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## Building Blocks

Remember when that nasty bully kept chasing after you on your way home from school, plying you with snowballs and filling your hat, mitts and coat with snow?

That's just one instance where the red and white sign of a Block Parent might have been a welcome view. In the community since the 1970s, Block Parents, has

been on the quiet side over the past five years. But it looks as if that will be changing.

Last week, an enthusiastic and energetic group held a meeting to rejuvenate the Block Parents idea.

A group dedicated to protecting children who find themselves being followed, tormented or hurting, before they reach the home stretch, Block Parents is one that can only exist with community support.

For Block Parents depends on volunteers in the community who take the time and trouble to put up the red and white mother and child sign when they're home.

As the new chairperson of the new Halton Hills Block Parent Committee says, it isn't often a disaster will show up on a volunteer's doorstep. Usually, if a child knocks on your door, it's because he wants you to give him a kleenex, blow his nose and check out the knee he scraped. Anything more serious, the police handle.

We're glad for the spirit with which the Block Parents committee is taking on its task, and applaud the move to amalgamate the Georgetown and Acton groups.

Hopefully the townspeople will back these communityminded people and realize what benefits will accrue from living in a Block Parent town. The more signs we have up in town, the more spirit and concern we show for our children, and the greater the deterrent to crime against our youth.

## Playoff drive

Playoff bockey.

Players become tense as they hone their skills for the ultimate contest. Fans eagerly await fierce match-ups and end-to-end rushes from normally reticent defencemen.

It's nearing playoff time and the Georgetown Junior B Gemini players are giving fans sound reason to drive on out to the arena on the weekend.

Playoffs are a matter of timing. It's a psychological moment when the team that's "up", that "wants to win", that gives "second effort", often emerges as champs. Number one teams during the season don't always win the game that declares the ultimate champion.

A case in point. First place Barrie Colts were soundly defeated by a determined Gemini squad over the weekend. Barrie has only lost six games this season. Meanwhile, the Gems are playing a fired-up brand of hockey. Their aggressive style is letting other teams know that they're for real; no more easy wins for league opponents.

The local green, gold and white also defeated Nobleton 42 on the weekend, allowing them to edge closer towards second place. They're currently tied for third place with

Burlington. We've got the momentum and it's beginning to show in the stands. For Kids Night Saturday evening there was an overwhelming display of fan support. We hope it will conunue for the home stretch.

A team with momentum needs an equally committed and enthusiastic base of fan support.

With the town behind the Gemini, the possibilities come playoff time are promising. Help the home team beat the

### Angels draft Turner

Name:

Hanover

Position: Sports

Former Team:

State: 50 w.p.m.

7 stories per day

it needed help.

Ht: 6'1" Wt. 195

Mike

Well, the Georgetown fall fair has

been saved, thanks again to a small

nucleus of workers who voted to con-

Bob Malcolmson, the new presi-

dent of the fair board, will be

presiding over a meeting Feb. 9

(Monday night). Plan to attend if

you can help out or wish to give your

opinion about strengthening the an-nual event. Mr. Malcolmson told us

last week he feels the fair needs to

promote more homegrown talent in

the area of entertainment. The new

president feels confident about the

response from the townsfolk and the

newspapers when the fair board said

Those that never got involved in

the fair, if only to enter a contest,

should think again this year. There's a variety of different categories to

enter if you like flowers, cooking,

ncedlework, knitting, quilting,

crafts and also a children's prize

phone list of the Conveners with

their phone numbers. Get a head

start, learn the rules and start plan-

Plants and Flowers . . . . . . Jean Huddell \$77-2003

Domestic Science . . . . . Jensie Millon 877-2387

Crafts ...... larney Bird 877-0389

Group Exhibit ..... Doris Linksay 877-208

Junior Exhibit . . . . . Elizabeth Inglia 877-942)

Children's Exhibit ...... Dorts Calder

Bob Malcolmson, President ..... 577-2973

you're interested, here's a

linue a 140-year tradition.



Editor's notebook

By Dave Rowney

The Herald Angels are pleased to announce the signing of a new team member, a player that will ensure the team's journalistic prowess for years to come. Mike Turner takes to the field in

his familiar position as sports editor, after being drafted from The Herald's affiliate club, in the northern division, the Hanover Post. Journeyman utility man Sandy Campbell returns to his more

familiar spot as school board and police scribe. Team management praised Campbell's efforts fielding calls, making playbook layouts, scoring overtime feature scoops and taking picture-perfect plays filling in

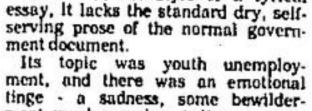
before Turner's arrival. But Turner's background as a performer with a batting average unchallenged in the northem league convinced manage-

ment he was the man they wanted. The latest edition to the Angel lineup started practising with the team last Wednesday but his first test is

Already the new man has made his mark against the competition scoring a tasteful and timely onethird of a hattrick against the fleetfooted Independent broomball team Saturday.

"He's got the goods," claims a member of the coaching staff. "Good offensive skills, blanket coverage of team sports, and a column that sizzies like Henke's fastball.

Turner was the first round draft pick of the Hanover Post, coming from Lambton College in Samia.



sioner Ken Dryden.

ment, and there was an emotional tinge - a sadness, some bewilderment, much querying - to it. It was as though Dryden has put his feelings on paper as much, or

Perhaps the strangest govern-

ment report to cross Press Gallery

desks here in a long time is that from

former Ontarlo Youth Commis-

Written in the style of a lyrical

even more, than his thoughts. He wrote: "There is a great temptation to pull back at the brink, to feel apologetic about complications of issue and response; to feel intimidated by jurisdictional realities; to be embarrassed by visionary

"To abandon the big picture of unemployment, almost without knowing it, to find refuge in the

"To suggest a routine pattern of policies and programs, in a catalogue of recommendations, which makes impressive sense and



Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

at hand; which leaves the impression and fuels the hope that if everything is enacted exactly as recommended, the result will be full employment. "Yet when a bottom line is drawn

under all the proposals...invariably the outcome is not full employment or anything close to it," he conclud-So what he chose to write about for

52 pages was the alternative: what journalists often call the big picture, more a framework for capturing the outlines of youth unemployment than the details where one can lose one's bearings.

And, what Dryden sees as necessary, more than anything else, is a change in social and government attitudes to youth unemployment. Most important, it is the need to understand that such high youth seems consistent with the problem unemployment isn't temporary. It is

Dryden report exposes his feelings

Youth unemployment runs roughly twice the provincial unemployment average, about 21 per cent for those aged 15-19 and 12 per cent among those 20-24. Accepting that such figures will

remain for years, what do we do about it? Dryden says there has to be a shift;

in perspective. He used Sweden and West Germany as examples, noting that by "recognizing unemployment and training as important and permanent problems, they have built permanent responses into their systems."

Then he points out: "There is little noteworthy about how they have

The Swedes and West Germans have tinkered with and changed their programs.

But the principles and goals re-

"Everything takes time...but with a stated goal, there is a clear, understood direction.

"A program targeted at a specific but limited problem may solve that problem, but there its impact will

"It has no coattalls. "A big problem, like unemployment, needs coattails, for there is never enough money..."

So Dryden answers his own ques-Basically, there should be a guarantee of employment for youth, a made-in-Canada version tallored to our own peculiar needs of what

Sweden and West Germany do for their youth. It is a combination of education, of job training as part of the education system and of make-work pro-

But Dryden makes clear that the key is really attitude rather than the individual programs.

He suggests, for example, that most jobs filled as a result of job creation programs would have been filled anyway.

And he understands well that many youth just aren't prepared for the world - "lessons that should have been learned at home, were never taught, or never learned." As a blueprint the report is

useless. As an eloquent guidepost it

is more than worthwhile, it deserves further consideration.



### Citizens' forum

### CAA supports "no fault"

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was sent to The Herald for publica-Judge Coulter A. Osborne,

Commissioner. Ontario Inquiry Into Motor Vehicle Accident Compensation, 180 Dundas Street West, 22nd Floor,

Toronto, Ont. M5G 1Z8 Dear Judge Osborne:

We in the CAA Ontario (formerly Ontario Motor League), support the principle of a modified No Fault Auto Insurance Plan for the province of Ontario.

A detailed examination of the findings of the Slater Task Force on Insurance and the conclusions of Dr. Slater and his colleagues candidly addresses the issue that the tort system for all claims is no longer viable or valid for the citizens of On-

We propose a modified No Fault Plan and our preferred plan is the Michigan versus, for example, the Quebec plan. The Michigan plan has a number of benefits that are not currently available under the Quebec plan, not the least of which is the opportunity to establish thresholds and classifications, payable under the plan, for all except serious injury or fatality. This maintains the right to sue for serious permanent injury and death. Obviously a formula would have to be drafted to define serious permanent injury. Falling that, there could be recourse to an appeal board if there is a disagreement in a decision

regarding permanent injury. In supporting an approved No Fault Plan for Ontario, we do so with a strong recognition that the Insurance Bureau of Canada did make a submission to the Slater task force and outlined a number of benefits and savings, including the follow-

 Quicker loss settlement. -Payments to at-fault victims as well as innocent victims. -More premium dollars returned in through the insurance companies

—Lower administrative costs. -Greater emphasis on rehabilita--Greater predictability than under

the present system.

 Containment of costs. The IBC also proposed the possibility that tort be allowed to remain in place for any excess wage loss beyond the no tort benefits. We think this would abort the purpose of the No Fault Plan. We believe this could be better handled by an extended first party coverage basis, available on an option for the insured. We do strongly support the

proposal for tort action on death and serious permanent injury. The No Fault Plan as established in Michigan proves that such a plan

provides impressive savings. Our support is qualified and must be based on the assurance from the insurance industry that savings and benefits would flow through to the benefit of Ontario motorists, thus reducing the extremely high level of premiums paid by Ontario motorists. Otherwise, the entire exercise would have no purpose or value in correcting many of the deficiencies that currently exist.

We in CAA Ontario represent over one million motorists in Ontario, a very sizeable percentage of the total auto insured body in the province.

Support for such action is evidenced in a recent survey conducted by one of our Member Clubs. 68 per cent favored the implementation of a No Fault Insurance Plan In the Province of Ontario. For this reason, we sincerely hope that you will be able to bring down a plan, operated but regulated and controlled by the provincial government that will ameliorate the very high cost to the insured in Ontario.

Our special appreciation to you for taking on this important task. We wish you well in your deliberations.

Sincerely. CAA Ontario, Frank Cauley President

#### Town reunion

Dear Sir, 1987 will mark the 75th anniver-

sary of the town of Matheson which is situated in Northern Ontario. To honour this occasion the town's community groups have joined together to plan a gigantic celebration from June 26 to July 1. Many events are planned: reunions native celebrations, parade fireworks, street dances, fashlon shows, firefighter tournaments, heritage displays and many more are in the planning stage. For more information, please contact the Anniversary Committee, Box 457, Matheson, Ontario, Pok 1No. We're looking forward to hearing Thank you,

75th Anniversary Committee

In your opinion

The second annual Bridal Show Saturday at Holy Cross Auditorium, provided the opportunity to ask who

should have the final say in planning

## Who has the final say



it should be split, mutual decision, married. I think ing for it. But the left up to the work it out." bride. Actually,

the man has very

little say about

anyway."

much of it



financially the outfits."

carefree with the

parents' money."





YOUNG: "I'd say "It should be a "The couple being "The person pay. DONOGHUE: CRICHTON; because it's the her day, so she dress is usually groom should stay out of it. That should mutually bride's day. The should have the is, as long as they agree on things bride or her fami- overall say." don't get too like the colors of ly is paying for 90 per cent of the bill anyway. But the main point is, it's the bride's day."

# History from our files

30 years ago

Ruby Tennant, the daughter of Samuel Tennant and the late Norma Tennant, married Ronald Cecil, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mansfield. Rev. J. Maxwell officiated at the wedding at St. John's Anglican

Two home and school associations were formed, Mrs. Joe Emmerson was picked president of the Chapel Street group, and Roy Hansen was chosen president of the Wrigglesworth group.

With a season average of 222, Bill Anderson is leading the scoring race in the industrial bowling league, Bill bowls for the Anderson team which is fifth in the standings.

The Lions Club welcomed six new members. They are: Clarence Heslop, Jim Robertson, Harold Fobert, Frank Jamieson, George Smurthwaite and Tony Martin. Former Georgetown resident George Graham was the guest speaker.

15 years ago

The Jaycees International nowmobile Ruces in Georgetown this weekend will be covered by CTV's Wide World of Sports. Racers will be zooming around the half mile oval in a quest for \$6,000 in prize

Connie Allan was selected Queen of the Georgetown high school Winter Carnival. Other contestants included: Nanci McNeil, Jennie Laing, Theresa Tudge, Gail Greenaway, Tara Kaulback, Helga Massar, Bonnie White and Janie Williams.

Because they won a Thomson newspapers contest, a Georgetown couple will be flying to England. Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett were one of 12 chosen for the trip.

A team skipped by Ron Hopkins won the Repburn trophy. Edna Murray, Helen Archer, Bob Bruce and Eleanor Hogarth were also on the

#### 10 years ago

Town council voted to change the name of the Georgetown Lions Club pool called the Georgetown Outdoor Pool. The pool at the rear of Memorial 'Arena should be renamed the Dick Licata Memorial Pool, council decided. Herald correspondent Dorothy McLean was honored by the Norval

Community Association for her contributions to the community. She was presented with a silver tray engraved with the words "Norval Community Association, 1976". Acton skater Kevin Parker has qualified to skate in the Conadian

Figure Skating Championships as a Junior. He is the Eastern Canada Junior Men's Champion. Skip Judy Middaugh and her curling team won Georgetown's North Halton Golf and Country Club ladies bonsplel. Also on the team were

the presentation. 5 years ago

June McClure, Myrna Gordon and

Lorna Core. Anne Timmons made

Ab Tennant is the new Georgetown Citizen of the Year. Personal and financial commitment to the community earned the lifelong resident of Georgetown the honor. For their 20 years of service to the Georgetown Little Theatre, Jo and Les Heed were recognized in The

the company's latest production, Our Town. Georgetown Flat-track motorcycle racer Jon Cornwell took first places in two ice races this weekend. ills victories came at the Lakefield Fairgrounds and at Lake Scugog in

Herald. The couple were working on

#### POETS CORNER

When a lad, didn't get much pay, had to work a 10 hour day You would save all you could, for self support, so you should As that bank roll did accumulate, your opportunity they were great Then some scheme, of oil and gold, this great story I was sold All my nest egg I did part, lost in a racket, a broken heart There are crooks, and there are the just, watch your step or go bust Now I'm old, I've grown lean, only. trust what I have seen.

-By ALBERT BROOKS