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Coming to town

So Larry Grossman is coming to town. His visit speaks well of his intentions to fill his party with new ideas and get back to attracting more grass roots support.

Feb. 4 the leader of the provincial Progressive Conservative Party will tour a small business plant in Georgetown, lunch with politicians and discuss agriculture with farmers.

He's even making himself accessible to local media on his one-day, whirlwind tour of Milton, Georgetown and Acton.

It's hard to be cynical about a politician who seeks out opinions from others and is willing to make an extra effort to obtain it. Far from it - we're happy with the attention Mr. Grossman is showing by coming to the newly-formed riding of Halton North.

Mr. Grossman hasn't had time to establish himself. He isn't well known around the province and this sort of exposure could quell any unsubstantiated bias or bad feelings about him.

A trip through our riding at the very least shows he is an accessible political leader who wants to understand better what the people are concerned about.

We're sure he will be getting an earful from local politicians, small business representatives and the farmers.

PC Acton area riding president Ted Hilton promises some straight answers with little double-talk. That too, could be a refreshing change.

Like the new kid on the block, Mr. Grossman is showing he's got lots of energy and a flexibility required to re-build his struggling party.

When Mr. Grossman comes to Halton Hills we hope he likes what he sees. We hope we like what we see.

Battle isn't over

Drinking and driving violators haven't been stopped yet. Not by a long shot.

Here in Halton, our police officers charged more impaired drivers in 1986 than the year before. Last year 127 drivers were charged with impaired driving compared to 84 in 1985. Also, more drivers received a 12-hour suspension for drinking in 1986.

Although our police constables stopped more cars in 1986, it still doesn't excuse the rise in charges.

Aren't people listening out there? We're convinced that people are beginning to listen to their friends and advertisements warning against the dangers of drinking and driving. There's a whole new attitude out there toward the drunk driver. No longer is it a laughing matter when an inebriated person sits behind a wheel and attempts to drive home.

But how can we explain why thoughtless people continue to menace our highways while they are impaired. These released statistics show the battle against drunk drivers is only just beginning. In our minds, this is evidence which can be used by our police and politicians who want to spend more tax dollars to stop the drunk driver.

Statistics can be pretty dry reading even at the most interesting of times. Perhaps these statistics are meaningless to many people.

All it takes is another traffic accident, another tragedy, another senseless victim to bring home the message: we don't want drunk drivers in our community.

Let's hope there doesn't have to be a traffic fatality to make people realize the battle isn't over yet.

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.

Send your letters to:
The Herald,
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High risk persons

Influenza vaccine offers protection

With the onset of winter, the flu season is once again upon us. Those familiar symptoms of cold, cough, fever, chills, weakness, loss of appetite and aching limbs may be signals that the influenza virus has struck. The welcome medical treatment to take to your bed, drink plenty of fluids and generally pamper yourself is usually enough to get you well again within a week. Your staying at home protects your co-workers from catching the virus when you sneeze and cough. One word of caution, when treating fever in children caused by influenza, acetylsalicylic acid (ASA) products should not be used owing to the increased risk of developing Reye's Syndrome.

For some people, however, there can be complications. When the body is weakened by a bout of flu, defenses are lowered and other bacterial infections can occur.

In elderly people and those who are already coping with an existing disease, the body's normal defenses may not be adequate for the fight. These high-risk persons include adults and children with chronic lung conditions, cardiovascular or kidney disease and conditions like diabetes, blood disorders or immunological problems. Residents of

nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities and all senior citizens are at high risk.

Influenza vaccine is available and physicians offer this annual protection to their high-risk patients. Others who should consider routine annual vaccination are persons who provide essential community services such as fire and police departments, and health care personnel. Samples of the major flu virus strains (usually three) that were circulating in the previous year are combined to make the flu vaccine for the current year, and the manufacturers report 70-90 per cent effectiveness in preventing flu.

This year, a new strain of the influenza virus has been detected in outbreaks of influenza in Asia. It has affected children and young adults. This strain is known as Influenza A Taiwan and is not included in the vaccine issued for this year's flu season.

If you are a person who may be seriously affected by influenza now is the time to check with your family physician regarding a flu shot.

For further information, contact Lynda Sellar, Halton's Communicable Disease Coordinator at 878-8113 ext. 378.

Who should be raising children?

Only in Canada, you say?

More's the pity. Where else would the following generate a front-page headline - meaning it is considered both important and new information - in the country's (self-proclaimed) national newspaper:

"Parents, not day-care workers, best to raise children," Epp says.

Epp, of course, is federal Health Minister Jake Epp. The newspaper was the Globe and Mail.

One would have thought that the headline simply described a truism. Apparently, that isn't so nowadays.

Among the immediate reaction stories to The Globe article was a CBC piece narrated in the usual breathless, leftist CBC style.

It showed this obviously relatively affluent woman saying she didn't send her children to daycare because she had to, but because there they could get the "stimulation I can't give them at home."

(When you think about it, that is some commentary on her as a human being as well as a mother.)

Several other articles since have stressed the same point, that daycare beats parenting.

It isn't a new belief, actually. I remember a daycare worker saying to me, "after all, we're trained to do it, parents aren't." That was at an Ontario Coalition for Better Daycare demonstration here a few years ago.



Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

But as the Globe article and other reaction indicates, it has become much more an article of faith among the trendy media.

Yet common sense says it is absurd.

Fortunately, at least some child development experts - those not tied to the idea of treating kids as pawns in a social engineering experiment - suggest that full time daycare for children under four is less satisfac-

tory than home care.

Burton White of the Center for Parent Education in Boston, for example, notes the obvious:

"You cannot feel about other people's children the way you feel about your own. Daycare can't replace parents," he said in a newspaper interview.

The only people who are not as able as child care operators are people who have fairly significant emotional problems," he suggested.

Still, for economic reasons a growing number of families with two working parents are being forced to use daycare.

White suggests going on the role for those first formative years rather than "depriving yourself and your child," of the experience.

But most of us won't do that.

The result is that daycare is becoming an increasing need for many people.

It isn't the first choice - except to those Globe/CBC types above - but a regrettable necessity.

The aim of those who prefer such

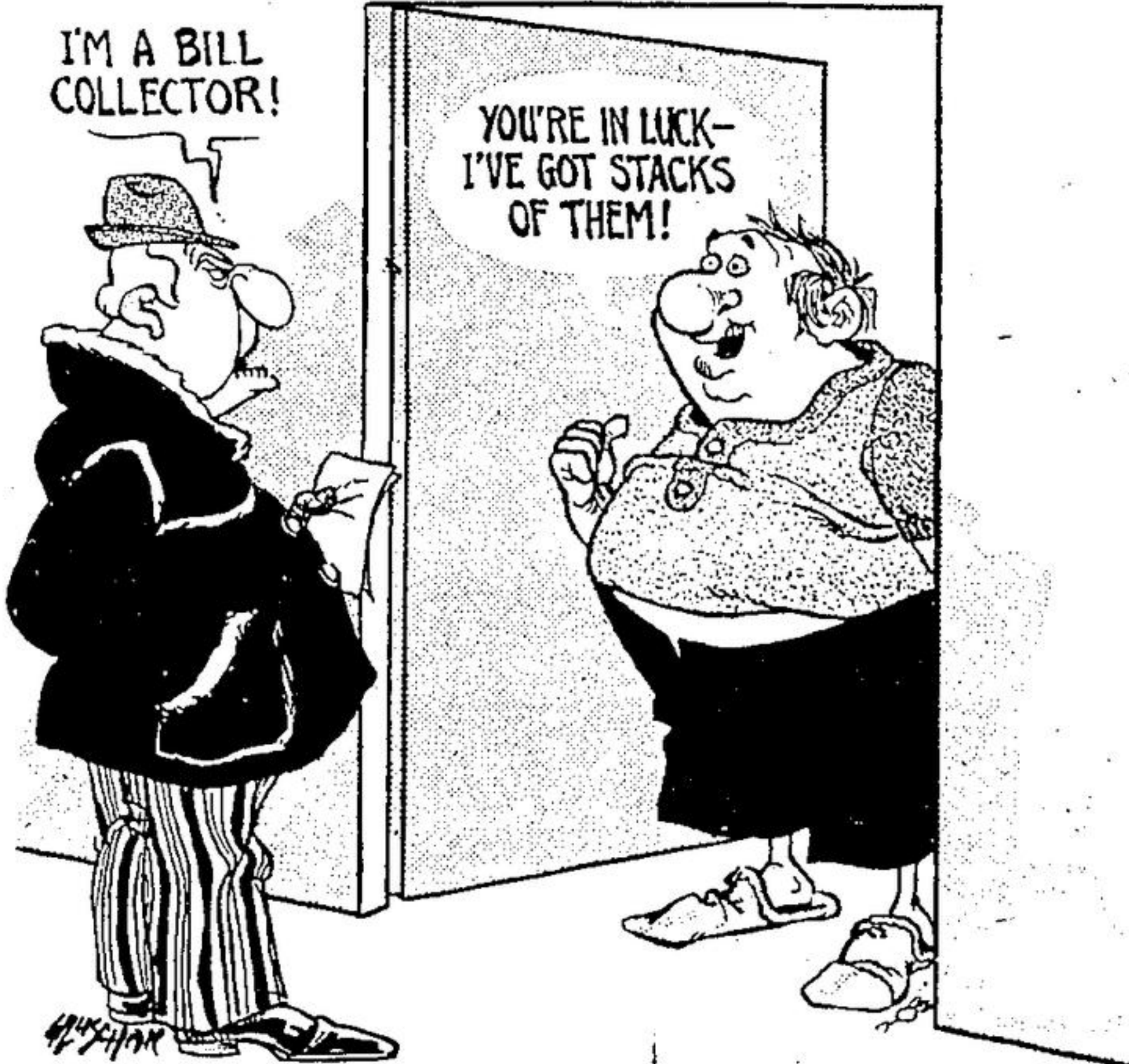
surrogate parenting is to have government-run or mandated universal daycare from which the private sector would be excluded and which would be financed strictly through taxes.

It would be another right like medicare or education. In fact, those who advocate universal daycare call it "early childhood education".

The lobbyists for such daycare will be an insistent background force in Ottawa later this week when Epp meets his provincial counterparts, including Ontario's Community and Social Services Minister John Sweeney, to discuss where the country goes in dealing with medicare.

A suspicious mind might even think the Globe article part of the pressure campaign on Epp.

Much of the talk will be about money - Sweeney keeps pushing his need for federal cash even though daycare is a provincial responsibility - but what comes out of it will also show whether we're lurching further down the road to being government wards from birth to death.



Citizens' forum

Walter a man of super energy

Dear Sir,
Georgetown loses a kind, considerate, polite, and last, but certainly not least, a man of seemingly super energy, this is my thought of Walter Blehn, who, as everyone who knew him, has left to live in another city.

I came to Georgetown in 1938, and Walter arrived on the scene in 1940.

After my war years in Africa, Sicily and Italy, I became addicted to writing sports columns, for the local softball teams, which consisted mostly of factory teams, such as Smith and Stone, Provincial Mill, Alliance Mill, Bakelite; then, Glen Williams, and Limehouse and Huttonville.

I still remember vividly, dropping off my weekly column in the letter slot of the Georgetown Herald, on Main Street.

It certainly was a small concern in those days, one long room, I used to watch in fascination as the paper rolled off the presses, or press, I should say. My column, which I called "Sportlite" always appeared faithfully every week, giving accounts of every game played, and although I worked in Georgetown, I was one of three pitchers for Huttonville.

When I first saw Walter's wife, Mary, I thought she was the most beautiful girl in Georgetown. And, in talking to Walter, many years later, after Mary's passing, he told me, in the kitchen of the log home on Queen Street, that she knew she was attractive, but she never once showed that she was any different in looks than any other woman.

Yes, my last chat with Walter was in the beautiful big log home, the beautiful foyer, the huge kitchen, the

wide and long "staircase" to the upper floor.

I lived for years only a few houses from Walter and Mary, saw them often on walks, a handsome and friendly couple.

I remember Walter telling me how to obtain photo-copies of my old Sportlite columns, of the '40s and '50s, but I failed to obtain them, due to some misunderstanding by the present staff, whether they were obtainable, I do not know.

In looking around, what I saw of Walter's huge log home, I glimpsed many pictures of Mary - to me, a love that will always be with this kind man.

Yes, things aren't going to be the same without seeing Walter's always smiling face, and his jovial manner.

I remember I was a passenger in his car, coming from my cancer checkup, at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto, he asked me if I was in a hurry to get home, I said I wasn't, so he gave me the grand tour of the different west villages surrounding our area.

I thoroughly enjoyed the ride home, he would point out, different, interesting subjects as we drove along.

How he found the energy and fortitude to master all he attempted, is beyond my comprehension.

I know this letter is not at all the way I wanted to show my respect for a man who, to my knowledge, hasn't a bad thought or mark against him!

So, to you St. Catharines, take care of our Walter, and look out, because he has the character to become your citizen of the year.

All Due Respect,
Joseph Stamp,
Georgetown

Searching for snowsleed thief

Dear Sir,
I am writing this letter as a very disgruntled parent. On Saturday, Jan. 24, 1987, we discovered that two GT Snowracers had been stolen from our back porch. The people responsible had to know that we had them because we live in a secluded area and they were not easily seen. The thief had to climb a fence between private yards to steal them. We have followed their tracks and know which direction they went. I have reported this theft to the police who have said that there have been a number of such thefts reported to them.

These are not cheap items. How do children or teenagers get away with taking expensive items home?

We are able to identify our GT Snowracers and plan to search for them. If they are found in possession of anyone, we will not hesitate to take this person to the police. I only hope that the other owners of these stolen GTs can identify theirs and do take action by charging the offenders.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Morey

Cookie drive

Dear Sir,
COOKIES!! Girl Guides cookies orders start Saturday Feb. 7 through your local Brownie, Guides and Pathfinders. Thank you for your support.

Thank you for your assistance.
Respectfully,
Mrs. L. Mohr,
Halton Cookie Convener



30 years ago

Lykle DeVries Jr. left Malton airport bound for Baghdad, Iraq. He will spend four or five months there doing soil tests for a surveying company and will also be working in Pakistan.

Spencer Wilson, a Norval district farmer, was re-elected president of the Esqueving Agricultural Society, also known as the Georgetown Fall Fair Board. He was elected at the annual meeting held at the Esqueving Community Hall.

New officers were installed for the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen at St. George's Anglican Church. Rev. Kenneth Richardson, installed the new president, Ken Robertson of Market Street and vice-president, Gordon Spence of Victoria Street.

15 years ago

The site was chosen for the next Georgetown senior citizen apartment. Zorge Construction of Georgetown will be building the home at the corner of Mountainview Road and Sargent Road.

Kenneth Grant was elected the rector's arden and Howard Briggs the people's warden for St. John's Anglican Church. The election was at the annual vestry meeting and Canon Maxwell presided.

The Georgetown Baseball Association said in a press release this week, they hope the installation of lights at the baseball diamond will finally come. Their goal is to make 1972 the best baseball year ever in Georgetown.

10 years ago

Five local residents were presented with the 1976 achievement awards by Johnson Carvey Ltd. at the company's awards day. Herb Spitzer, Ellen Hogg, Alice Pokuda and Flo Matheson were among the top ten sales people for Johnson and Carvey.

The Georgetown Raiders crushed Dunnville 14-1. Hattricks were scored by Bob Fotheringham and Pat Maloney, and Doug Tate had a pair.

The Rebels wrestling team won the double elimination tournament of the Waterloo-Oxford Invitational. First places went to Frank Meidzinski, Bill Davis and Rick Rodgers.

5 years ago

Kristine Kogon of Georgetown will be advancing to the Ontario finals of the Ontario Heart Fund's Squash Tournament at Georgetown District High School.

World class figure skating duo Kris Barber of Glen Williams and Kelly Johnson of Willowdale will be skating at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships. The pair finished second last year.

Halton Hills Jill Jennifer Pepper finished second in the uneven bars and fifth in the vault to give her a sixth place finish overall at the first qualifying meet of the Ontario Central Region. She was competing in the Junior B division.

Halton Region has a new director of social services. Deborah Oakley will assume her new duties in March. She is a former manager of a Toronto area office of the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

POETS CORNER

EXTRAVAGANCE

These are the times, where our troubles lie
Our governments have failed country left to die
Unions will force all our plants to close
People don't understand as long as pleasure goes
Too many soft jobs, they don't earn their pay
Over paid salaries are a foolish way
Authority is planning buildings, we don't need
Our debts are getting deeper, tax man will bleed
Someone is watching, they have a sharp eye
Country will be up for sale, save it, we can try
Canadians must wake up, it is a sad tale
Failure politicians, we will ride them on a rail
Some politicians, are as contrary as can be
Borrowing foreign money, to live in luxury.
-By ALBERT BROOKS

In your opinion

Question: Are you happy with the decision to hold the Georgetown Fall Fair again?

Should fair be continued?



KEN SIDEBOTOM: "Oh yeah, for sure. I've been in the area since 1967, in the farming end of it and it's something we should try to keep going."



EDWARD BIRD: "I think it was a good decision. I wanted to see it continued. I've helped on the livestock section for 16 years so I know how it's run and the improvements that need to be made to keep it going."



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