

## Added asset

It appears Crime Stoppers is finally coming to the Halton Region.

The question is, why has it taken so long?

The merits of Crime Stoppers is abundantly evident, where ever it is employed, and the program gives "the long arm of the law" another appendage with which to carry out its mandate.

It may be unfortunate to have to admit that people need an extra incentive to help fight crime in the community, but at least with Crime Stoppers, that extra facet of effectiveness will be available.

Other regions have successfully launched their Crime Stoppers program, many of them considerably smaller than Halton. Results can vary, but if it proves itself as a deterrent to crime, then it's well worth the effort that goes into it, and the comparatively small amounts of money that are paid out to informants. The alternative is considerably more expensive.

There can be no limit to the effectiveness of a Crime Stoppers program, particularly when communities support it.

It would be nice to suggest that members of communities would come forward of their own volition and assist police in the fight against crime, without thought of any reward.

But since this is not the norm, Crime Stoppers provides one more way to expand and improve the method of law enforcement.

## Proud of heritage

It's hard to find Canadians who are not proud of their country.

Our pride in Canada is a quiet, unassuming sort of business; it's not brazen flag waving like our friends to the south. It's not even the sort of thing we talk about that much.

Quiet? Yes. Patriotic? Yes, but not in an overt fashion.

Our commitment is no less fervent, just different.

Talk to a Canadian about things un-Canadian and you will find the veneer is a thin coat.

On the Canada Day weekend, the second long weekend of the summer, most Canadians haven't given the birth of our nation a second thought. We shoot off enough fireworks and Queen's Park serves up enough cheap hot dogs to rival any celebration. The crowds are modest but sufficient in size to justify another event next year.

But don't misjudge how Canadians feel about their country - their heritage. The free trade opposition is an example of Canadians underestimating Canadians. We don't fear for sovereignty as some politicians suggest. No one can take that from us. Despite the bunk of politicians, Canadians are secure in their Canadianism. The United States cannot steal anything of our culture and heritage, unless we willingly give it to them. And that won't happen in this country.

At times, we have complained about the Canadian inability to stand up and cheer about being Canadian, but we don't doubt the indomitable spirit of our country.

Canada is changing all the time and it's our ability to deal with that change that makes us rich as a country. We are a country of kindred souls even if we don't wear patriotism on our sleeves.

Canada Day may not match the Hollywood glitz of Independence Day. But don't be fooled. It's no less important to a Canadian.

-Courtesy of the Brampton Times

## The ups and downs



### Editor's notebook

By Mike Turner  
Herald Editor

Last Thursday, I went on my second annual fishing excursion to the beautiful shores of Lake Huron, again with high hopes of landing a big salmon.

It was not to be though.

The occasion was a Media Day for the fifth annual CFPS Chantry Chinook Classic fishing derby, being hosted by the communities of Southampton and Port Elgin, and other hamlets in the vicinity.

As it can anytime, the weather played a large part in my lack of success on the lake. Last year, you may remember, I came in with a relatively small pink salmon. But hey, it was better than nothing.

This year, I was completely skunked. But then most of the other media types weren't any more fortunate, as only two fish were taken during the day.

However, I'm not about to say I didn't enjoy myself. And there were several factors that added to the enjoyment of the day.

To begin with, the ride I took getting to the fish, was an adventure in itself.

With a strong wind, waves were swelling from four to six feet at times. I've been on roller coasters where I haven't been tossed as much.

But it was something I was able to get used to, even though there were others who didn't. More on that later.

The Lake Huron Fishing Club again served as the gracious hosts for the event.

I was booked on with Terry Faulkner of Silver Fox Charters, and thankfully, he had a boat capable of handling the choppy water with relative ease.

One of our passengers didn't fare up to the "inclement seas" so our fishing time was cut a little short. That was a bit disappointing, but in no way did the day's entertainment

end. We received a call from the Silver Fox's sister boat, the Blue Fox, informing us they were heading in as well. It seemed one of their passengers was a little "green behind the gills" too.

Our first question was, "Who is it?" You see, we were interested because the Blue Fox was carrying several notebabies from hockey circles.

Will Norris, Brent Ladds, Bob Hodges, and Ray Scapinello were aboard, and heading out onto the lake it was easy to see they were an enthusiastic bunch.

We found out in short order, that it was "Scappy" who was having the problem adjusting to the tumultuous waters.

I found this fairly amusing, since it was Ray who was the keener of the group before we set out. There was even talk of "landing the big one" that would win the derby's grand prize 19-lb. power fishing boat.

Ray had recovered quite a bit by dinner time, though his exuberance was less obvious.

And when it was announced that the two fish caught during the day were to be presented to the NHL officials, he was, strangely, nowhere to be found.

But the Chantry Chinook Classic promises to be an excellent derby, particularly since the dates have been moved up this year, to July 8-23. Fishing is expected to be better, and the waters considerably stiller.

Over \$125,000 in prizes is up for grabs in the event, and the lakeshore communities hosting the derby are excellent vacation spots.

The money raised through the event goes right back into the environment, with fish restocking programs, and waterway improvements.

It doesn't sound as though Ray will be tracking salmon again this summer, though - or any other summer for that matter.

He made it clear that he'll be too busy to attend the next Chantry Chinook media day.

And before he steps on the ice to officiate another hockey game, the crowd will have to agree not to partake in "the wave."

# Summit provides trip back in time

Going to the alternative summit here was a little like taking a ride in a time machine.

It was as if the 1960s that so many knew and loved - and a few like me thought were nonsense - returned for one more curtain call.

Beards and sandals, print ankle-length dresses and "comfortable" shoes - all on the bodies of 40- and 50-year-olds.

That half of the crowd seemed to be reliving the past.

The other half, much younger, seemed to wish they were reliving it. They certainly tried to re-enact it.

The march on the convention centre Sunday, with its deliberate violence and provocation (the leaping of barricades, the burning of newspaper boxes) was a case in point.

The name of the game was television, getting on the evening news with their charge that the seven economic summit leaders were "terrorists."

In the process, too, the protesters hoped to find some angle they could use to show the rottenness and unfairness of the "System" (by which they mean the democratic capitalism of the seven summit countries).

### COMPLAINTS

The best they could come up with were complaints that those arrested



### Queen's Park

By Derek Nelson  
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couldn't see their lawyers immediately; they had to wait until after they'd been processed by the police. To this has martyrdom been reduced. (Still, it got the CBC and Globe and Mail upset and on-side with the demonstrators, which was probably the point.)

The game was played with all the media manipulation skills of the old Movement (as the radical wave of the 1965-1975 period liked to call itself. Solidarity Left seems to be current phrase).

The use of the word "terrorists" to describe democratically elected politicians, whose policies are argued out in full view of the public, is standard Movement twisting of the language.

The march to the summit to arrest the seven world leaders was comical theatre.

And the list of "witnesses" who attended the tribunal where the seven were branded "terrorists" read like

a who's who of the old Movement, from David Dellinger to Ursula Franklin.

Philip Agee, a former member of the CIA who has been linked by several authors to the Cuban and Soviet intelligence services, was an interesting participant.

It was all such a throwback. Even the Summit Citizens' Conference workshops sounded like reruns, with the usual generous dollops of Marxist analysis and foggy rhetoric.

For instance, one woman explained she worked with U.S. missionaries, her job being to introduce them to the basis of Marxist theory before they went abroad so they'd recognize why socialism was needed so badly in the Third World.

The workshops were, mind you, poorly attended, and mainly by the older crowd. The young were into action, not reflection.

### PRIORITIES

One workshop leader - with six people in his group - noted wistfully that the counter-summit organizers' thought media relations (propaganda) was a higher priority than publicizing the workshops.

Which isn't surprising - using the media to sell the Movement's program is what is considered important. And learning has never really been high on the Movement agenda.

In the minds of its members (I remember this so clearly from the 1960s), they already know all there is to know.

That's because they have an ideal, what one ex-leftist (David Horowitz of Ramparts magazine fame) describes as the "idea of the socialist kingdom of heaven on earth, the redemption of humanity by political force."

Although it is 20 years later, it appears that nothing has changed. The Movement's adherents have forgotten nothing and learned nothing.

The alternative summit was a trip back into the past, to a world that remains frozen in time, where Revolution (or fascist repression) is always just around the corner, wearing workshop labels such as "creating the peace economy" and "organizing for democratic economic development."



**30 years ago**

The Halton County Liberals experienced an upheaval when they elected Lester Whiting as party president June 20. In addition to the new president, a new executive was named at the election meeting in Milton, to change the party's image. The Liberals are "not a dead party," said provincial Liberal leader, John Wintermeyer, adding that the resignations of old Liberals caused an "action-packed" meeting.

Alex Contracting Ltd. of Georgetown was awarded the contract to develop land for a new separate school on Maple Avenue south of Guelph Street. Associate architects for the project are Messrs. ECS Cox and WJ Moffat of Toronto. The proposed site is on the former property of Jack Tost.

One pound of side bacon is selling for 73 cents at the local Georgetown IGA.

Jehovah's Witnesses from the Georgetown congregation today announced plans to attend a summer conference in New York. The convention could well be the largest in Jehovah's Witnesses' history, said local presiding minister, OE Dojezman.



## Citizens' forum

### Ultimate sacrifice not forgotten

Dear Sir,

When I left home last Wednesday to attend the unveiling of the Georgetown District High School memorial to former students killed in World War II and the Korean War, it struck me as the strangest of ironies that the book I put down was William L. Shirer's, *The Nightmare Years*.

Shirer was the CBS radio correspondent in pre-war Europe and impermissibly inscribed in memory, is one broadcast he opened by saying: "This is Munich. Germany, calling. The last, 11th-hour attempt to save the peace of Europe and avert a world war over the Sudetenland has just begun here in the Fuhrerbau..."

The airwaves were filled with the rantings of Adolf Hitler, taunting what he called the "decadent democracies" for their weakness and indecision in dealing with his growing threat. My dad used to sit with his head practically in our radio and I asked him one day, "Why are you getting so worried and upset about this?" "If there's a war," he said, "You may have to go."

"Ludicrous! Ridiculous!" I thought to myself, "Me go to war? How crazy can you be?"

I was 16 at the time, in high school. I did go to war, eventually, along with other high school buddies, some of whom weren't lucky enough to come back. Their names are now inscribed in the honor roll in the lobby of the high school, thanks in large part to the efforts of former teacher Jessie Glynn, ably assisted by Jean Ruddlel.

It is hard to believe that next year, 1989, will be the 50th anniversary since Hitler stormed across the Polish border starting a world conflict which claimed an estimated 30

million lives. The years pass. The veterans' ranks grow thinner. Those who can't remember, grow in number while those who can't forget grow fewer.

Hardest burden to bear for the fading veterans are the modern-day analysts who flay those who served as the victims of foolish folly. One such anti-war writer some years ago pondered the tragic cost in Canadian lives and asked cynically... "for what?"

A Dutch immigrant, ironically from Georgetown, gave him the answer: Rita Vanden Top wrote with the passion of anger, the eloquence of honesty. Here are her words:

"I'll tell you for what!  
"I was 12-years-old when I crept out of that potato cellar after the first Canadian tank went by. It ended a childhood nightmare. A nightmare of having my father go into hiding and us children being interrogated about his whereabouts;

about seeing neighbors dragged away to gas chambers; about cold and hunger, about hiding under school desks from falling bombs; about forever listening to trucks stopping at our front door...  
"Then... freedom, peace, bread again, and heavenly luxury, butter on it.  
"A normal life, growing up without all that misery. Due to what? Due to a whole generation of young men from a faraway country, Canada, thousands of whom gave their lives to give us life, normal life, beautiful life.  
"Don't ask me ever again 'for what?' I know too well for what.  
"It's for the greatest gift of all; life itself.  
"I am eternally grateful."  
So ended her letter.  
I've gone back to my book - *The Nightmare Years*.

James Emmerson,  
Brampton, Ont.

## Wants to know where MPP stands on issue

Dear Sir,

Re Walt Elliot, Halton North MPP's article in the June 8, 1988 edition of *The Herald*. I appreciate being informed on major developments coming from the Ministries of Natural Resources, Revenue, Colleges and Universities, and the Attorney General.

However, what I really want to hear from Walt Elliot is his position on the proposal by Reclamation

Systems (a private company) to create a dump in the town of Halton Hills.

This proposal is wrong and if allowed to proceed will threaten the safety, water supply and way of life of every citizen of Halton Hills.

Please Mr. Elliot, let's hear your views on a problem that exists in your own back yard.

Sincerely yours,  
Robert D. Masters,  
Acton

## In your opinion... What's Canada Day about?



**BARBARA SCULLY:** "Canada Day is a day to celebrate, and to think about the country's roots."



**CLAIRE LEWIS:** "It's a day when people seem to have fun. It's also a celebration of the freedom in Canada."



**RUSSELL GRAY:** "It's a chance to come to Glen Williams and have fun with everyone else."



**TED FINDLEY:** "It's a national birthday, a day of celebration, time to say hello in the community."



**PAT BOYD:** "It's a time to get together with family and friends, a time to visit Glen Williams."

**5 years ago**

Construction of a long-awaited long term health care centre is almost underway at the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. The contract was awarded to George Wimpey Canada Ltd. in the tender process. Two years ago, the Ministry of Health announced that Georgetown was slated for 47 new beds. Now the Ministry anticipates a new facility with residential care beds in a separate wing.

Halton residents want the new domed sports stadium in their back yard, according to Councillor Walter Mulkewich. The councillor, speaking at Wednesday's administration and finance committee meeting, said a committee established under Premier William Davis will review possible locations for the domed stadium, to be located somewhere between Toronto and Hamilton.

Question: What does Canada Day mean to you?