

We're not Brampton

A proposed housing development south of Georgetown is progressing at a typical pace for Halton Hills.

Rather than popping up overnight, the Enterac subdivision is still in pasture; fallow land waiting for the churning of mud and rock caused by heavy machinery.

But this is not Brampton. Councillors on town council have said time and again they're not against growth, but they're for ordered growth. And that's what we've got.

To appease concerned citizens nearby, the town worked at imposing 50 conditions on the housing developer. It has undoubtedly slowed things down for the builder.

But in the long run, fewer mistakes will have been made. Rushing into a mammoth new subdivision without proper safeguards could change the complexion of Halton Hills forever.

A traffic study done by Enterac as a condition of their building makes good sense and improves the planning of the new neighborhood. The study will also help to appease the Mountainview Area Ratepayers Association who could still delay the project further by going to the OMB (Ontario Municipal Board).

For now, businesses are anxiously waiting for the economic shot in the arm that would surely follow the building of so many new homes. Phase one of Enterac's plan would mean 413 new homes on the east side of Mountainview Road plus 428 homes on the west side. That's a total of 841 homes in the new Georgetown South urban area, being called Halton Hills Village.

The fact that Georgetown and Acton have virtually stood still in terms of population growth should make us all anxious to see new buildings constructed. Planning ordered, controlled subdivisions is the Halton Hills way. Anything less just wouldn't be accepted here.

What others say

Follow the rules

Since 1974 East Indians arrived uninvited on our shores, there has been a national carping about what to do with them.

A large number of Canadians want to send them packing, not because they are East Indian but because they entered our country illegally in the dead of night.

Inevitably, those of us who are softheaded, because we want to uphold Canadian law, are considered racist by others who find it convenient to fly that flag at every opportunity.

Is it racist to suggest we all live by the same rules? Is it racist to be critical of those who do not? If it is, then we are racist.

Canadians are not so vocal on this latest boatload because of color, origin or religion. They are tired of being a doormat for the so-called downtrodden of the world, those who arrive unceremoniously on our beach-head claiming refugee status. Breaking the law is not a good beginning.

Moreover, Canadians, a curious polite sort who comply with the rules of queuing up, resent those who push in at the front.

Canada is rich in opportunity, a country admired for its freedom; its social and economic fabric.

Geographically, we have lots of room, so its not a matter of bursting at the seams like England for instance. But there must be order and a sense, typically Canadian, that the rules are adhered to and fair play is at work.

The outrage at the arrival of 174 East Indians is not a question of racism. It's more fundamentally Canadian. We like to play by the rules and we expect others to do the same.

Courtesy Brampton Time.

Goodbye Georgetown



Editor's notebook

By Dave Roney

A lot of people around town will miss the warm smile and friendly demeanor of Geoff Fletcher.

The co-owner of Fletchers Family Shoes will be retiring to a more temperate climate in Victoria, B.C. Aug. 14.

His son Ralph now retains 100 per cent ownership in a partnership that previously was shared equally among father and son.

The 63-year-old and his wife Lillian won't be saying goodbye to Georgetown forever, though. They will be living among many other Georgetown people in Victoria whom they have visited after eight trips to the city while on vacation.

And they'll be back to Georgetown to visit son Ralph, his wife Lydia and three grandchildren, ages 13-18.

The business story of Fletcher's shoes is very much a success story. Geoff was a plant supervisor for a clothing firm when in 1976 he and Ralph decided to open a shoe store on Main Street in downtown Georgetown.

The first shop was beside Oxbow Books, but as the business expanded the owners decided to expand by opening a new store beside Bi-Way at the other end of Main Street.

Friendly service, astute marketing techniques, specializing in children and foot problems gained them a loyal following.

You can tell that Geoff is a people person from even a first meeting.

When asked what he's going to miss most about the store he said, "I'm going to miss the public."

The staff love catering to kids. They either get a balloon or something like a ring for coming in. There's a family plan where parents are eligible for shoe discounts based on return visits to the store.

But what really sets this small town shoe store apart from others, even in the big metropolitan centres, is their expertise in foot care.

They've taken courses on foot care from the Kingston Foot Clinic Footwear Institute of Canada and the Prescription Footwear Association of Canada. "We're very, very specialized in that area," said Mr. Fletcher. Ralph Fletcher is a certified pedorthist, which in layman's terms means he's able to fill prescriptions given to him by doctors on foot problems. They make arches in their workshop on the premises.

Still in good health, Mr. Fletcher senior plans to keep busy in his retirement. He is an avid gardener and likes fine woodworking. Golf and fishing are two of his other hobbies.

"I will miss the customers, we've had a good loyal following and I'll especially miss the children. You see them grow and develop into young ladies and men."

Leaving the store in his son's hands is a comfort because he knows the shop will be well taken care of. Ralph Fletcher is a former supervisor for Ontario Hydro. "I have every confidence in Ralph, to the point that he will even surpass me," Mr. Fletcher said.

Part of a legacy eggs for a small business in Georgetown. But the success story continues.

Garneau could be Grit potent force



Ottawa Report

By Stewart MacLeod

The appointment of Raymond Garneau as Quebec lieutenant to Liberal leader John Turner was a long time coming, but it was probably worth the wait. Mr. Garneau could prove to be a potent force as the party struggles to reverse a downward trend and begin climbing the opinion polls again.

Besides, he was the only logical candidate for the job.

If there is one area of Canada in which Mr. Turner has to tip-toe with caution, it's in Quebec, where the once-invincible Grits were badly splintered in the 1984 leadership race, and then shattered in the subsequent general election.

The leadership battle between Mr. Turner and former minister Jean Chretien was obviously carried into the election -- if not by the two men themselves, then certainly by their supporters. And while the in-fighting may not have entirely stopped, at least the situation has reached a stage where the leader could dare appoint a lieutenant.

Obviously, he was never going to give the job to Mr. Chretien, and this

may well have influenced the popular politician in his decision to quit Parliament in 1985. And so long as Mr. Chretien was being actively promoted as successor to Mr. Turner, it would have been very awkward to appoint anyone else.

Not only was it necessary for the leader to get a resounding vote of confidence at last November's national convention -- which he did -- there had to be a suitable cooling-off period following this.

The Liberals also managed to lose three by-elections last Monday. Something had to be done.

GOOD CHOICE

The Liberals haven't had a Quebec lieutenant since Marc Lalonde used to keep things in line for his boss,

Pierre Trudeau. Mr. Turner took the view that it wasn't necessary to have a lieutenant for a province he used to represent himself and knows so well.

But he's not highly popular in Quebec, and the polls show it. Considering the party's history in the province -- the Liberals won 74 of the 75 federal seats in 1980 -- they should be doing much better, particularly when the popularity of the Mulroney Tories is so low. The latest Gallup poll indicated that only 20 per cent of decided supporters in Quebec favor the governing party.

In such a situation, and given Liberal traditions in Quebec, Mr. Turner's party could be expected to enjoy overwhelming support -- say, in the 60-per-cent range. After all, the New Democrats have never elected a candidate in the province.

But the polls tell us that the sliding Liberals and the surging NDP now are tied at about 40 per cent. And one of Mr. Garneau's first statements as newly-crowned lieutenant was to declare that, in the next election, it will be a two-way fight in Quebec between the Liberal and the NDP.

"The Tories will be left out in the cold."

What Mr. Garneau could have added was that, unless the Liberals manage to halt the erosion in their support, they might also feel rather chilly.

Certainly, something had to be tried. It was becoming painfully obvious that Mr. Turner, by himself, was not getting the job done.

WELL CONNECTED
There are a number of reasons for choosing the 52-year-old former bank president, not the least of which is he's a Turner loyalist who will try to rebuild party organizations around the leader. He is also, generally speaking, the most effective opposition frontbencher from Quebec.

Not only that, Mr. Garneau served in the Quebec cabinet of Robert Bourassa before the provincial Liberals were defeated in 1978. He is well plugged in to Mr. Bourassa's present government, not to mention provincial party organizations.

One of his primary duties will be to round up candidates for the next election, and there is no one else in the 17-member Quebec Liberal caucus who knows more Liberals in the province.

Many candidates, I suspect, will be from the business community, where Mr. Garneau's integrity and acumen are highly respected.

This is certainly not to suggest that the appointment solves Mr. Turner's problems in a province that's absolutely vital to the election of a Liberal government. It could be that Mr. Garneau will flop as a field general.

But he was clearly the best-qualified for the promotion. And, the leader was wise to have made it.

As one Quebec newspaper pointed out editorially, "...in Mr. Turner's position, no straw is too small to grasp."



"If you'd send us that aid money, maybe we could afford a new flag."

Book review

Women's self-help guide isn't poetry

Back in university, a number of my friends used to joke about the job of sociologists. "Sociology," we would kibitz, "is when a few dozen men and women spend a hundred thousand dollars on a survey that proves, without a doubt, that approximately 50 per cent of all married couples are female."

In other words, a lot of sociology (and psychology, and many more fields) seems to involve telling us what we already know. And now, fresh on the heels of their astounding success with *Smart Women/Foolish Choices* (well over one million sold in hard-cover), come doctors Connell Cohan and Melvyn Kinder, who tell us much more that we didn't need to be told, in *Women Men Love/Women Men Leave* (Crown Publishers, Inc., 295 pages, paperback, \$26.95).

The label on the book cover really says it all: "Self-help Psychology/Sociology," and that covers it, alright. This is one more book, in a seemingly endless series of works over the past few years, to try to help all those millions of women across North America who have found that feminism, careers, semi-equality, and a brave new world of human relationships that have arisen since the 1970s, have not proven to be unmixed blessings.

The large-print, widely spaced lines of the book (which is incredibly padded, and really not much more than a 100-page essay drawn out endlessly) are cleverly divided into two parts: *Women Men Leave* (Part I) and *Women Men Love* (Part II), echoing the title. And, as with most of this recent flurry of *YOU-CAN-Get-Your-Man* books, the title is the wittiest and most insightful thing about it.

NOT INSPIRING
If you want poetry, you won't find it here. "It is possible to influence

this most wonderful, delightful, and necessary of life's experiences," the good doctors write in the opening chapter. That's probably the least inspired description of love since we were told that we never have to say we're sorry.

But if you want the obvious, then all you need is \$26.95. "Despite this need to feel strong and invincible, men have an even more compelling need to be known by the woman they love." Thank you.

"Remember, taking chances, experimenting with new kinds of actions, is liberating, not only because it can lead to more fulfilling relationships with others, but because in the process of taking risks we become more confident and self-loving." Thanks again.

And perhaps most awesome, here are doctors Cohan and Kinder on "Why Women Give More": "In the past, women were always told they were the caretakers of the relationships, they were the ones responsible for making love last. Women were taught that their identity and their worth were in large measure dependent upon their ability to keep a man happy. Little girls grew up trying to please Daddy, and young women came to believe their self-esteem was tied to their attractiveness and their ability to get a man."

Now hold on for a man-picking minute, gentlemen. Not only are you, (once again) telling us the obvious, but you are actually talking out of all four sides of your collective mouths.

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Letters to the editor

Odd job squad thanks

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was filed with The Herald for publication.

Dear Stan, Amy, Tanya, Lowell, Rob and Jeremy:

We want to thank all of you for participating in the Odd Job Squad photo on July 16, 1987. We appreciate your time and effort in helping with our office promotion.

As a group, you represent the energy and willingness of so many Halton Hills students who are looking for work this summer. Your eagerness to work is evident; you made a special effort to help promote jobs for students.

Serving students such as yourselves has made our summer more enjoyable.

Sincerely,
Bev Eccles and Teri Lamb
Student Placement Officers
Canada Employment
Centre for Students

300 at event

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Halton Farm Festival Planning Committee, I would like to thank you for your support in covering this event.

We had a very successful day with over 300 farm people enjoying the day's activities.

Thanks again for your excellent coverage of our event. We look forward to your continued support in any future endeavours.

Your truly,
Michael Halliburton
Publicity Co-ordinator
Halton Farm Festival

QUESTION: Do you feel there should be stricter laws against keeping pit bulls?

In your opinion

Stricter rules for pit bulls?



ROGER DUGUAY: "I don't think against pit bulls in particular. But some dog owners are not taking responsibility for their animal."

ROBERT MANN: "Yes. It depends on the owner. But it's the owner's fault because they let the dog go."

JOAN PHILLIP: "It's like all animals, if you teach them to be ferocious, they will be. It's up to the owner to keep people safe."

IAN MODDISON: "Yes. In light of recent attacks in Toronto and other areas, I think they should come up with stricter regulations."

JOHN BEAUME: "If you bring up a dog properly, you wouldn't have a problem. But they should be kept tied up."

5 years ago

Cynthia Allen and her horse Findeln Cinnamon placed first in the Pony Hunter Hack event at the Equestrian fair at Georgetown's Alegria Acres on the weekend. Thirteen area businesses sponsored the event.

Thirty-five scouts from North Halton District participated in a clean-up of the Bruce Trail on Saturday. District commissioner John Sharples brought scouts from Georgetown, Acton, Ballinafad and Limehouse, including: Tim Kyle, Darren McCallum, David Livingston and John Shaw.

Troy Lynn Osborn married John Stewart Staudt at St. George's United Church May 29. The couple has just returned from their honeymoon in the Poconos, Pennsylvania and will live in Georgetown.

Margaret Groat, formerly of Market Street, Georgetown leaves this week for Zamboanga City, the Philippines, to teach grades 4 to 8. Miss Groat will be teaching children from missionary families associated with the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

30 years ago

Newlyweds Lauretta and Bruce Norton are now living at 38 Market St. The pair were married at St. Paul's United Church, Brampton last month.

The newly formed Halton Fire Prevention Bureau is sponsoring a poster contest for all students in Halton County. The theme is "Fire prevention in the home."

The Halton County Health Unit has declared streams and other waterways used for swimming in Georgetown and Acton are unsafe for swimming.

A satellite town on Highway 10 north of Brampton may begin construction next spring. Developers expect close to 10,000 people to move into the new town by Heart Lake.

15 years ago

Three Georgetown women were among the graduates of the Credit Valley School of Nursing. The ceremony was held Friday at Glen Forest Secondary School, Alexandra Constantine, Georgetown and Barbara Preston and Margaret Saliba, both of Hornby, graduated from the college.

Colin Batt, 23 Marilyn Crescent, captured second place in the standard pistol event at the Canadian National Handgun Championships last week. He said he will now concentrate on Olympic shooting style.

Jean House, Streetsville and George Henderson, Georgetown accompanied 10 Halton 4-H Club members on a tour of Maryland. Some of the members met Senator Edward Kennedy at Washington's Capital Building. Those who went on the trip include: Valerie Elle, Beryl McEnery, Beth Laidlaw and Leah Leslie.

10 years ago

The Buckrells, who own a sheep farm near Ballinafad fetched a record-breaking \$1000 for one of their lambs at a province-wide sale in Erin Saturday.

The Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service is appealing to residents to join its organization. Secretary John Lightowler said membership has dropped from 100 to 46 in only a few years.

Way Jay won 7-2 over Kai Smith Thursday in Ball Hockey action at Georgetown Area. A total of 83 minutes of penalties were accumulated in the game. Leading goal scorers were Heppes, Symes, Peterson, Barnes and Lister.