

Parking limits

There was a very interesting development in "the big city" earlier this week.

The City of Toronto now has a telephone "hotline" for citizens to call when they see one of the most dastardly of all crimes being perpetrated.

As of this week, when someone sees a vehicle parked in a physically disabled parking zone without authorization, they can call the hotline, and bring a swift response from Metro Toronto Police.

It's apparent that this sort of thing happens far too often in Toronto, and fortunately the powers that be have seen fit to act on it.

Vehicles using physically handicapped parking spaces must be properly identified through an indication on their license plates.

In Toronto, what this can mean is the owner of a vehicle who is in contravention of the law could end up dishing out about \$100, once the towing charges and fines are totalled.

But this isn't a problem that is unique to the City of Toronto. Unfortunately, there are people who feel they have the right to save themselves a few extra steps by using these spaces everywhere.

Ensuring access for the physically disabled has come a long way in the last decade. Ten years ago, specially-zoned parking spots for the physically disabled were few and far between.

Today, the problem has been addressed to a point and the cost has been very little, relatively speaking. In fact, a little pain on the pavement doesn't amount to very much at all.

But it's possible to take this much farther and follow in the steps of the City of Toronto. Physically disabled parking spots have been made available for good reason and anyone who tries to infringe on the concept deserves to be treated harshly.

There simply isn't any reason for it, and adjectives like thoughtless, inconsiderate, and selfish don't come close to describing the people who would do this.

Exploring the arts



Editor's notebook

By Mike Turner Herald Editor

Sometimes you just never know where life's pleasant little surprises are going to come from.

Take Saturday, for instance

A new exhibition by two artists being shown at Gallery House Sol prompted me to pay a visit to "the Sol man," John Sommer

The exhibition featured works of Borge Jorgensen and Bruce County, whose sculptures entitled "Parade" were quite interesting and definitely original.

The other artist in the exhibition is Jane Burns, whose watercolor landscapes and flowers is entitled "Big Bay Series"

I'm not exactly sure why "Big Bay" didn't ring a bell with me initially, but when John introduced me to Ms. Burns, she explained that the works of this series had been done during the summer in Bruce County

Then the bells went off. The landscapes had been done near Owen Sound and featured several vantage points of Colpo's Bay, just north of Warton, which happens to be my birthplace

Though I haven't actually lived in that specific area for close to 30 years, I do make frequent pilgrimages back from time to time, "just to get away"

Warton is known as "The Gateway to the Bruce Peninsula" and rightfully so, since it is the largest community at the base of the Bruce

Just north of there is some of the most picturesque scenery there is in Ontario, as far as I'm concerned.

And regardless of how many times I venture north, I always try to make sure I visit the area in the fall, when scenery is at its finest

This year, I didn't make it. And by the way, it doesn't look as though I will before the leaves take their collective tumble

But in viewing the works of Jane Burns at Gallery House Sol, even though they depict summer scenes, I grew even more appreciative of the area, and its beauty

I don't profess to be any sort of connoisseur of the arts but I know what I like. Not so many years ago, the thought of viewing an exhibit at an art gallery wouldn't have ranked very high on my list of things to do.

Today though, I look forward to such visits and don't feel obligated to see any farther than my perspective will allow. After all, I don't enjoy all the movies I go to see, either.

The point is, we're fortunate to have access to the arts through mediums like Gallery House Sol, and the Cultural Centre at the local library, so we should take advantage of them.

The works of Jane Burns and Borge Jorgensen are available for viewing through until Oct. 27 at Gallery House Sol

At the Cultural Centre, here and now '88, an exhibition featuring local artists, is running until Oct. 30.

On the march again



Your Business

Diane Maley Thomson News Service

Being over 40 sure changes one's perspective of things.

In the 1960s, we were the drug culture hippies. Twenty years later I find myself where I so longed to be in the palmy days of the late 1960s - in a protest march, in the trendy East Village in New York

I'm tramping down the street in my blue jeans, chanting with the rest of the crowd. Only this time our message is different: "No more crack" rather than "No more war."

Our signs read: "Pushers out of the village." Beside me, on one side, march some Guardian Angels, anathema to the '60s sensibilities; on the other side marches my friend, an ardent Marxist.

A simple explanation is that the drug we oppose is "crack," a dirty and dangerous derivative of cocaine that has thousands of poor New York teenagers hopelessly addicted.

Even so, it's an odd feeling. I sense that I would not have joined in the march 25 years ago. Such a march would not have taken place.

WELFARE BUMS

Being over 40 has changed my perspective on welfare, too. Back then I enjoyed it when David Lewis, former leader of the New Democratic Party, coined the term "corporate welfare bums."

But things are never just black or white, as much as we'd like them to

be. The other day a young woman I know, age 23, attractive, well brought up in a good, middle-class family, told me she was going down to the welfare office to get some money because she was broke.

I knew she wasn't broke, that she had several thousand dollars tucked away in her bank account. She had done this before, shortly after she finished school. Apparently, if you're in between jobs in Toronto, have a place to stay but no money, the local welfare office will give you money - about \$400 - but not on an ongoing basis.

She had just returned to Toronto from two months in Europe, as soon as she could get a work permit, she intended to go back. She would need her savings to get started there. Since her parents live out of town, it was up to welfare to pay for her rent and food.

Every shop and restaurant along Bloor Street is begging for workers. It's the same all over the city. Her European work permit could come in a couple months or not at all. Why go to welfare?

STRANGE OUTLOOK

No doubt this young woman has a rather laid back way of looking at life but she's not the only one. When people talk about how the welfare system is abused, they tend to talk about the guy down the street with six kids and plenty of money for beer. That's not where the abuse lies.

For me, this poses a problem: do people like me automatically turn into reactionaries when we reach the other side of 40? Am I jealous of the easy-going lifestyle of the young? Will another 10 years of living make me a card-carrying Conservative?

I don't think so, but it's worrisome.

Peterson distances himself from Turner

At the meeting of Liberal party organizers in Kitchener recently, Premier David Peterson walked a thin line.

He endorsed and praised federal Liberal Leader John Turner one day, but didn't stay around to personally greet him the next

Instead, he went off to Toronto to dine with the premier of one of the West German states.

And that's part of his job, the welcoming of foreign dignitaries at dinners and receptions

But what such meetings do, aside from making life tough for participants' waitlines, is serve as convenient excuses for a premier to avoid situations he doesn't like

In this case, some people suspect that Peterson is attempting to put distance between himself and Turner

After all, if the Liberals get thrashed in the federal election, it might rub off on the premier if he were too closely identified with the federalist cause.

Better he not stand too close

He gave a remarkable response on Global TV to a question Asked whether Turner would make the best



Queen's Park

Derek Nelson Thomson News Service

prime minister, he said it was a "fair question" and "one of the great imponderables."

On the other hand, Peterson is a Liberal, and, as rat packer Sheila Copps, who was an MPP at Queen's Park before she became an MP in Ottawa, once said during her own provincial leadership bid: "A Liberal is a Liberal is a Liberal."

FEDERAL SERVICE

Federal party loyalists can become quite irritated at a provincial leader who doesn't at least give lip service to the federal ticket

Former Ontario Conservative premier Bill Davis helped doom his chances of ever becoming federal leader by making plain his distaste for then federal Tory leader Joe Clark and his preference for Liberal

Pierre Trudeau. A lot of Tories never forgave him

Peterson isn't going to fall into that trap.

Moreover, on what everyone agrees is the key issue of the federal campaign - free trade (or more accurately, regularized trade) with the U.S., Turner and Peterson are on the same side.

Peterson's support isn't simply formal, either. He really does believe the agreement is bad for Canada in the long term.

Still, he has toned down his opposition heavily since the provincial election last year when he and his advisors thought there was no chance a deal of any kind could be struck. Working on that assumption, he let loose all the rhetorical rockets.

It is noticeable that Peterson has said a Conservative majority federally means the end of his opposition to the trade pact.

If he really does believe the free-trade arrangement would be the end of Canada, then it is hard to see how a single election victory or defeat can sway his opinion

If it is that bad, then he should be

fighting against it, regardless of what happens federally. That's what Alberta's Peter Lougheed did in the 1970s when eastern Canada and the federal Liberals tried to steal his province's oil wealth at cut-rate prices.

FEDERAL AMBITIONS

There are suggestions Peterson has muted his anti-free trade rhetoric because he secretly harbors federal leadership ambitions, and he doesn't want to become identified as the Ontario bully lecturing the rest of the country.

But that is probably unfair. Peterson is never quite so animated as when denying media speculation about his interest in the federal leadership. (But don't rule out his brother, Jim, running for Turner's post if he succeeds in regaining his federal seat in Toronto.)

For a provincial leader, getting the balance just right during a federal campaign is a high-wire act

So far, Peterson seems to be stepping fine

Halton's History from our files

30 years ago

Assessment Commissioner Joseph Gibbons reported that Georgetown's population has increased 25 per cent in the last year. Mr. Gibbons presented statistics to town council on Monday indicating that this year's population figure is 8,222, up from last year's Sept. 30 figure of 6,578. Mr. Gibbons added that tax assessment is also up, jumping 23.6 per cent from last year to a total figure of \$11,320.

Georgetown's "baby" in the public school department this year is the new Park School. As betis the youngest in the family, it has the smallest enrolment of 280 and is served by a teaching staff of nine. Presently housed on a shift system in the Chapel Street School, pupils are looking forward to relocating to their own building in early November. There are now 1,529 pupils in the town's four public schools, a far cry from a few years ago when the Chapel Street School took care of the needs of the whole town.

15 years ago

Jim Snow, MPP for Halton East and Minister of Government Services, announced this week that leased premises have been obtained in Georgetown for use by the Niagara Escarpment Commission. The 17-member commission, under the chairmanship of George McCague, will establish its offices Dec. 1 at 232 Guelph Street to determine the use and to co-ordinate the Niagara Escarpment and land in its natural vicinity as a continuous natural resource. Mr. Snow said Georgetown was a good choice for an office location because it is central, located between the Bruce and Niagara peninsulas.

Raider coach Gerry Inglis used an exhibition game with the Durham Huskies Sunday night in Georgetown Memorial Arena to find the right niches for his new bodys, but the Georgetown club still managed to outshoot their senior opponents in losing 3-1. The only line coach Inglis kept intact was the potent trio centred by Duane Rutley with Pete Panagabeo on the right side, and Jeff Nicholson on the left. Nutley is a former intermediate "A" scoring champion, Panagabeo, a former senior "A" scoring champ, and Nicholson is a smooth skating ex-Oakville Oak who played a couple of games with the Raiders last season.

10 years ago

Milton and Halton Hills appear to be the only Halton municipalities where candidates will clash in a race for the mayorality as part of the forthcoming municipal election. While Halton Hills' first and current Mayor Tom Hill faces off with rookie Peter Pomeroy for the town's top political seat, Milton Mayor Don Gordon is facing a similar challenge from his predecessor, Anne MacArthur.

More than 200 students received honor roll certificates this week for getting 80 per cent or better during their previous year's work at Georgetown District High School.

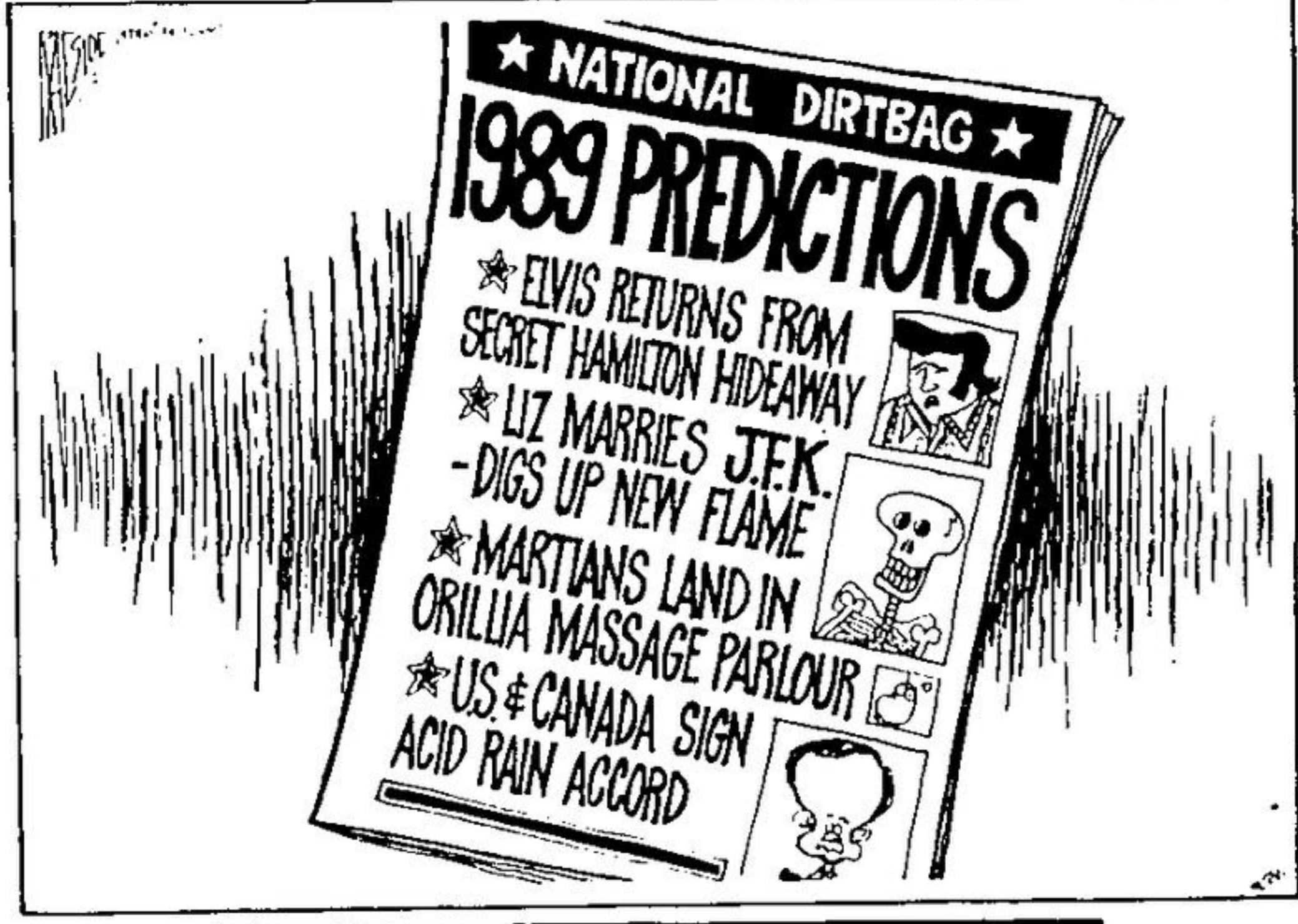
Alison Taylor of Georgetown is one of the graduating Ontario Grade 13 students to receive a full tuition scholarship from Sir Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo. Miss Taylor received the award for achieving an above 90 per cent average in six of her Grade 13 subjects. Miss Taylor lives at 47 Raylawn Crescent in Georgetown and was a student of Georgetown and District High School.

Novral showed it is going to be a power again in the Georgetown Industrial Hockey League by shutting out Way-Jay 9-0 in the first week

5 years ago

The International Peace Camp may be ordered to stop work on its property southwest of Speyside and restore it as close as possible to its natural setting. Halton Niagara Escarpment Commissioner Dave Whiting sought the motion at a regular NEC meeting at Niagara-on-the-Lake Thursday. The NEC claims that the Peace Camp has not been given permission to build anything on the 240-acre site.

The Georgetown minor peeewee "A" team played Burlington to a scoreless draw in Tri-County hockey action Wednesday night at Gordon Alcott Arena. Coaches Jim Scarlett and Rob Bouskill were pleased with the fine goaltending efforts of Ron Desrosier who gained the shutout in the Georgetown net. Then minor peeewee "A"'s opened their championship schedule Sunday in Flamboro, taking a disappointing 9-0 loss.



Citizens' forum

Lois Gibbs will speak Friday

Dear Sir, We are now just a couple of days away from hearing and meeting Lois Gibbs, who fought the Love Canal problem. She'll speak at the Georgetown high school (Oct. 14, 8 p.m.). Lois Gibbs has become one of North America's best known environmentalists.

A lot of interest has been expressed in other communities about this event (Pickering, Mississauga, Burlington, Hamilton, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Greensville and Stouffville), but we're baffled by the apathy in our hometown.

Perhaps you feel the tickets are too expensive (\$10 each, \$15 a pair). Students are admitted free. Please be sure to obtain a ticket though, so we can determine how many are attending. Remember, Lois Gibbs makes no money on this deal. Post-expense proceeds go towards her "Citizens Clearing House for Hazardous Waste" and our own POWER group, to help in the legal battle against the proposed Acton quarry dump. A poor attendance means a poor, or meaningless, donation to their causes.

But if you really can't afford it, please... just show up anyway; stand

up and be counted, and show that you won't accept the proposed dump Show that you're not willing to accept 20 million tonnes, 20 million tonnes' of just about "everybody in Southern Ontario's" garbage. Show that you won't accept the dumping of Ontario garbage into a limestone quarry with the potential to affect your drinking water. The proponent won't guarantee that it won't happen. The proponent has heard of St. Catharines and perhaps you've seen the horror-show pictures from there. Remember, the proponent has never before accomplished, or even attempted, this type of project.

Show that you won't be a part of their experiment.

"New engineering, unique flow of quarry water" "Bah! We've heard it all before, and when the system fails, what then? Well, then you look at your children and grandchildren and face their questions: "Why didn't you do something?" "Why didn't you fight for recycling to reduce your garbage by 50 per cent?" "Why didn't you insist on each bag being ripped open to really separate the hazardous from the household, non-toxic waste?" "Why

didn't you then look for a thick clay base, not limestone, not uphill from a large community, upon which to landfill?" "Why did you bury your dirt under the carpet?" "Why did you jeopardize our drinking water?" "Why didn't you set your best minds to dealing with the garbage disposal crisis of the 1980s and 1990s?" "Mom, Dad, grandma, Grandpa, you put rockets in space, you landed on other worlds... but you poisoned our own."

Let's show the Ministry of the Environment, Mr. Jim Bradley, the media, the people of Toronto. Let's show them 500 people in the Georgetown high school on Friday, Oct. 14. Let's show them a capacity crowd of concerned citizens hearing

Lois Gibbs, and our local mayoral candidates, and our children (the Georgetown High School Drama Club) and the little ones from Larnehouse Public School. Let them see us discussing the issue of how to deal with our garbage, so that they will deal with their own.

Call 878-7817, for details The Landry Family

A thank you from the United Way

Dear Sir, The United Way of Halton Hills Campaign is off and running for 1988 and I would like to thank the following people for their generous contributions to the "special events" of this campaign.

For donating food to our Chili Blitz Night I thank: The Butcher Shoppe, Lablows and Preston's. For cooking the chili, I would like to thank Kenner's Catering.

For donating door prizes to our Chili Blitz Night I would like to thank the following people: Ford Motor Company, Georgetown Honda,

Terra Cotta Inn, Jacy's Cake and Pastry Shop, Video Plus, Crawford's, F.M. 108 and the Royal York Hotel, New Duke of York Restaurant, Hair Creations,

Georgetown Golf and Country Club, The Copper Kettle, Pompei Pizzeria, Jake's Auto Clean, Poppy's Fine Dining, Hamilton Automobile Club, Ontario Agricultural Museum, Molly Maid, Speedy Muffler, Halton

Region Conservation Authority, Halton Camera Exchange, Terra Cotta Conservation Authority and the Hobby Horse

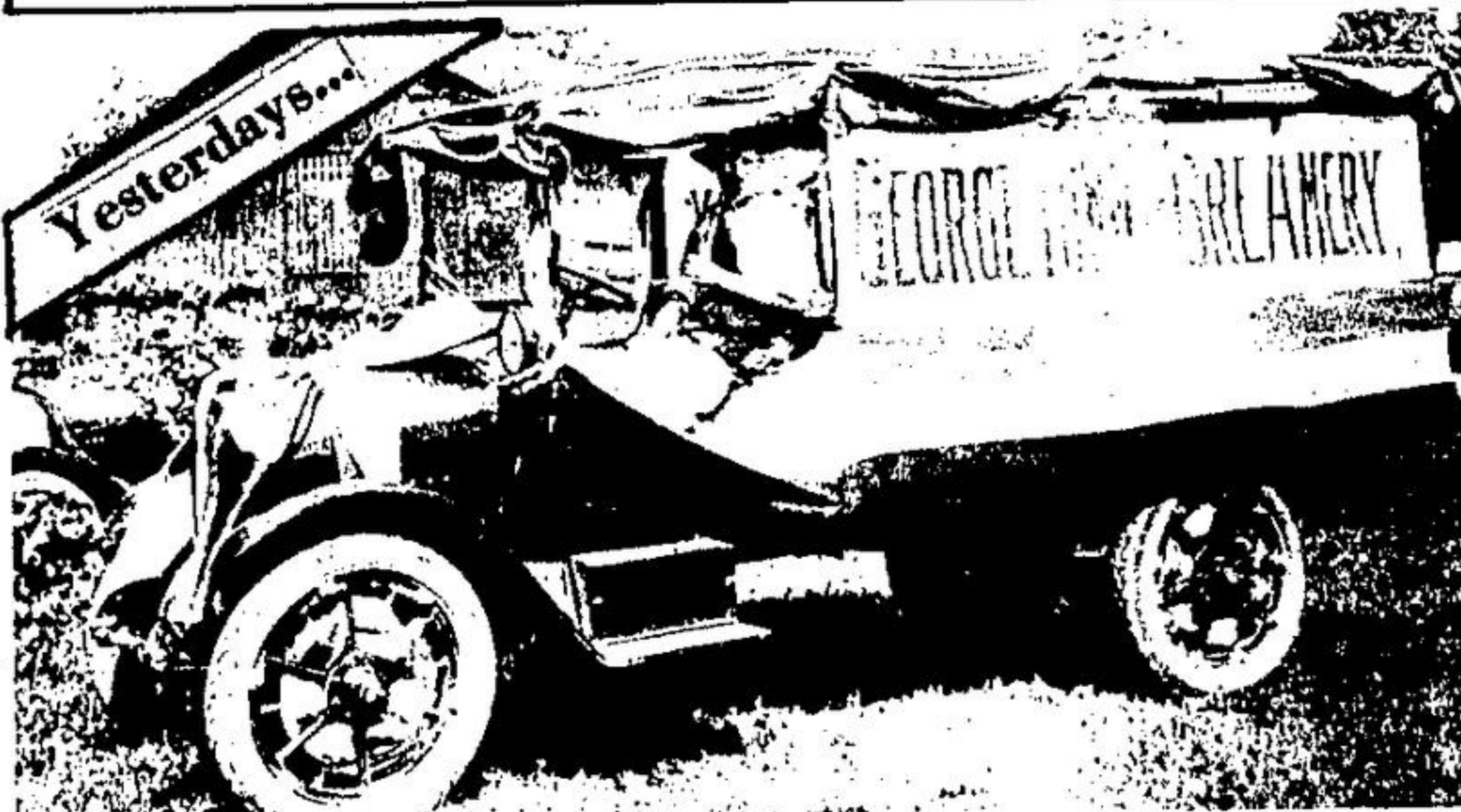
Last but not least, I would like to

thank the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, and in particular Doug Penrice, for dedicating hours of time and work to help make our kick-off luncheon a great success.

It is quite apparent that many worthwhile organizations cannot function without the generous support of our local business people and the Chamber of Commerce.

We thank you all for ensuring the success of this year's campaign. United Way certainly "Hits Home."

Yours truly, Tom Gibson, President



A milk-mover of the past