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## Rural intruders

There's good news and bad news in the far reaches of our town boundary.

Last week it was announced that Brampton Brick Ltd. would be allowed to use land in the Cheltenham area for a quarry, pending certain conditions.

For the good news, we learned that Peel Region staff didn't recommend as first choice a dump site for the north-west section of Brampton bordering on Halton Hills and Norval.

The Cheltenham decision is a bitter pill to swallow. Residents for years have had to put up with repeated threats to develop the old Cheltenham brickyard. They have every reason to be puzzled by the go-ahead given by the Niagara Escarpment Commission. Over the history of the fight, there have been times when they were assured the site would not be re-opened to shale extraction to make bricks.

When the Town of Caledon sold the land to the provincial government, it was under and informal understanding the land would be used for a park. It wasn't until the Ministry of Natural Resources entered the scene that the land designation was changed to allow mineral extraction.

This left the NEC members in a difficult position. The land has been zoned properly to allow for a quarry site. However, there is a strong group opposing the decision and their attempts at voicing their concerns has fallen on deaf ears. The residents have been short-changed.

A plan approving the mineral extraction was approved by provincial cabinet in 1985. What was changed once by cabinet should be changed again in favor of the Cheltenham people who call the area around the site their home.

Not to be dealt two death-blows in one week, residents in the Norval area of Halton Hills breathed a sigh of relief.

Peel staff released a report indicating that a dump site in north-east Brampton near Airport Road is preferable to land bordering on the 17th Sideroad and Mississauga Road and Winston Churchill Boulevard.

The north-west Brampton site is prime agricultural farm land and many rural residents fear for the loss of quality in their well water required for homes and livestock. Another primary concern is the increased travel of trucks which could be expected along Winston Churchill Boulevard - especially if the old Norval Bridge is replaced as scheduled.

Still, the Peel staff report is a preliminary step in selecting a dump site and the final decision isn't going to be known at least until 1990, it is expected.

Rural residents know the true value of living in the country in Norval, Cheltenham and Terra Cotta. They've had to fight a hard fight and will continue to do so to protect their homes from environmental intruders.

## Symbolic step

Affordable shelter for low-income families, single parents and seniors isn't easily attained in the region of Halton.

That's why we're glad Halton Region is taking steps to alleviate the situation.

Today Regional council will vote on whether to support a \$150,000 proposal to assist the development of non-profit housing projects in Halton.

It's a symbolic step for the Region to approve the spending.

Everyone would prefer the private sector to take the lead in providing affordable and assisted housing projects, but it hasn't happened. Now it's time for the Region to step in.

## Call us Look Out!



### Editor's notebook

By Dave Roney

We're continuing to receive kudos and comments about our new weekend newspaper called Outlook. One of our last readers sent a message along praising our humor columnist Ian Weir for tackling the sensitive topic of women's rights and REAL Women. Now there's a writer with guts.

A while ago we had an interesting visit from Frank Irwin of River Drive in Georgetown. He told us of a town named Outlook in Saskatchewan, which is about 50 miles south of Saskatoon. "It's a place where I visit with friends about twice a year," he said.

Outlook, Saskatchewan is called the "irrigation capital of the Prairies," according to a postcard Mr. Irwin left with us. He also brought along a newspaper clipping about a bridge on the South Saskatchewan River that was damaged by a 9,000-litre gas storage tank linked to a semi-trailer truck.

After the bridge had suffered repeated damage by passing trucks, the local editor suggested the name into town be changed from Outlook to "Look Out!"

Do you want an elected regional chairman? In neighboring Peel, former Acton resident Frank Beah, who is the Peel Regional Chairman, prefers the status quo.

He recently wrote the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to make his points known. Says the chairman, "While there is some argument that we are not 'accountable' to the public, despite this, in most regions it's working well. My council is on record on more than one occasion saying, 'if it's not broken, don't fix it'."

His comments against having an elected chairman: it's costly to have the election and the municipality with the largest population controls the vote.

There's some other major disadvantages Mr. Beah points out. The former Minister of Municipal Affairs Claude Bennett suggested the candidates for chairman would have to find a ward where they could be elected. In this means, the elected chairman would be responsible for his ward constituents, the regional councillors plus having administrative duties dealing with staff, the general public business, and other levels of government. It's too much to ask of one position, he argues.

If Halton Region ever went to electing its chairman, candidates in Halton Hills would have a tough time of it with our small population. As it is now, chairmen from the smaller centres can be seen as the honest brokers who can do a good job of mediating disputes between larger municipalities on the warpath against one another.

Tom Politi has been working hard putting together a historical display about Wigglesworth Public School. Closed down, after a consolidation report recommended that it be declared surplus, Wigglesworth nevertheless has its memories.

Mr. Politi was one of the parents who fought the consolidation report. But he stayed on to help with the transition stage when students were moved to other schools.

Part of the transition involved collecting and saving former relics from the school. He passed on to us for our files some interesting information about the closed school.

A fact sheet provided to us reveals that the school's highest enrolment was at 570 and the lowest was 203 pupils.

In 1955 a \$31,000 town debenture was issued for a four room addition to the school.

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## PM part of popularity problem



### Ottawa Report

By Stewart MacLeod

close to the prime minister.

**OTHERS ATTACKED**  
Ever since the Tories began dropping so dramatically in the polls, the blame has been generously scattered by MPs. At first it was merely a communications problem, or as Mr. Mulroney would say, "we're not getting our message across."

Then particular cabinet ministers were singled out. It was common to hear complaints - and still is - from MPs about how ministers are "letting the prime minister down." This accusation applied to everything from travel expenses to scandals.

More recently, the attack has been focused on Mr. Mulroney's own staff, as we have been told over and over again that "the prime minister's own officials are letting him down."

And there were recent reports that Senator Norman Atkins, who managed Mr. Mulroney's successful 1984 campaign, had singled out a

half-dozen Mulroney aides who should be replaced.

A great deal of the criticism has been directed at Fred Doucet, the prime minister's chief of staff, and Bernard Roy, Mr. Mulroney's principle secretary.

In fact, it's difficult to think of any senior Mulroney employee who hasn't been cited for criticism in the last few months. And this certainly includes Dalton Camp, the highly articulate former party president and newspaper columnist, who was brought into the prime minister's office as a widely perceived miracle worker.

**HIGH HOPES**  
The Camp appointment created enormous expectations for a quick reversal in party popularity and predictions about a changed prime ministerial image. It was assumed that the Atkins-Camp team could perform wonders within weeks.

Many MPs are becoming a mite impatient in this respect.

"There is absolutely no question that Mr. Mulroney's personality is a real problem for us," said one western MP, after spending a week in his riding. "But he's also the man who just two years ago managed to elect 210 of us along with himself."

So far, despite the fact that Tory popularity has reached the lowest level ever recorded by a governing party in Canada, Prime Minister Mulroney has not been subjected to much criticism from his own troops.

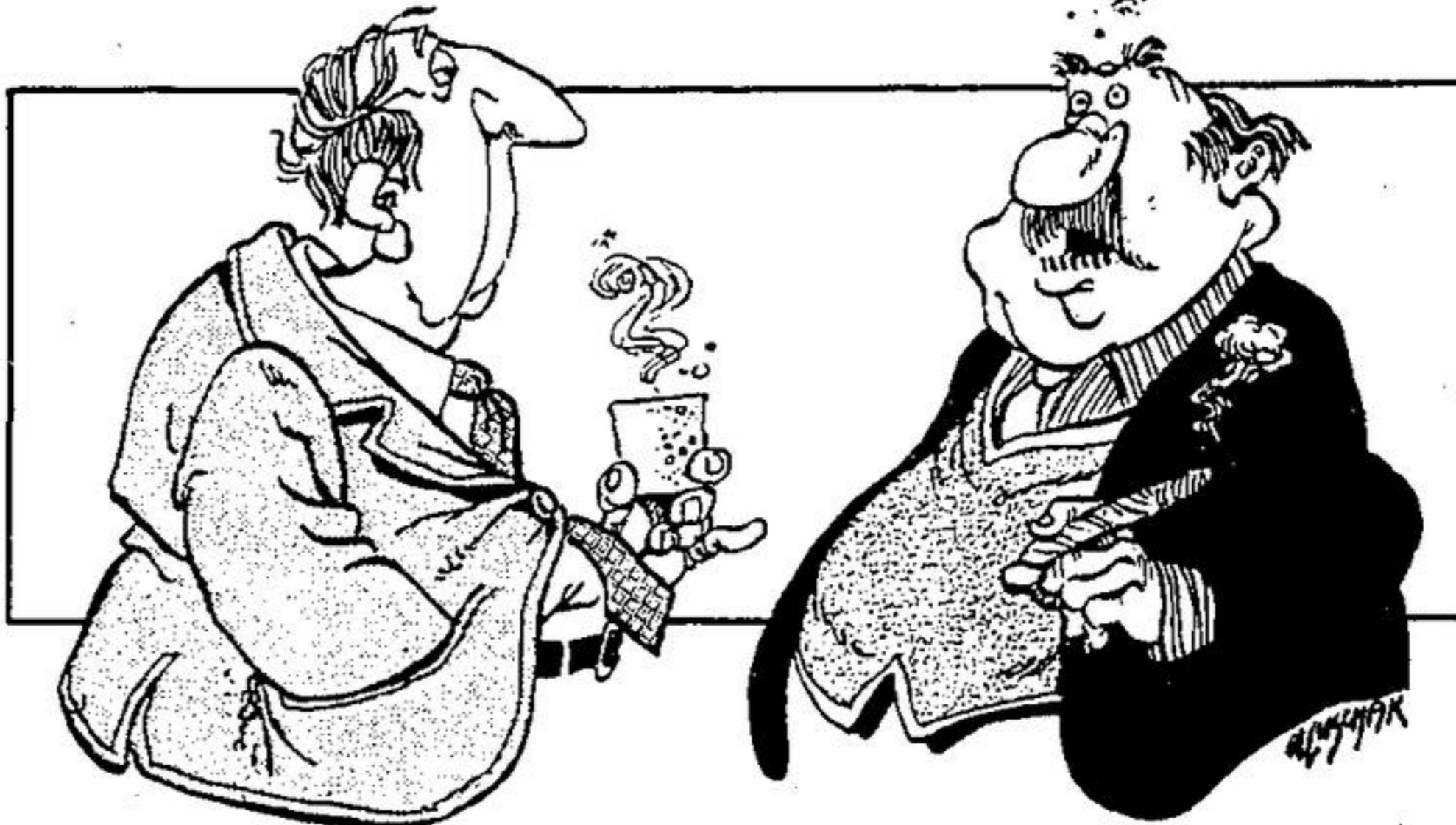
In public, at least. But the fire is getting dangerously close to him. And this is why it's so important to the prime minister that, somehow, the Tories' free fall in the polls be halted rather quickly.

After their winter break, Conservative MPs came back to Ottawa with clear messages from their constituents that Mr. Mulroney is a very large part of the party's popularity problem. And while the message may be muted by the MPs, there are acute concerns within the party that rumblings of discontent may soon break out in the open.

And, as John Diefenbaker learned so painfully, once it starts it can gain momentum with astonishing rapidity.

This came to mind when Vancouver MP Chuck Cook, parliamentary secretary to the president of Treasury Board, told a television reporter that voters were being turned off by "Irish blarney."

That, it seemed to me, was bringing the sniper fire perilously



"I'VE BEEN A CONSERVATIVE ALL MY LIFE, BUT SOMEHOW IT FEELS LONGER."

## Citizens' forum

### No barbs intended at meeting

Your article "Steeplechase not on track for '87" left out some important details - details that were brought to your attention during the budget meeting and the following Monday before press time.

When the Town Budget Committee received the request for the steeplechase at G.D.H.S. nobody in their comments was attempting to foster negative feelings towards the school Principal Barbara Singleton. In fact, it was clearly stated that the process for such a request was in question not the person who originated the request. Investigation of the matter over the weekend produced some interesting results.

The Principal did follow accepted practice in making her request through the Recreation Director. When her request was denied by him she accepted it as final and moved on to other fund-raising methods. Mrs. Singleton never requested that this issue come before Budget Committee nor did she have any knowledge that her request was going that route.

It was also stated at the budget meeting that if any Councillor is upset that such a request could be made by the Board (without its knowledge) that the Council should get to the Board to tell them that employees should not be making such requests of Council.

This statement was made in an attempt to clarify how Council wants the Board or its employees to approach Council for funding in the future so that such requests do not cause such a furor. I might add that the Board like anyone else has the right to approach Council for funding without ridicule.

It is most unfortunate that this particular request reached Budget Committee without the express wish of the person who was doing the requesting.

It is even more unfortunate that this issue was blown all our of proportion.

The track at G.D.H.S. and all its facilities will be a great source of pride and recreation for the entire community. Perhaps in the not-too-distant future, the Town can play

some part in its success - This was not the year.

Sincerely,  
Betty Fisher  
Councillor, Ward 3

### Stay away from rivers

Dear Sir,

The wonderful fun of winter sports can turn into a tragedy very quickly - just because someone did not obey a simple safety rule.

For this reason, it is particularly important at this time of year that children:

Stay away from swollen rivers and their slippery banks.

Use equipment safely, and acquire an understanding of the rights of others to ensure that everyone has a safe and happy March Break.

Yours truly,

Arlene Finlay  
Water Safety Chairperson  
Georgetown Red Cross

### Thanks to contributors

Dear Sir,

Again, as in the years since 1983, some local businesses and individuals donated prizes and trophies for the best photographers in Photoart '87, the present exhibition of photographs by Halton Hills photographers at the gallery of the Cultural Centre in Georgetown.

On behalf of the Library, who is the sponsor of this exhibition, I want to say "thank you" to:

Paul C. Armstrong Insurance Brokers Ltd.,  
Arctac Incorporated,  
Georgetown Fabrics,

Halton Camera Exchange,  
Bruce and Margaret Harding,  
Peter G. Moss Photography,  
Oxbow Books,  
TWG Travel Incorporated, and  
Young's Pharmacy Ltd.

John Sommer

### Red Cross month is here

Dear Sir,

March is Red Cross month. Other years we would be out canvassing and saying hello to you: the rural supporters and businesses in Acton.

As you know, the United Way has come into Acton and is a partner of the Red Cross. This arrangement leaves out many who are used to donating in March. I would just like to say 1) we miss seeing you at this time of year 2) we miss your support 3) thank you for your grand support in the past. Also, we would like you to know donations can still be presented at the Acton Red Cross office, at Frits Dehaan's home, 60 Mowbray Place in Acton.

Thanks for all your support, and remember the Red Cross will be there when and if you need them.

kindest regards  
Morg Dedman,  
Public Relations Officer.

### 30 years ago

Gord Bird was awarded a trophy for his performance in three courses at the Ryerson Institute of Technology. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bird of RR3 Georgetown and is a 1956 graduate in electronic technology.

Kirstin Leslie of Rockwood married Robert Heaton of Glen Williams. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Leslie of Rockwood, and the groom is the son of Mrs. Wilson Heaton of Glen Williams. They were married by Rev. Kenneth Richardson at St. Alban's Anglican Church in Glen Williams.

The Junior Raiders evened their score in games with Welland in playoff play with a 4-1 victory.

### 15 years ago

Rev. Robert Scrivens announced to his congregation he is leaving St. John's United Church in June. Rev. Scrivens was at the church five years and succeeded Rev. Ian Fleming.

If the efforts of Joseph Severin of 18 Marilyn Cres. are successful, Georgetown will be the home of an Elks Club. So far 20 people are interested but 15 more are needed.

Marilyn Gorth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Gorth, 38 Delrex Blvd., married Eric Peavoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peavoy, in St. George's Anglican Church. Rev. Robert Gallagher officiated and George De Kleer was the organist.

### 10 years ago

A 12-year-old Stewarttown girl who won \$250 in a poster competition has donated her winnings to the Oakville Humane Society for the general upkeep of the building. Brenda Wieland gave the cheque to the society while on a tour of the building.

After losing the first playoff game against Port Colborne, Georgetown Chrysler Raider Coach Junior Tibbits lashed out at his players. "They were digging. We weren't," he said after the 4-2 loss.

Debbie Lane won a trophy for her high single the day in the Master Bantam Tournament. George Archibald grouped with Julie McCorry and Bill Hay for a fourth place finish.

### 5 years ago

Ab Tenant was toasted at the Georgetown Lions Club for being nominated the Georgetown Citizen of the Year. The Lions had a dinner and speeches in honor of Mr. Tenant.

Lucy Feller of Georgetown celebrated her 60th birthday with an open house March 28. Her family held a celebration at 60 Park Ave.

Patty Cutara relinquished her Snow Queen crown to the 1982 Queen Lisa Burke. The crowning was part of the Georgetown District High School's Winter Carnival.

## POETS CORNER

### WILL PIONEERS BE FORGOTTEN

As a farmer I have lived on the fifth line Halton Hills 70 years. In an area of 15000 acres in North Halton, of farmers 50 years ago. There are only 8 sons descended that are farming as far as I know. It used to be a farmer wanted a son to take over.

Government, big business, inflation, education, made it impossible for some.

Most farms today are rich mens playgrounds. Changing times forced our boys to other jobs, easy money. A well established farm today can make a good living.

Most of our farms will be sold to foreigners who will over produce our market.

Wake up counselors do you realize our farmers are quitting. On an average, 100 acres in 20 years could cost you taxes fire insurance 80,000 dollars at 3000 a year, then the expense of building fences, you could be taxed for improvements, so lets quit.

The words of one pioneer, "The country is run by Educated fools now passed on", was he right?

-By ALBERT BROOKS  
5th Line, Limestone

In your opinion . . .

What do you remember most about last season as an Acton Junior C Sabre?

## Memories of Sabres' season



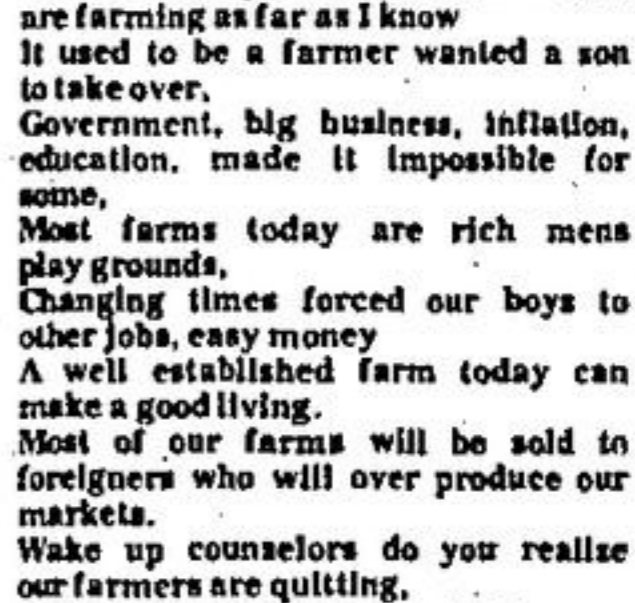
MIKE MARCOLINI: "I enjoyed our coaching. Going to the playoffs and in the streak seeing Pete Cargill putting on the pads in practice."



GREG YATES: "Battling all year for top scorer."



MIKE ORMSBY: "I guess our four-game win streak, maybe a couple of hattricks."



PETE CARGILL: "Our four game win streak. Maybe a couple of hattricks."



STEVE WAGNER: "Spending 10 weeks on the sidelines with a separated shoulder."



COLIN LEWIS: "My goal from centre ice Schomburg."