

Save the fair

Don't let our Georgetown Fall Fair die. This is a plea to the people in town who might be able to lend a hand and save the fair.

The annual agricultural show has evolved into a fun weekend where there's something to do for all ages.

In a letter to the editor this week, the executive has announced the fair could be cancelled if not enough help is soon found. Volunteers are hard to come by.

A tradition of 140 years would be laid to rest if helpers aren't found.

We'd be the first one to admit it if the fair was obsolete, backward, attended by few and appreciated by none.

Why should the fair be saved? It's part of our rural heritage here in Halton Hills. We started as a farming community and it's important to pass down that link with nature to our children.

The fair brings residents together. It's an annual event, a family day, appreciated by many. Exhibits at the fair expose us to a variety of animals, products and people we wouldn't see every day.

The fall fair is a tradition worth preserving. All that's needed to keep it going is some involvement from the community.

The time was 'now'

The time was "now" to put the wheels in motion. Wisely, Chamber members voted to forge ahead and open an office in town.

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce has made some tough decisions in recent years, but probably none so difficult.

Members are gambling that the time is right to hire a full-time staff person and have an office that's visible to the public.

"As one member put it, 'either you're moving ahead or you're falling behind'."

But there's reason to be optimistic about the Chamber's investment. Georgetown will be growing soon, once the approved Enterac development gets underway.

By opening an office in a strategic location in town, there will be more visits by people and business entrepreneurs from out of town.

More businesses from Georgetown will feel there is a need to join the Chamber, once an office and general manager is hired. There will be more projects and special events and duties that can be handled by a general manager.

Tourism is becoming more important to businesses in north Halton. By having a Chamber office, more people will be encouraged to travel and visit the number of attractions, restaurants and stores we have in Halton Hills.

Like true business entrepreneurs, Chamber members are willing to take a risk that their venture will be successful. That's a good attitude to have. No one profits from staying stagnant or advancing too conservatively.

Butting out on sight



Editor's notebook

By Dave Rowney

Smokers beware. There's an offensive being mounted across Canada during National Non-Smoking Week.

Once air filters were enough, but not anymore. Much like the poison gas attacks on the trenches during the First World War, second-hand smoke is now proven to be a killer.

The health council police is everywhere. "Don't douse their cigarettes until you can see the yellow nicotine on their fingers," said one enforcer I overheard.

While the non-smoker's revolt continues, smokers hide. But there's no use. Militant non-smokers are everywhere: in the schools, businesses, places of public assembly, hospitals, buses. Everywhere!

Employees are being asked to turn in any fellow staff seen smoking on the premises.

Though police are conditioning nervous prisoner in weekly smoking cessation clinics.

Governments are considering new legislation preventing smokers from voting. More money is urged to fight the "smokers underground", known as The Weeds.

The battles continue... here are highlights of what has been done for Halton during non-smoking week, which finishes up today.

Oh Yes, by the way, it's Weedless Wednesday, so don't be caught with any cigarettes in your pocket or purse today.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HALTON?

Hundreds of businesses in Halton have received National Non-smoking Week which will promote the awareness of NNSW and second-hand smoke.

NNSW promotional packages

have gone out to local communities and are to be displayed in libraries, laundry mats, arcades, hospitals, etc.

The Public and Separate School Boards are promoting National Non-smoking Week. Posters of Weedless Wednesday and second-hand smoke are being displayed in all Halton schools.

The four Halton hospitals, Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, Milton District Hospital, Georgetown District Memorial Hospital, and Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital, are participating in a year long campaign with the Health Department's Public Health Nurses to give all new mothers a congratulatory card stating "Congratulations: You have made your contribution to Canada's next generation. We urge you to do your part to make it a generation of non-smokers."

The four Halton hospitals will each be presented the first child born during National Non-smoking Week with a T-shirt that states "1st Generation of Non-smokers".

The mother will receive a T-shirt that states "Second-Hand Smoke Hurts."

A Halton School Smoking Prevention Committee is being set up to develop a comprehensive plan to address the prevention of smoking in Halton schools.

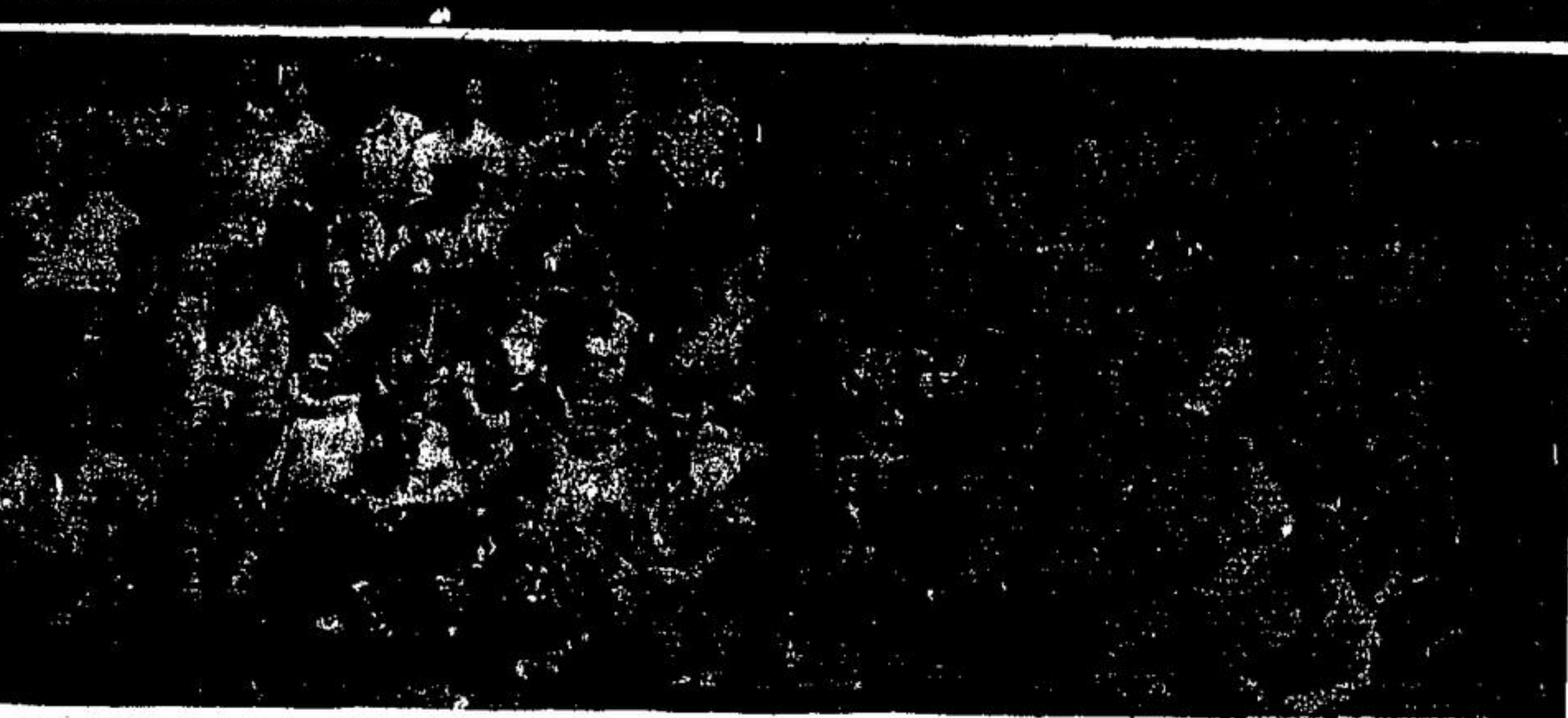
Representatives from the Public and Separate School Boards, the Halton Lung Association, the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Cancer Society, the Addiction Research Foundation, the Victorian Order of Nurses, and the Halton Health Department will be working together on this project.

Smoking Cessation Clinics, sponsored by the Halton Lung Association, will be taking place this winter. All applicants must pre-register with the Halton Lung Association at 832-8499.

March 2 - April 1, COUNTDOWN CLINIC, GEORGETOWN, at John Elliott Theatre, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Cost \$75.

In Halton, NNSW is sponsored by the Halton Council on Smoking and Health. This Council is composed of the Cancer Society, the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Halton Lung Association and the Halton Health Department.

Remember when?



Here's a look back down memory lane to the year 1933 when employees of Georgetown Coated Paper gathered for an office photo. Recognize any old names? Seen here are (back row, left to right) Fred Armstrong, Jack Hughes, Frank Sykes, Jim Fox, Ted Appleyard, Clarence Walters, Jack Addy, Cyril Branford, Mr. Godfrey, Joe Armstrong, Bob Muir, Dennis Tracey, Mr. Sheppard, J. Walters, Roy Ward, Bill Brydon, Jack Ritchie, Henry Sheppard, (second row) Bob Addy, Mrs. McCumber, Pete Brydon, John Sheppard, C. Boyle, Lefty McMann, Jim Boyle, Jack Harrison, Bert Fiddler, Herb Distance, Charlie Thornton, Mr. Tost, Jim Graham, Joe

Cox, Amy Muir, Irene Villa (Mrs. Kelly McMillan), Florence Anthony, Marlon Forgrave (Mrs. Roy Dunham), Norene Forgrave (Mrs. Rob Connelly), Martha Graham, Eitel Smith, (third row) Mr. Creighton, Jack Graham, Gladys Tost, Lily Herrington (Mrs. P. Roe), Bertha Anthon (Mrs. Jack Fox), Flora Graham (Mrs. R. Near), Eitel Younge, Minnie Firestone, (fourth row) Bill Connelly, Jimmy Wiseman, Frank Woods, Tom Givens, Jack Creighton, Ross Thompson, Tom Robinson, Jim Young, Bill Wylie, Jack Fox, Harry Tracey, Roy Norton, Jim Dickinson, (front) H. Emerson, Mr. Stigger. (Photo submitted by Norene Forgrave - Mrs. Rob Connelly of Milton)

Looking decidedly sleazy

Did the superb public relations machine that is the Liberal government here suddenly slip a gear with the reappointment of Ken Keyes as Solicitor-General?

Not only was the event ineptly handled, the decision itself was highly questionable.

And because it was such a doubtful move, the media smelled conspiracy in how it was done.

Remember that Keyes resigned as Solicitor-General Dec. 3 after the Ontario Provincial Police laid charges against him for drinking alcohol illegally on a police boat while conducting a water tour for a Scotland Yard guest.

Four days after the boat ride, Keyes announced a crackdown, against drinking on boats.

Keyes eventually pleaded guilty to the minor liquor offence on Dec. 15 and paid a \$54 fine.

Then, on Jan. 5, Premier David Peterson decided Keyes had suffered enough for his indiscretion and reappointed him as Solicitor-General.

Because the actual swearing-in was done in Hamilton (home of Lieut. Lincoln Alexander) - and announced only after the fact - the media smelled a rat.

"Secret ceremony" is how much of the media characterized it. Normally, swearings-in bring out the trumpets and the Liberal claim that the lack of publicity for this particular appointment was because it

was "routine" simply boggles the mind.

The government then compounded its credibility problem by immediately releasing a letter of support for Keyes from John Bates, president of People To Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (PRIDE).



Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

The province "cannot afford to lose men of Keyes' calibre over a minor incident," Bates wrote.

Originally, Bates said, he was "shocked" at Keyes' actions. It was now okay because Keyes hadn't been driving.

And that's true. What Keyes did do was use an OPP craft as a floating diner and on-duty officers as waiters, which isn't illegal but certainly calls into question the man's judgment.

Even worse for the Grits was their same-time release of the Bates letter and the claim its arrival was coincidence.

Swallowing that is difficult. Even if it were true that the letter handy wasn't planned, somebody should have realized how contrived its release would look and sat on it.

It will be interesting to see if Bates

runs for the Liberals in the next election.

But aside from the bad taste left in media mouths by the mechanics of the appointment (a formal protest about the lack of notice was made by the Queen's Park Press Gallery to Peterson's office), there is a more fundamental effect of the reappointment.

If being charged with this particular offence is serious enough in the first place that Keyes had to resign, what kind of peanthy should conviction draw?

Apparently, in Peterson's eyes, 20 additional days off the job is enough. Why, then, have Keyes resign in the first place?

Both the opposition Conservatives and New Democrats see Keyes' return to that particular post as simply wrong. Keyes was responsible in the Legislature for the OPP and his engaging the OPP in a liquor offence discredited the administration of justice. In their eyes, Keyes should not have gone back to the same job.

Beyond that, though, one has to wonder about the spin-off effect of the whole episode.

Image is a tricky thing in politics. Often, it is more a matter of perception than substance.

And its source is not one event or one group.

It is an amalgamation that includes what is really happening, how that reality is perceived and transmitted by the media, and how the public interprets what it reads and hears.

On this one, the Grits look decidedly sleazy.

Citizens' forum

10 days committee submits 'aid' brief

Dear Sir,

The attached brief was recently sent to a Parliamentary Committee chaired by MP William Winegard. For more on Canada's foreign aid policy, attend a public event Feb. 1 at St. Andrew's United Church, sponsored by the 10 churches of the local "Ten Days for World Development" committee.

Georgetown's Eileen McAuley will show slides of a recent visit to the Philippines. Her topic will be "Hunger for Food: Hunger for Change".

Our Committee represents 10 local churches with congregations totalling well over 3000 people in Georgetown and area. We have been active for several years in promoting public education on Third World development. We are pleased to respond briefly to certain questions raised in the Discussion Paper.

WHAT CONDITIONS SHOULD WE ATTACH TO OUR AID?

Bilateral aid should go only to governments which are striving for self-sufficiency, and whose development policies include provision for

helping their poorest citizens.

Governments known for their abuse of human rights should not receive our aid, although NGOs within those countries could.

WHAT ABOUT TIED AID?

The present level of 80% or our aid tied to buying Canadian goods and services should be drastically reduced. This view is supported by the Economic Council of Canada, the Canadian Council of Churches, and by a large majority of Canadians according to the 1985 Decima poll. Tied aid tends toward large-scale, "hi-tech" projects that do not help the poorest, creates dependency on Canadian food and spare parts, and encourages projects that suit Canada more than they may help the receiving nation. Several of our Third World speakers have emphasized this point.

WHAT CHALLENGES OR INSTITUENTS SHOULD WE USE?

People who attend our meetings are often suspicious of where aid money goes, particularly bilateral (government-to-government) aid: "It

probably ends up in some official's pocket". They tend to be more trusting of NGO's (Non-Government Organizations) such as churches and the Y, whose representatives speak here from time to time.

We would support an increased percentage of CIDA funds going to NGO's, providing such groups are carefully monitored as to the compatibility of their goals with those of the people they help, and providing that NGO's not lose any of their autonomy as a result of government (CIDA) support.

We are concerned about the crushing debt of many Third World countries. In several cases, debt repayments to the "North" exceed all aid and loan money received this year, so the net flow of money and goods is to be the rich countries, not the poor! The economies of the South are then skewed towards cash towards food for domestic use. We would encourage the forgiveness or reduction of such debt.

WHAT ARE OUR PRIORITY TARGETS?

Canadians are generous. They have shown this with personal donations to support Third World projects, and in the Decima poll. It would be quite in line with Canadians wishes to pursue an aid target of 0.7% of GNP within a very few years.

Walter Ridley, Huttonville-Norval United Church; Bill Wickert, Hillcrest United Church; Margaret McCreedy, Holy Cross R.C.; H.J. van Goch, Knox Presbyterian; Neal Mosher, St. Andrew's United; Marg Ridley, Norval United; Henriette Thompson, St. George's Anglican Church; Janet Duval, St. John's United, Georgetown and Glen Williams.

(Georgetown "Ten Days for World Development" committee).

Question: What do you remember most of your high school days at GDHS. Asked of former students at the Centennial reunion auspici Saturday.

In your opinion

Fondest memories of GDHS



JENNIFER REYNOLDS '74 grad.

"I would have to say I remember the phys-ed program - and also they got the swimming finish the year I left. Of the teachers, Mr. Furlong comes to mind."



HEATHER HANSEN '79 grad.

"Being on the white sheet. I liked the fact there was only one high school in town so you got to know everyone. Keeping Sylvia awake in English class."



SYLVIA MURPHY '77 grad.

"Just the social life, really. Not too much about the work. Tomato soup and ice cream sandwiches at the caf."



SHARON HALE ('82-83)

"It was fun. I liked my high school days."



BETTE-ANNE WOODS '79 grad.

"The swim team. I was on the swim team. We were champions for why? Because I two years and all I found it so easy- ever did was the butterfly."



KAREN SMITH (nee Kux) '72 grad.

"Miss Harrison's team. We were German class. Why? Because I ever did was the butterfly. I could speak German."

WRITE US A LETTER

What do you think about what is happening in Halton Hills...in this province...across the nation and around the world?

We are interested in your opinion. The Herald invites its readers to express their opinion through our citizen's forum section.

All letters must be signed and include an address. Your phone number should be listed in order for us to verify the signature. Please keep your letter brief and to the point. The maximum length is 400 words.

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