

Home run hitter Bradley benched



Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson

During the Liberals' first 18 months in power, one of the home run hitters in Premier David Peterson's cabinet was Environment Minister Jim Bradley.

Then, suddenly, last sitting, Peterson benched him during a key game. It is quite clear why.

But what isn't so certain is how a smart politician like Bradley could get himself into such a fix in the first place.

The (non-funny, non-trivial) game in question was how tough the government was going to be on a major polluter, the Kimberley-Clark pulp mill in Northwestern Ontario.

In the final analysis it went easy, giving in to threats from the company to close the plant if the government was too demanding about cleaning up the pollution.

And that makes sense. Thousands of people in five communities are heavily dependent on the operation. And Kimberley-Clark can plead poverty. The plant does lose money.

On the other hand, the effluent pouring from Kimb-Clark was seen by many environmentalists as a symbol of how well Bradley was going to live up to his boasts about cracking down on polluters.

A control order imposed by the

already reached and made new demands on Kimberley-Clark. But the company wouldn't play. It screamed and talked of shutting down the mill.

Suddenly, Bradley was no longer in charge of negotiations. The Premier's office took over.

The reason was simple. Peterson had no desire to see a chunk of Northwestern Ontario thrown into genuine economic depression just so Bradley could justify his macho anti-pollution rhetoric.

A committee of deputy ministers, led by Cabinet secretary Bob Carman - the province's top bureaucrat - was sent in to save the day.

They did. Kimberley-Clark basically got what it wanted, a three-year extension of the old deadline and no final commitment.

"If the company and the government determine that compliance is not feasible, the company and the government shall develop an alternative toxicity improvement program."

"The company reserves its full rights to suspend or terminate operations at Terrace Bay if necessary to comply with the order," it reads.

Bradley had so little to do with it

that he had to be flown back from New York to sign the final agreement.

Yet, for the next couple of weeks in the Legislature, Peterson heaped such extravagant praise upon Bradley that some people thought it was verging on mockery.

But why did Bradley get himself into such a fix in the first place? The cover story being put out by his people is that he was sandbagged by his own bureaucrats, all really Tories at heart.

But Bradley has explicitly denied (to me) that his civil servants tried to put one over on him.

Interestingly, when Bradley's communications assistant was asked to explain the process surrounding repudiation of the initial agreement, he refused, only the second time in a decade here I've encountered such resistance to discuss process.

That in itself says something. Bradley is still one of Peterson's better ministers, with several successes to his credit and a clear vision of where the Environment Ministry should be going.

So it becomes even more puzzling how he could have been so stupid about Kimberley-Clark.

Students are back

Our students are growing more militant. Or is that too strong a word? They are, however, becoming more responsible, acting as the conscience for those of us preoccupied with paying bills, raising families and keeping our jobs.

Those who still remember the turbulent sixties recall how easy it was to start a protest. Anything to do with government and big business, "the establishment", was a target. Marches, signs, songs and slogans were a trademark of the thousands of baby boomers unhappy with their lot in life.

Then a funny thing happened. The baby boomers grew up. They raised families, bought houses and cars and soon forgot about the struggles of their generation. In the late seventies students discovered that low marks and sit-ins wouldn't land them a job in a competitive marketplace.

The voice of youth cried out for high paying work, turning inwards rather than protesting against social problems, global poverty and nuclear disarmament.

For more than a decade social ills and military might went relatively unchallenged by youth. But the tide seems to be turning. At Georgetown District High School a new anti-nuclear group has formed, adding to the voice of the adult group HAND (Halton Hills Action for Nuclear Disarmament). At GDHS last week, students by the hundreds marched about and handed out white armbands protesting the return of cruise missile testing in Canada.

In Acton, a concerned students' movement has formed an anti-drinking and driving awareness campaign. They've recently held an assembly to warn fellow students about the dangers of drinking and driving.

From our contact with students, we've noticed a change in their outlook. They're studying the sixties with renewed interest. We predict you'll hear more of a voice from our youth in the near future, speaking out on national and international issues.

And that's good for us all. The voices have been silent for too long.

Calling cards

We might as well be leaving calling cards. Police in Halton Hills are having a hard time keeping up with the rise in auto thefts. And we're at fault.

Thieves are finding it easy when they go out to steal cars. In January there were 33 auto thefts. More than half of the vehicles stolen weren't locked.

Some residents had their cars stolen because they left keys in the ignition. Three cars in January were stolen in this manner. What many people may not realize is that it is illegal to leave keys in an unattended car, according to a local bylaw.

Halton police officers will be cracking down on motorists who are making it easy for thieves. Police will be checking cars in parking lots and even in residential areas to remind us of our responsibilities as car owners. Cars left open will have Lock It Or Lose It cards placed on the windshield. The cards are a reminder to motorists that most of the nearly 2,000 vehicles entered in Halton last year were unlocked.

And a car doesn't have to be driven for a joyride by thieves. Sometimes all a criminal is looking for is something of interest in the backseat, such as a case of cigarettes, or a bag of groceries. Don't be outsmarted by a thief.



Editor's notebook

By Dave Rowney

Spring can't be far off and before you know it, the Canadian Cancer Society will be kicking off its April campaign. In Georgetown a breakfast is being hosted by Curwood Packaging to start things off April 1, at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. As Curwood President Barry Kodwell says, "April first may be all fools' day, but it's not foolishness to believe that between us this year, Georgetown will top \$100,000."

Valdy, the discount food retailer in Georgetown, has a new manager. She's Mary Elliott, who was promoted from Valdy's Guelph store, where she was assistant manager. Her mother-in-law lives in Georgetown and she's proud of her daughter-in-law's recent promotion.

We don't print unsigned letters, illegible letters or potentially libellous letters. However, it's worth bringing up a couple of points mentioned in letters we weren't able to use verbatim.

One man complains that double-bagging his trash isn't enough anymore. Noting that setting traps, poisoning and shooting dogs is illegal, he suggests substantial fines for dog owners, when trash is spread about by their pets. He also suggests that offenders be penalized more severely for repeat offences.

Hockey is almost over, but a parent has written us pondering the ups and downs of our national game

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.

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, 45 Guelph Street, Georgetown, Ont., L7G 3Z6.

Citizens' forum

A St. Patrick's greeting

Dear Sir,
I am living up here in Cambridge now since last month, but I do be down in Limehouse off and on. There is no one on the farm any more, but Vincent keeps an eye on it. I am sending you an article for your paper for St. Patrick's day. I hope you have all been well, the winter not too cold.
Best wishes to you all
Catharine Graham

COUNTY ARMAGH
Armagh is in the province of Ulster. It is the smallest county, but one of the most important. The city of Armagh, sprawled over seven hills, used to be the centre of farming for Europe. It was here St. Patrick has his headquarters. From here he sent missionaries all over Europe to bring Christianity to the Europeans. There are two fine cathedrals here also. The Church of Ireland Cathedral and the Catholic

Cathedral of St. Patrick. Another feature of Armagh is the observatory, close to the recent planetarium and Hall of Astronomy. Armagh has got one of the most advanced facilities for astronomical studies in Europe. It would have been very interesting to visit here, but never got around to it on my many visits to Ireland, but maybe someday I will
Catharine Graham
Cambridge, Ontario.

Reunion plans day at Mohawk

The Centennial Committee, under the Chairmanship of Tom Beer, has reserved 100 tickets for the Third Centennial get-together at the Mohawk Raceway, March 27.

The cost of the evening will be \$16 per person. This will cover buffet dinner, entrance to the racetrack, program, taxes and gratuity. All former students, past and present teachers and past and present trustees are invited to this reunion event.

Get a group of classmates and purchase your tickets from Sheena Kewley (877-6906). All tickets are on a first-come first-served basis.

How many generations of your family have attended the high school? Please send names and when they attended. We would like to record the names of families with three or more generations.

Calling all sweethearts who attended the high school, dated and got married and are still married (to each other). Send your names (maiden names included) and these will be published in the Centennial Book. First couple to date is Vernon

McCumber and Kay Mulholland they got married in 1940 and live on Chapel Street.

Write the information and send to Mr. Ramnautsingh at the high school.

BACK FOR '87

Do you, your parents, teachers or friends know the following? Please phone any information you have to the high school (877-6906) or send to this newspaper.

1. Student Council Presidents for these years: For all years prior to 1957 and 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985.
2. Valedictorians for these years: Before and including 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1969, 1985, 1986.
3. Queens for the following years: For all years prior to 1959 and 1969, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986.

4. Editors of the Year Book for the following years: 1964, 1965, 1966, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984.

5. J.L. Lambert award winners for the following year: 1971.

6. A.M. Baxter Award Winners for the following years: 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1981, 1985, 1986.

7. Board Chairman for the following years: For all years prior to 1959 and 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1968, 1969.

8. Georgetown Representative on Halton Board of Education for the following years: 1970, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985.

We would like to include all the above in the Centennial Book. With your help we could honor all these people. Please state your name and phone number when submitting names.
Send to: Tom Ramnautsingh, Editor, Centennial Book, C.D.H.S., Centennial Committee, P.O. Box 1887, Georgetown, Ontario L7G4T1 (877-6906)



REMEMBER WHEN? THIS PHOTO IS A CLASS OF STUDENTS FROM 1951.

Halton's History from our files

30 years ago

For the second straight year the Norval Juniors won the Milton Milling trophy. They defeated Palomro three games to none. In that final game Peter Pomeroy was the high scorer with two goals.

Council voted 5-4 in favor of appointing Clarence Benham, the acting town clerk, as clerk-treasurer and collector of taxes and water rates. The week before the approval a motion was passed to reject that appointment.

Nationally known bandmaster Alfred Perrot has returned to lead the Lorne Scots band after a one year absence. The man who led the band to over 20 cups in his 25 years as conductor accepted the post, but without military connection.

15 years ago

Louise Milton, 16, of Georgetown District High School was picked the school's "Young Voyager" and will be taking an expense paid trip to British Columbia this summer. The purpose of the trip is to acquaint students with areas of the country unfamiliar to them and to improve national relations.

Mrs. John Mills of 70 Maple Avenue was the first to spot a robin this year. She sited it Feb. 25.

The Canadian Quarterhouse of the year was from Georgetown this year. The stallion, Sugar Joe Reed, is owned by Roy and Joan Johnson of RR1, Georgetown.

10 years ago

Patti Barber, 15, was chosen the Georgetown District High School Snow Queen. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Barber. Lorraine Ballantine was the first runner-up and Sheryl Leinweber was the second runner-up.

The Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service held their annual general meeting. Andy Fenton was elected chief and Eric Stone is the new deputy chief.

The OHA Intermediate "A" Georgetown Chrysler Raiders ended their winning streak at five games with a 3-2 loss to Dundas, Doug Tate and Brad Butterworth gave the Raiders their only goals.

The Neilson Crispy Crunchers dumped Acton 6-2 in the second game of their two game total goals series. Goal scorers were Jamie Hansen with a pair, and singles were added by Bill Kent, Joe Spitzer, Curt Brownlee and Alex Virag.

5 years ago

News on whether or not the television show "Opry North" filmed at the Norval Junction will be televised will soon be known. The show is expected to be aired in April on CTV.

Ontario Lieutenant-Governor John Aird will be holding the starting gun when the Jaycees 15th Crazy Boat Race begins March 27. C.N.F.Y. radio personalities Pete and Geets are expected to provide some comic relief.

Four Georgetown District High School wrestlers qualified for the OFSSA championships. Bob DeGuidice, Jeff Knight, Bob Sweezy and Rob Hepple will be travelling to Windsor for the provincial championships.

POETS' CORNER

RAIN GO AWAY
Fields are wet and soggy, tractors dare to tread
Getting stuck. It's hopeless, keep them in the shed
The fields they are so fresh, and of a tender green
Air is pure relaxing, no better beauty ever seen
The trees are changing color golden red and brown
Sunshine is in hiding, the rain is falling down
The streams are overflowing, all out of control
If the rain don't go away, it's bound to take its toll
There are thousands of acres of crop out in the rain
It could mean a shortage of that special grain
Growers feel so helpless, nothing they can do
If they try the old way, they need sunshine too.
—By ALBERT BROOKS