at a young age, in a way it will be remembered, has a lasting effect on school children.

Children have to learn defensive tactics in order to avoid the careless drivers on our roadways. And remember - these youngsters are the drivers of tomorrow. The earlier they pick up the importance of safety, the better off they'll be.

## Back to basics

When a group of university students can't pass a multiple choice quiz on literacy, we have to wonder what the system is doing to our students.

Or should we be blaming the students?

Sept. 14 the Toronto Star reported that 42 per cent of freshmen at McMaster University failed a literacy test.

To say we have first year university students who can't write a paragraph is a sad comment.

More than ever, our society depends on people who can clearly communicate their ideas to others. We're on the verge of a new information order, where the communication of ideas becomes all-important.

## On Saturday I was searching for a body



### Staff Comment

By SANDY CAMPBELL  
Herald Staff

Not everyone who wears a uniform is a professional. A uniform is a strong statement. Not everyone who slips one on can live up to the responsibility.

Saturday, Halton Hills residents got the chance to try ill-fitting clothes and were able to be firefighters, just for a moment. It was open house at the Georgetown station on Maple Avenue.

The handles of the Hurst Jaws of Life, capable of biting through steel, were in the hands of ordinary citizens. A few more daring citizens climbed the extension ladder of a fire truck and directed its angel from the crows nest. There were the high-spirited who stepped into a harness and slid down a rope the way someone escaping a fire might.

And there was the smoke house. The smoke house is a building about the size of a small cottage. Smoke is funnelled in from a furnace where hay is burned.

Volunteers, weighed down by oxygen tanks, heavy rubber boots and canvas coats enter the house on their knees. They are searching for a body, and that body will probably be on the floor.

On Saturday I was searching for a body. Led into the building on my hands and knees by someone with experience, we began our search. I held on to a strap tied to the leader's belt.

It is easy to get lost in the dark building filled with smoke. Portable lights were not used. Smoke house visitors were asked to feel their way through the corridors of the building.

Noise from the oxygen tank makes it possible to communicate only by yelling. And even then, sounds are muffled by a light-fitting clear mask. Still, firefighters must communicate as they sweep along walls, behind doors and under furniture, trying to find anyone unconscious.

The same principles practised in the smoke house are applied in a real fire. Only heat is added, about 1200 to 1500 degrees of heat. That means flames might also be a threat.

Still, a firefighter must comb the building, checking closets and other nooks. If it is dark, the firefighters must remember the route they used, in case they leave using the same way.

A firefighter must realize when it is time to leave and hope that the path to the outside has not been blocked by fire. He must make certain he doesn't run out of air. There is a warning system on air tanks that goes off when about ten minutes of air is left.

There may be windows to escape from. This becomes necessary if someone is found in the thick smoke, or another emergency occurs, such as a shortage of air.

The smoke house was real enough to me. So real, that I wondered whether I would panic in a fire. I understand why anyone would.

There are 45 volunteer firefighters in Georgetown and 35 in Acton. They have earned the right to wear the uniform. Each is trained, and many have years of experience.

Even though Saturday's exhibition was not for real it was clear that the volunteer firefighters take their work very seriously. The greatest care was taken to make certain everyone was safe.

The firefighters are undoubtedly professionals and I have a lot of confidence in their abilities.

# Liberals could expose big myth



## Ottawa Report

By Stewart MacLeod

With a great deal of unsolicited help from Senator Keith Davey, the Liberal Party of Canada may be exposing one of its proudest claims as nothing more than a gigantic myth.

The claim, in existence since at least 1935, is that the Liberal Party, invariably settles its internal differences in private. In public, the Liberals have treated us to an unstinting display of solidarity behind the leader of the day, whether it be Louis St. Laurent, Lester Pearson, Pierre Trudeau or John Turner.

Meanwhile, tradition has it that the Progressive Conservatives, whenever they feel a fight brewing, lock up the backrooms so the battle can be fought in public. It's the Tories who have given popularity to such expressions as "washing dirty linen in public", "outdoor bloodletting", and, in a more humorous vein, "unity in diversity".

And, without fail, it has always been the Liberal Party as such that got the credit for outward unity, while it was the Conservative Party as such that was consistently criticized for drawing blood in front of innocent children.

Perhaps, with the aforementioned assistance from Senator Davey, and a sprinkling of unhappy Grits, the whole premise should be re-examined.

### FIRST CHANCE

What we should be questioning, in the light of unfolding events, is whether party unity is related to Liberalism, or merely to the party in power. And, by the same token, we can wonder whether infighting is indeed a Tory trait, or whether it simply goes with being in opposition.

It's a bit too early to tell, given the fledgling state of the Liberal experiment in inter-ethnic warfare. And, given the fact that the Tories have been in power for only two years, it's also too early to tell whether their unaccustomed unity is more apparent than real.

But it's a fascinating watch, as Liberals take sides around Senator Davey's controversial book and the leadership of John Turner. Furthermore, as the Liberals go through the delegate-selection process leading to the crucial November convention, it's almost a replay of the Tory convention of 1983.

Even the questions being asked of delegates are the same. Just substitute the name of Mr. Turner for that of former Tory leader Joe Clark as delegates are questioned about their views on the leadership.

And just about every day - as it was in the Clark era - Mr. Turner is asked whether he thinks he can survive the review vote. And just as Clark before him, he expresses con-

fidence. Meanwhile, like 1983, there is sniper fire from scattered parts of the country as individual delegates come out in favor of a leadership review. Former Quebec Liberal MP Marcel Dionne sounded exactly like a traditional Tory when he recently declared, in reference to people in his riding, that "they reject totally our leader".

"I am not looking over my shoulder," said an outwardly confident Mr. Turner. Three years ago, as I recall, Joe Clark said exactly the same thing.

Now, as minister of external affairs, Mr. Clark is a much-admired statesman, far above messy partisan politics as he mounts the podium at the United Nations. He is the epitome of your traditional Liberal.

### MORE COMPARISONS

Meanwhile, Senator Davey is reminding us more and more of a younger Dalton Camp, back in the days of John Diefenbaker. Why, even Liberal Party President Iona Campagnolo is claiming that the good senator is slapping her leader in the back.

Furthermore, and again talking like a true-blue traditional Tory, she suggests that the senator is not acting alone. Wow, a conspiracy. And you would have to go back a generation or two to hear that word used within the Liberal Party. The Tories had a copyright on it.

Of course, one could suspect that Mrs. Campagnolo didn't thank much of the senator's book, The Rain-

maker. In it, he says the president "allows her emotions to outdistance her intellect."

Then there was that story from the riding of Calgary South about the pro-Turner executive being swamped by a pro-review membership which featured the arrival of busloads of unexpected delegates. Remember Brian Mulroney's delegates from the Old Brewery Mission?

And, in the context of today's events, who can avoid thinking of Mr. Clark's 1983 comment that "it's healthy for a party to exchange divergent views in public." The updated version of that comes from Mr. Turner: "I promised to open up the party", he says.

He did, too. But I doubt whether the opening was performed the way he originally had in mind.

After the November convention, the Liberals might well return to their rally-round-the-leader traditions, and the Tories will, perhaps, start throwing daggers in the general direction of their leader. It's too early to tell. But, in the meantime, the painful adjustment from power to opposition, and vice-versa, is providing us with some rather exciting spectator sport.

It sure beats the Canadian Football League of late.

## Halton's History

from our files

### 30 years ago

Quick acting firefighters saved the barn of Jack Tost near the high school in Georgetown. Neighbor Joe Armstrong thought he saw smoke coming from the barn and called Mr. Tost who called the fire department.

"I know the town is growing fast, but do we need daily bulletins?" said Ted Girard. He was commenting on the quickly changing town highway sign with the population posted on it. The population of Georgetown is 6,252.

Georgetown's Jack O'Lantern restaurant opened a new dining room. The Main Street dining room was opened by Ralph Lennie who lives on Ewing Street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Edwin Leslie married in the Home United Church. They will be living on the groom's farm. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Leslie and the bride, Shirley Anne Giffen, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Giffen of Brampton.

### 15 years ago

Reykjavik, Iceland, was the scene for the Bahai North Atlantic Oceanic Conference. Local residents who attended that conference included: Mrs. Davina Barbery, Mrs. Muriel Barr, Mrs. Lena Emmerson and Wayne Miller.

Elizabeth McKee graduated from St. Michael's Nursing School in Toronto. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick McKee of 15 Byron St. in Georgetown.

Former Georgetown resident George McClure began a new position as the operating head of McCain Foods business activities in Europe. He is a graduate of the Royal Military College in Kingston and he did his post-graduate work at the University of Western Ontario.

Mrs. Dawn Livingstone was the top exhibitor at the Georgetown Fair. She had 53 entries and took home 16 firsts, nine seconds, eight thirds and six fourths.

### 10 years ago

Dave Elliot of Georgetown and Mary Carlyle of Toronto were married in the Alderwood United Church in Acton. The couple will be living on Mill Street in Acton after their return from their honeymoon in Ottawa.

The Georgetown District High School Senior Rebels football team won their first game in two years by defeating Perdue High School 15-0. Paul Allison and Todd Beckett scored the majors for the Rebels.

Gary McFadyen of Georgetown signed with the Toronto Maple Leafs. He was one of three rookies to sign with the Leafs and he will report to the Dallas Stars Hawks.

Georgetown's Mike Dixon is proving he is one of the best cross country runners in North America. He runs for East Tennessee State. Buccaneers who were ranked fifth in the United States last year. In a dual meet with the University of the South Dixon finished in first place.

### 5 years ago

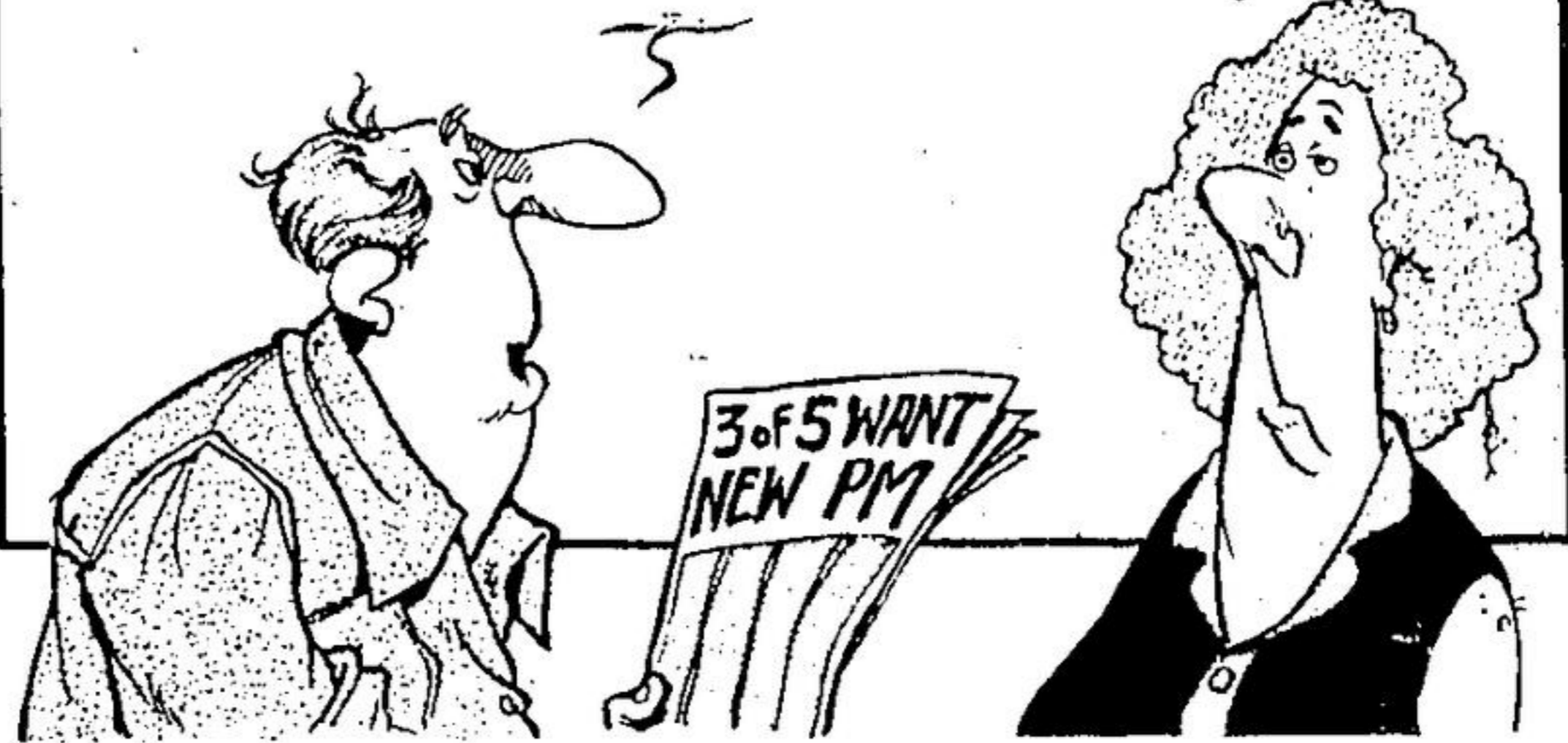
Former Georgetown councillor John Elliott was honored by having the name of the library-cultural centre named after him. Wife Norma and daughters Lois Elliott and Brenda Sissett joined Mayor Pete Pomeroy and building committee chairman Ab Tennant at a press conference about boosting the building fund.

Globe Productions chief Bev Nicholas was one of the entertainers at the Globe's Fall Affair. The evening was to raise funds for the Globe's next production, Cole Porter's Anything Goes.

Allan Cunningham took two third places, a fourth and a fifth at the International Ploving Match at Barrie. Also placing well were Keith Leslie, John Wilson, Rod Wilson, Murray Brechon, Paul Wilkenson and Stewart McPhail.

John Carter is one of the Georgetown Little Theatre's newest actors. He will be starring in Not Now Darling.

A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO,  
THEY LOVED HIS APPROACH-  
NOW THEY'D LOVE HIS  
DEPARTURE



## Citizens' forum

### Direct attack on the family

Dear Sir,  
I am very disturbed to learn that the Ontario Provincial Government is, in a very quiet way, planning to insert the term "sexual orientation" in the Ontario Human Rights Code. This has not been made public by the Government nor has any of the media picked up this story.

The amendment was not originally part of Bill 7 when it was first tabled on April 22, 1986 in the Provincial Parliament. On May 6, 1986, after 2nd Reading of Bill 7 in Committee there was an amendment, Section 17 (a) which proposes to add the term "sexual orientation" to the Human Rights Code. The term "sexual orientation" is not defined in the legislation and therefore causes great concerns including some of the following issues:

1. Sexual Orientation not only includes homosexuality, sodomy and lesbianism, but may perhaps include bestiality (sexual interest in animals), and pedophilia (sexual interest in children);
2. Such an amendment could remove the unique status of marriage and the family as the fundamental unit of our Society. The family could be re-defined. Homosexual and lesbian marriages could be legalized;
3. The legislation could affect the rights of religious groups to hire only those staff members whose life-style is faithful to the beliefs and practices of the religious community;
4. The situation of accommodation is directly affected by the Human Rights Code. A private individual who wants to rent a room in his or her home would lose all freedom in deciding whether or not to rent to homosexuals or lesbians;
5. Other possible examples could encompass the area of "Big Brothers"

where a fatherless child could not be ensured of having a heterosexual model working for him. Similar problems could result with the "Boy Scouts", "Girl Guides" and other similar types of organizations which would expose children to adults in a confined or individual situation.

All these questions and concerns may sound exaggerated but unfortunately from a legal standpoint, this is only the beginning if this legislation goes through. Rights to adoption either public or private by two homosexuals or lesbians surely would be brought into the legal arena for debate on the discrimination issue. In short, there is a direct and unadulterated attack on the family as the cornerstone of social and personal structure in Society and from a Judeo-Christian viewpoint, that has to be viewed very seriously.

The Coalition for Family Values and the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada is trying to evoke some public awareness and media response and to get politicians to at least stop the passage of this amend-

ment at 3rd Reading in this month of October, so that further discussion and public debate could be allowed on this very sensitive and difficult social issue.

In 1981 the Human Rights Code was amended extensively and at that time there was lobbying for this kind of amendment in the Code. The amendment was overwhelmingly rejected after over 150 public submissions were made in public form. Now five years later, not one public submission has been accepted. Rather, after 2nd Reading, the Committee received submissions from a lobby group sponsored by the Canadian Association of Lesbianism and Gay Men, which resulted in this amendment being added after the Bill had passed 1st and 2nd Reading without previous reference to sexual orientation.

Concerned individuals are encouraged to call or write your MPP and find out what his/her stand is on this issue.

Rev. Paul W. Johnson,  
Evangelical Pentecostal  
Tabernacle, Acton

## Thanks to store owner

Dear Sir,  
I would like to publicly acknowledge an act of generosity by Lynn Barnard, owner of Penniesworth of Main Street, Georgetown. She very kindly gave thought to the artisans of Halton Hills when it came to the disposition of a large and beautifully appointed glass cutting table. The Credit Valley Artisans are very pleased to accept her donation of this table which will see good use by members of our Stained Glass Crafters guild.

My thanks goes also to Kelly Dine, the manager of Penniesworth for opening the store on her day off and helping with the transfer of the table

to its new home at The Cottage in Cedarvale Park.

The Credit Valley Artisans is a non-profit organization, established to encourage, support and educate the citizens of Halton Hills in various arts and crafts. It is a great pleasure and is very much appreciated when we in turn are supported by members of the public in this tangible manner.

Yours sincerely,  
Frank Anthony,  
President  
Credit Valley Artisans  
P.O. Box 162  
Georgetown, Ontario

### In your opinion

## Could you be a firefighter?



CHARLES BANKIE: "I would prefer the ambulance work part of the job. I like the work more with human values."

JOHN BURTON: "It would be nice if you had the spare time. I know a few of the fellows. They like the work."

IRFAN ALMA DOANE: "No, I don't think my husband would be the first qualified. I am a nurse and I can't run fast enough or climb stairs fast enough."

DAVE PLEBY: "Not really. I have the time. I had the time I boys would probably be interested. My wife is a nurse."

AP-BUD JARDINE: "Not if I would, I know a few of the boys from Georgetown. I'm interested in anything that helps people."

