

Halton's History from our files

30 years ago

Jack Harlow has been chosen chief of the Georgetown Fire Department for the 3rd straight year.

Chief Harlow was returned to the position, on Sunday, when the brigade held their annual meeting at the fire hall on Guelph Street, attended by representatives from Georgetown and Esquesing township council as well as former fireman, Fred Armstrong, Industry and Chamber of Commerce representative Jack Chrichton of the Alliance Paper Mills, Art Scott and Alf Perrott.

The last few weeks have seen the Rotary Club busy with various phases of their work among Crippled Children and needy families.

At Christmas, the Club took a number of hampers to families in the community and the club remembered crippled children by giving them a small Christmas present.

Last Monday's meeting was well attended, with their dinner being held as usual at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

Attendance, which has been excellent, slipped a little last month to 84 per cent due in large part to illness of its members.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association was held in the main hall at Milton Fair Grounds on Tuesday of last week. Some 70 odd Halton farm operators were in attendance for the morning session, which got underway at 10:30 a.m. under the leadership of president Maurice C. Beaty, who presided over what was considered by many to be one of the best of the numerous excellent programs presented by this organization.

15 years ago

Glen Gordon, 27, owes his life to a bedroom door.

The door was attributed to stopping a fire which raged through his John Street apartment shortly after midnight on Saturday.

The Raiders tucked one last victory under their belts before going into the New Year.

Last Friday, the team went to Dundas, where they defeated the Merchants 6-3 in a closely contested game.

In the first period, Tommy Gilbert got the Raiders off to a booming start when he pounded the puck into the Merchant's net while Dundas was shorthanded. His blistering slapshot completely beat out the Merchant's goalkeeper who could not even see the puck.

The North Halton Contact Centre, a befriending and referral service set up a month ago, has met with great success so far.

Gail Williamson, public relations officer for the organization, said

they received more than 100 calls in the first month of operation, which began No. 16.

"This was very surprising to us" said Mrs. Williamson. "We were warned not to expect too great a response at first, but actually we have far surpassed our greatest expectations."

10 years ago

Georgetown's McGibbon Hotel changed hands again last week.

Nick Markou closed the deal Friday to purchase the hotel from Gladbar Hotels Ltd. for an undisclosed amount. The hotel has been in operation for more than a century.

Work has already begun on a long term plan to convert one of Georgetown's oldest commercial establishments into an attractive and profitable business capable of enhancing the town and drawing people back to the main street.

Last year the Herald asked local psychics Jessie Zuest and Linda Beth Sanderson to take a look at what would be happening during 1978. Miss Sanderson has since moved away, but Mrs. Zuest is still living in rural Milton and her predictions for this year appeared on page one.

Although the ladies were way off in some areas, they were amazingly accurate in others.

"I'm a lucky guy. My whole career has been lucky. Even getting this job was just through luck," says Georgetown's District High School Bandleader.

Harry Hamilton, 57, did not even apply for the job when he was hired 10 years ago. One of his neighbors in Etobicoke was a teacher at the school and he knew there was an opening for a music teacher.

5 years ago

The Georgetown Memorial Hospital is still hoping to offer every type of health care facility in one complex by the end of the year; chronic care, nursing home, self-care units and active care.

The \$5 million dollar addition to the active treatment hospital has a completion date set for the fall, and according to the chairman of the hospital board, construction is on schedule.

Carving a niche for itself with as many as five million people in its market, Acton's Olde Hide House smells not only of leather, but of sweet success as well.

The renovated hide warehouse on Eastern Street recently passed its third anniversary and no other single retailer has had more of an impact on the community's economy.

Rewards outweigh the costs

Something deep in the human spirit impels us to travel, to see our own country and other peoples and places.

Herodotus, more than 2,400 years ago, wrote of tourists visiting the pyramids of Egypt—which were some 3,000 years old then.

Never before in human history, though, has wide-ranging travel been as easily accessible as it is today, no matter how we may complain about delays and congestion.

The grandparents, or even the parents, of many present-day travellers never had the travel opportunities that are within reach of any teenager. When and if those older generations could venture abroad, social rules required that they take along a trunkful of clothes and other accoutrements—a far cry from the backpacks favored by today's fortunate young wanderers.

Think of the 102 pilgrims who sailed from Plymouth to what is now the coast of Massachusetts aboard the Mayflower in a crossing that lasted more than two months—and contrast that with the dozens of wide-bodied jets, which can hold four or five times as many people, that cross the Atlantic twice every 24 hours.

NO GUARANTEES

Travel, like money, doesn't necessarily bring happiness. But to renounce travel is almost sure to invite bitter regret on some future day, when the opportunity to add that new dimension to your family's life has passed irrevocably.

Just what is it that makes a trip a success? Certainly not the amount of money spent on the trip—there can be a big difference between a low-cost holiday and a cheap one.

The most vital element is probably the simplest one: Luck. A person who has visited a certain destination on a bright, pleasant day will render a different verdict than another person who was there in rotten weather.

But travellers can do much to improve their luck—such as checking meteorological records. For example, the chances of fine weather in the Laurentians or Muskoka are high in mid-July—which is just the time to stay away from the parched California desert.

Read about your destination and discover what special events are scheduled that will enhance your trip, such as Indian Days at Banff or the Antigonish (N.S.) Highland Games.

JOY OF SOLITUDE

The other side of the coin is that such research will enable you to bypass the crowds, if that is your preference.

An unforgettable memory for me was standing on the deserted hill at Marathon while a Greek friend

described the great battle there in 490 B.C. when his vastly outnumbered forebears routed the Persians.

Solitude can be one of the unexpected pleasures of travel—an early morning stroll along an oceanfront, sitting alone on a hill and watching distant clouds, or as John Ruskin wrote, taking "a quiet walk along no more than 10 or 12 miles of road a day."

It's possible, even in public places, to feel some of the joys of solitude and privacy. In a new and distant place, no one knows who you are nor anything about you, in contrast to your normal, everyday life. And if you take a cruise, your ship becomes a world apart, where you can be as solitary or as gregarious as you yourself decide.

The important thing is to plan your vacation in a way that reflects your outlook, your individual (or family) interests, your own ideas of enjoyment as distinct

from what is supposed to be the commonly accepted idea.

Know where you want to go, and why. Columbus knew he wanted to go to the Far East, and so he sailed westward knowing that the world was round.

If you know the "where" and the "why", you will know what to do and what you can pass up, even though the guidebooks may say "must see."

Basically, if you are a reasonably secure person, you will probably seek those things that are different from your everyday experiences. (For the insecure, there are familiar fast-food franchises everywhere in the world, to provide re-assurance and comfort.) Foreign customs will be a source of fascination—not something to be criticized or compared unfavorably with Canadian ways.

Remember that there is more to a vacation than the time you are away from home.

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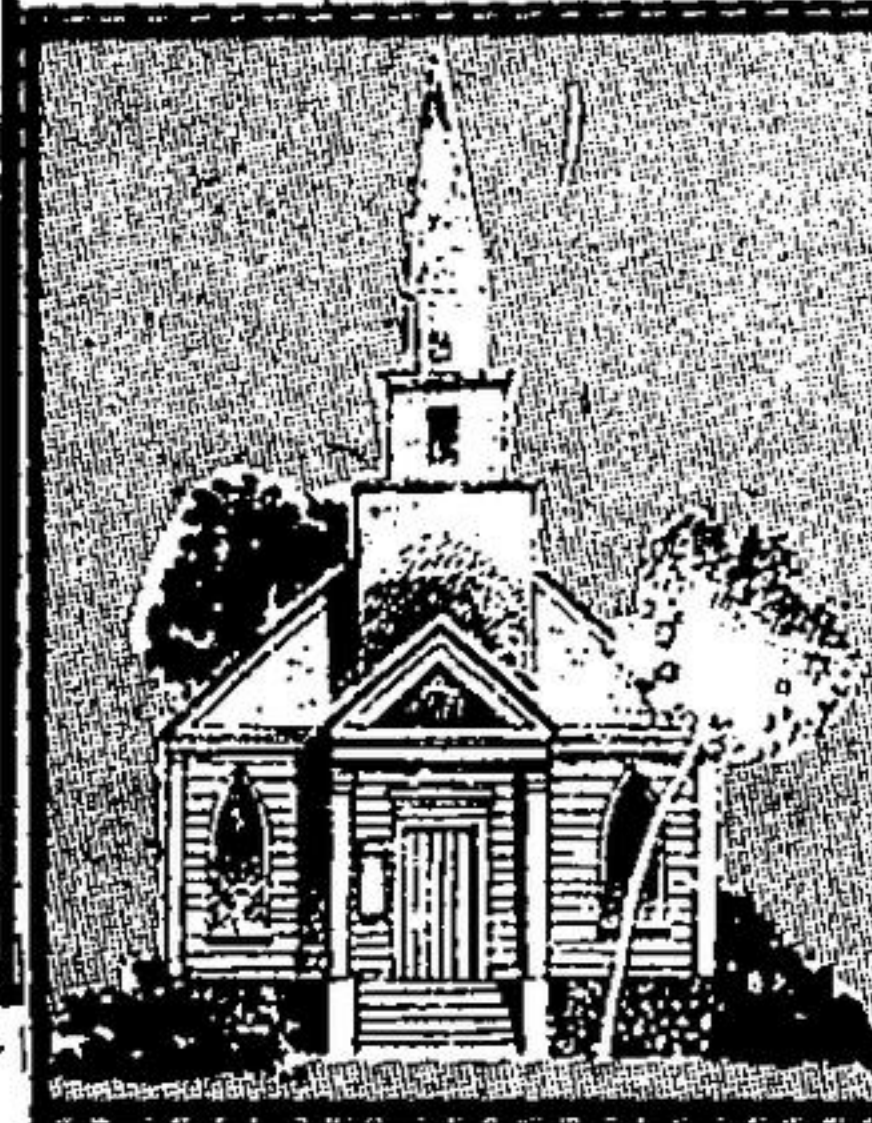
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SILVER CREEK TRUNK SEWER STUDY

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PUBLIC COMMENT NOW BEING ACCEPTED

As a requirement under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act, the Regional Municipality of Halton hereby notifies all interested individuals and parties that the Region of Halton is conducting a preliminary investigation to assess the need for additional sanitary sewerage works in the Silver Creek Valley between Mountainview Road and Main Street in Georgetown.

The purpose of the Silver Creek Trunk Sewer Study is to assess the impact of the new sanitary sewerage works through the Silver Creek Valley and to accommodate the additional growth within the Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown).

A public information session will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 1989 in the Committee Room at the Town of Halton Hills Municipal Offices on Trafalgar Road regarding the above mentioned project to be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for Municipal Water and Sewage Projects.

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