

## A lost legacy

A cursory footnote in Canadian history at best, the jet fighter the Avro Arrow is a lost legacy in Canadian aviation. Many say the plane that never entered full production stages was a lost opportunity.

For Georgetown residents and those communities around Malton, The Arrow represented jobs, housing expansion, and a bright future in aircraft manufacturing.

The technology and expertise invested in Canada's first home-made jet fighter was the best. Many experts felt the plane was years ahead of any other fighter at that time.

Sadly, those from Halton Hills who worked on the Avro program will meet again with former co-workers to mark the 30th anniversary of the plane's first test flight.

History hasn't judged the fall-out of the Arrow very well. The Progressive Conservative government of John Diefenbaker discontinued the program because of the rising costs of manufacturing a made-in-Canada plane. It's difficult to say if he was wrong.

It is much easier assessing the impact of the decision on Canada. Some of our best engineers and scientists and aviation experts quickly lost their jobs and were as quickly whisked away to more lucrative employ in the States and Britain. This "brain drain" set the stage for a dismal period for aviation in Canada.

As Canadians, we lost pride in having our own jet fighter, a symbol that our country was a leader in aircraft technology. Jobs were lost and a future industry was wiped out with a simple announcement.

The Diefenbaker Conservatives pulled the plug to stop the endless drain of financial subsidy. Thirty years later the Israeli government is suffering the same problem of trying to build a jet fighter that is cost-effective enough for a country to afford.

In the end, Canada had a skill base rich enough, but lacked the financial base to continue the program. Politics and pride notwithstanding, the Arrow was a plane to be proud of and a project worth remembering.

## Bits and pieces

We're not surprised the Credit Valley Conservation Authority doesn't want to play a money role in developing Scotsdale Farm.

The 540-acre site has been rejected by Guelph University and the Halton Board of Education for a management role because of the enormous costs that are involved.

And the CVCA is no different. The public body which relies heavily on municipal subsidy has just finished building a new administrative centre. In Halton Hills alone this year the Authority wants to spend \$6,000 in repairs to the Barber Paper Mill dam and \$500,000 to acquire the Norval Trailer Park.

While Halton Hills does have a divide and conquer curbside recycling program, a full-scale blue box program would be better. It would put the town more in line with what the other regions are doing and provide a more comprehensive attack on garbage by householders.

Blue boxes are a proven method of having citizens participate in waste management. More than ever, with Halton Region's garbage crisis and its policy of exporting waste to the States, blue boxes are needed.

The Town of Halton Hills should vote for a blue box recycle program and make it a priority when discussing budget allocations.

## Bitten by the bug?



### Editor's notebook

By Dave Roney

Bitten by the election fever bug? What election? Yes, it does seem a bit premature to start talking election at the federal level, but obviously party machines are starting to be oiled for an 1988 contest.

In Peel-Halton both the PCs and Liberals will have riding association executives in place by the end of next week. The Liberals have one candidate for nomination, Oriens Currie, as do the Tories (Carlo Testa of Norval).

Dare one speculate at the outcome should BM the PM call a fall election?

On the local scene, one really wonders how far the New Democratic Party can go, despite their national popularity and the popularity of leader Ed Broadbent.

The NDP has not been strong in the North Halton area and according to my files, the best they've done federally in this area in 14 years was David Moulten's 19 per cent of the popular vote in 1980. In 1984 John Deamer of the NDP received 13,270 votes to incumbent John McDermid's 47,974 win.

But the Mulrooney honeymoon is over and people may be looking for a change. If the Liberals are going to come out big in Halton-Peel they had better dump John Turner quickly.

The last time the Liberals won in this area was in 1974 when Dr. Frank Philbrook could still capitalize on Trudeau's popularity and a solid Robert Stanfield.

With Brampton gone from the riding and Georgetown and Acton joined together, the Liberals could benefit. Brampton has usually voted more Conservative than Acton.

That leaves Milton and Caledon. Milton should vote in a similar pattern to Georgetown, although it's growing so fast it may be hard to keep up with trends in our neighbor to the south.

Georgetown, in popular vote, cast 62 per cent of the ballots for PC John McDermid in 1984.

Because our day to day coverage doesn't extend to Caledon, it's hard to determine the political make up of the community. Caledon does add some interesting dimensions to the next federal campaign. Will there be any candidates from Caledon? How will Caledon affect the voting patterns of Halton-Peel? How will Caledon affect campaigning for such a large riding with four small, distinct urban bases?

Fortunately for Herald reporters, Georgetown should serve as an election base for each of the parties, strategically located about the middle of the riding. And, with Georgetown and Acton tied together, we won't have to cover two ridings on one election night.

One thing is certain in Halton-Peel: this is a riding without a history and without an incumbent. It will be difficult to pin-point politically.

But anyhow, here's how the major political parties have stacked up among each other in Georgetown since 1974.

Year	Halton
1974:	
Dr. Frank Philbrook	23,479 (Lib)
Terry O'Connor	21,556 (PC)
Archie Brown	8,825 (NDP)
1979:	Br.-Georgetown
John McDermid	31,042 (PC)
Ross Milne	22,370 (Lib)
David Moulten	11,584 (NDP)
1980:	Br.-Georgetown
John McDermid	25,243 (PC)
Ross Milne	24,878 (Lib)
David Moulten	11,978 (NDP)
1984:	Br.-Georgetown
John McDermid	47,974 (PC)
Ross Milne	23,433 (Lib)
John Deamer	13,270 (NDP)

# Act ended bombings, kidnappings

For the segment of this country's public who lived through it, probably no Canadian political event in their memory matches the FLQ crisis of 1970.

Drama, tragedy and trauma were played out daily in the media. It was rally-around-the-flag time and vociferous dissent time.

The facts were simple:

British trade commissioner James Cross was kidnapped by the separatist Front de Liberation de Quebec. So was Quebec Labor Minister Pierre Laporte.

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's reaction was first to call out the military, and then to impose the War Measures Act giving the government draconian powers.

The end result was that Laporte was murdered, Cross freed and the kidnappers exiled, although they later returned to Quebec to lead, in time, the normal lives they forever denied Laporte.

Today, among many in the Canadian intellectual and media establishment, how one viewed the crisis at the time seems to have



### Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson  
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become some kind of a litmus test of respectability.

If you opposed Trudeau's actions it is now considered a badge of honor.

In newspaper stories, this view is often expressed using sentences like: "Historians and civil libertarians have long contended that the War Measures Act - and the subsequent arrest without charge of hundreds of Quebecers - was a dangerous over-reaction to the threat posed by the FLQ." (that was in the Toronto Star, but almost any publication would do.)

The same is true in Queen's Park politics.

I remember Ian Deans, an MPP at the time and one of the few New Democrats who endorsed use of the

Act, doing a humiliating, "I apologize" routine when he ran for Ontario NDP leader in 1978. One would have thought he was recanting heresy.

The latest manifestation of this trend to denigrate the 1970 Liberal government's actions is the supposed diary revelation of deceased cabinet minister Don Jamieson. He wrote that cabinet had no proof a revolution was planned.

But that is a straw man. No one expected a Canadian equivalent of the storming of the Bastille, although there was certainly fear of further terrorist action.

What was certain in October, 1970, was that from the moment the first kidnapping occurred it was the FLQ who had control of the agenda.

Daily, the supposed intermediary (but to all intents and purposes FLQ spokesman) Robert Lemieux dominated television. Perhaps 2,000 people demonstrated openly in support of the FLQ at the Paul Savva arena. The governments of both Montreal and Quebec appeared confused and on the run before the terrorists and their sycophants.

If the authority of legitimate government was a tide, it was on the ebb. Total drainage was possible.

Trudeau's imposition of the War Measures Act reversed that flow overnight. All of a sudden the government was in charge. And the temporary detention of many extreme - nationalists, including Lemieux, beheaded the "insurrection" (if one wants to call it that) of its leadership.

The results were startling. The tone of the crisis shifted abruptly. There was a sense of confidence in the air among ordinary people and a sense of trepidation among FLQ apologists. The game they were playing had suddenly gotten serious.

And television went from being a mouthpiece for terrorism to being an arm of government.

At least for this observer, it was this psychological element, this change of atmosphere, that was the key consequence of Trudeau's use of the Act.

But, interestingly enough, hindsight shows it also ended physical terrorism in Quebec. The era of bombs and kidnappings was over.



## Citizens' forum

### Best defence is keeping peace

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was sent to Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Defence and filed with The Herald for publication.

Dear Sir,  
As representatives of a group with over 100 local supporters, we wish to comment on the White Paper "Challenge and Commitment: A Defence Policy for Canada."

We compliment you on the readable, interesting format of the report. While there are many points we could discuss, we will comment on only two.

First, we have difficulty with the Paper's basic assumption that the Soviets are the main threat to Canada's security. Until global nuclear arsenals are reduced to a small fraction of their current levels, the greatest threat is not the Soviets, but the weapons themselves in anyone's hands. President Reagan and many others have stated that nuclear war cannot be won and must not be fought. The Soviets (and anyone else) would gain nothing by their use. Specifically, the threat is from use of these weapons by accident or by an irrational leader of any country that has them, and in such circumstances deterrence is of no value. The Paper completely ignores recent conciliatory efforts by both the Soviets and the US: its worldview might have been more accurate at least 30 years ago.

At present, we think Canada's best "defence" lies in keeping peace through a combination of the following:

-Strong support for global nuclear disarmament.

-Active efforts to reduce injustices in the world, which are themselves the cause of tension and conflict ("Rich-Poor" tension being in fact more critical than East-West tension at present).

-Support for our Alliances, but not necessarily for every policy of those Alliances. Our UN Ambassador said recently "Many countries look to Canada as a positive moral influence and want the country to play a bigger role in international affairs." (Washington, November 28, 1987). We can afford to be a critical,

independent voice within our Alliances.

-Continuing commitment to International Peacekeeping Forces and the UN.

-A conventional defence that is "non provocative", or strictly defensive in nature, including passive surveillance of our borders and airspace.

Secondly, we take issue with the proposal for nuclear-powered submarines. These are a costly form of surveillance which could be provided instead by cheaper, passive sens-

ing devices. More important, they are a very confrontational, provocative way of asserting sovereignty.

George Cohon's plan to open a McDonald's franchise in Moscow, and the Soviet-Canada polar ski trek may do more to lessen fears of the "Red Menace" than anything we see in this White Paper.

Yours truly,  
Janet Duval,  
Halton Hills Action for Nuclear Disarmament

## Some U.S. hospitals want up front money

To the General Public,  
When travelling outside of Canada in reference to travelling insurance be sure you have the best coverage that money can buy or take along thousands of dollars extra on account of sickness. We went to Florida in December but before we left we bought what we thought was the best insurance money can buy.

We bought Deluxe Blue Cross Pay-Med so we would be 100 per cent covered in case of sickness or even death. We were paying upward to \$3 a day. Well, my husband took seriously ill and took him to Zephyrhills Hospital and they wouldn't have anything to do with

Deluxe Blue Cross plan. They said that was only secondary insurance. They wouldn't call the toll free numbers and they wouldn't let me call. They wanted to get him into the hospital and we were to pay up front so don't believe the advertisement you see on TV about the Deluxe Blue Cross Pay-Med being the best, because it isn't in all hospitals. They would only except the OHIP providing we pay them immediately and then bill OHIP separately and we would get our money back but no one takes \$1,000 plus extra money in case of sickness when you are supposed to be already covered 100 per cent.

Wendell and Anna Rodd

## WRITE US A LETTER

Want to share your feelings on any subject with the community?

The Herald welcomes letters to the editor on any topic and from anyone who has the urge to write.

We only ask that the letters be signed with name, address and phone number in case we must call to check some detail. We will not print unsigned letters nor will we use pseudonyms.

Now all that's left for you to do is pick up the pen! Address your mail to Letter to the Editor, 45 Guelph Street, Georgetown, Ontario L7G 3Z8.

## In your opinion

### What's your favorite hobby?



MARC DUMAIS: "I like to collect Kinder Toys, because you wonder what you might get next. Some day they might be worth a lot of money."



KEVIN CRANE: "Collecting Bionic Six figures, because it's my favorite TV show."



KEN HOWATT: "Model trains. I was brought up playing with them from childhood. It's 40 years I've been playing with them."



BRIAN SHARPE: "Model trains. I'm in it for the modelling. I like the building, and the enjoyment of other people in the same hobby."



JULIE WALTERS: "I don't have a hobby. I did when I was little, but I don't anymore."



## 30 years ago

President Clare Burns received the charter for the new Georgetown club from founder Hal Rogers, O.B.E., of Hamilton. There were 13 members who made up the club.

Liberal candidate Ken Dick was the highlight of the Georgetown Liberal Association during a reception at the Odd Fellows Hall. The local Liberal ladies planned a delightful tea and social afternoon when the citizens could come and meet their candidate.

CCF candidate Jack Henry addressed a meeting in Georgetown criticizing the slaughtering of animals. Mr. Henry said Canadians spend millions of dollars on their pets and yet to provide meat for their tables some 15 million food animals suffered the severe pain and torture in Canadian slaughter houses.

A sensational third period rally by Fort Erie Jr. Cs at the Fort Erie arena kept the Georgetown Jr. Raiders from clinching a playoff spot in the round robin elimination series.

## 15 years ago

Louis Paiva and George Poulson took part in the annual pre-spring ritual of pot-patching. The Georgetown works department employees did not have to spend much time searching for the profuse pockets.

Annie Livingstone cut the cake at the Georgetown Women's Institute's 70th anniversary meet in Knox Church. Mrs. Livingstone, the Institute's senior member has been in the W.I. for 65 years.

To Russia with hockey sticks was the thrill of a lifetime facing the Silverhorn Collegiate hockey team, headed by co-coaches Ian Barrett and Doug Dunning. The team went to Moscow and Leningrad to play against Russian high school teams.

Hazen Allen, principal of George Kennedy Public School in Georgetown, succeeded Garnet McKenzie who retired as principal of Robert Little Public School. Gary Dawkins from Speyside Public School was selected to replace Elmer Smith, who retired from M.Z. Bennett Public School.

## 10 years ago

The Georgetown Optimist Club Minor Bantams defeated Oakville 4-0 in the first game of the Tri County quarterfinals which saw defenceman Mike Doucette receive a match penalty.

In 1978 cabbage was selling for 48 cents each, potatoes 58 cents for a 10-pound bag and tomato juice for 59 cents for a 66 fl. oz. tin. Sirloin steaks could be picked up for \$1.59 per pound, young turkeys were going for 78 cents a pound and smoked hams \$1.78 a pound.

The Halton Hills Jills placed first at a meet in Milton. Gail Eastwood, Penny Sieber, Gail Cook, Larissa Hrechka, and Michelle Bailey were coached by Donna Horton.

In 1978 a two-storey semi detached home in Acton could be purchased for \$28,900 while a super brick bungalow with a swimming pool all on a large 130 ft. lot could be bought for \$58,500.

## 5 years ago

Joan Trimble and Sharon Wood of the North Halton Curling Club business girls' team played for a shot at the club bospital. Their four-some team won three matches at Dundas Valley, just missing the top overall trophy.

The Georgetown Standard Products major peewees continued to breeze through their Tri County Hockey League playoff competition, knocking off three opponents.

Bruce Totten received a life members award from fellow Optimist Al Axford. George Wagner, president of Big Brothers of Halton Hills received a \$500 cheque from Optimist Club president John Kastelot.

Halton's regional police force worked with a \$18,226,330 operating budget in 1985 making it a 6.8 per cent increase from 1984.

Tom Sinkovitch, a patrol sergeant with Halton regional police was named the new chief of police for the town of Stratford.