

# Opinion Page

## Halton's History from our files

### 30 years ago

With the election in Ontario only three weeks away, a relatively quiet campaign was expected. In Georgetown, the enumeration has already taken place, with the two enumerators having called at homes last week.

Two Georgetown men, Ralph Bludd of 3 Churchill Cres. and Keith Miller of RR1 split the \$100 reward money for their part in the return of a Galt youngster who disappeared from his home on May 13. The 14-year-old truant had been living with relatives in the Princeton district of Galt for the past eight years. The reward for information of the boy was put up by his father.

George Cuthbert of Brampton had a "hare-raising" experience driving to work. He was eastbound of the QEW, a mile west of the Humber River bridge, when a jackrabbit ran onto the road and froze in the path of his car. At the last second the rabbit jumped over the hood of the car, crashed through the windshield and struck Mr. Cuthbert in the face. Although bleeding from face cuts, the driver managed to retain control of his car and drove to St. Joseph's Hospital in Toronto for treatment. He said a pair of sunglasses saved him from more serious injury. The dead jackrabbit weighed 9½-pounds and was buried by Mr. Cuthbert in his backyard.

### 15 years ago

Project SWEEP (Students Working in Environmental Enhancement Program) returns again to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. This year's project is one part of "Experience

'74", the name given collectively to all the students' programs administered by the Ontario Provincial Government's Youth Secretariat.

More than 600 school children in Acton were handcuffed and fingerprinted by the Acton OPP, reported Corp. Bob Arbour. The work is all part of a display and demonstration program arranged for police week by the OPP. Last Monday, about 200 pupils from the public schools went to the police station on Willow Street to view the display of guns, uniforms, and drugs.

### 10 years ago

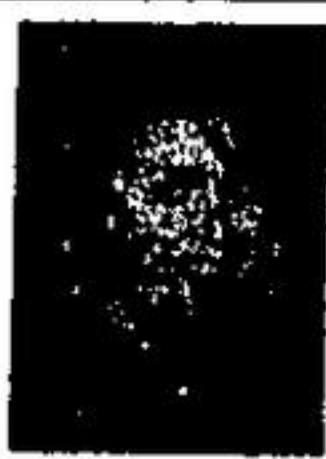
The payment of \$40,000 to assist in the restoration of Acton's century-old town hall had been recommended by the town's general committee. After a lengthy debate Monday night during which allegedly parochial comments made by some councillors raised the ire of those representing Ward I (Acton), the committee agreed to earmark \$40,000 in the town's 1980 budget as its share of the estimated \$200,000 restoration cost, adding the condition that the availability of provincial grants must first be assured for the project.

Approval was expected for the sale of the financially troubled River Run housing development off River Drive in Georgetown. L.V. Matukas of Lenhdorff Investors Services Limited in Toronto told The Herald that a subsidiary of his company offered \$1,650,000 for the partially completed subdivision.

### 5 years ago

As a result of being open on Sunday, both locations of H and H video stores in Acton and Georgetown have been charged under the Retail Business Holidays Act. This is not the first time the store has been charged with the offence and one police spokesman referred to the situation as a "test case." "If they continue to stay open we'll continue to charge them, until the courts sort it out," he said.

## No place to house town's cultural riches



Kell's Korner

Donna Kell  
Herald Staff

Halton Hills is an area rich in cultural history.

Buildings in town are a standing monument to an area that has undergone, and survived, many changes.

But there is no place to house the treasures of the past, no room to walk into to catch a glimpse of history intact.

The Region of Halton is considering plans to move the Regional Museum from its present location in Kelso Park to a site in Bronte Provincial Park at Upper Middle Road and Highway 25. While this is a lucrative location to attract tourists travelling along the local highways, the northerners will be left, geographically, out in the rain.

This project is proposed to cost \$7.5 million. Those tax dollars come from everyone in the Region - not just those in the surrounding areas of Burlington and Oakville (although they do have a large contribution due to larger populations). But what real benefit will the museum in Oakville be to Halton Hills residents?

One thing to keep in mind is that artifacts down at the overcrowded premises in Kelso are pieces of Halton Hills' heritage. One statue of an Indian woman once sat out-

side the first smoke shop in Georgetown.

Someone driving through Burlington might have heard of Georgetown or Acton, but would probably be more interested in the locale where the museum sits - in South Halton.

There is no doubt that the Regional Museum needs a new location, but access from North Halton, especially Halton Hills, will be limited. A second site proposed in the Crawford Lake area would have been more central to many people. There are travellers from Peel, Hamilton-Wentworth and Guelph who frequent the environmentally-protected lands in Milton. Somehow, Milton doesn't seem far away from Burlington, Oakville, Acton or Georgetown.

The Region suggested if the museum is approved for construction in Oakville, each municipality could have its own satellite museum to host displays and rotating exhibits. But Halton Hills can't afford such a museum, as the mayor told other Regional councillors at an administration and finance committee meeting last week.

So, back to square one. If Halton Hills could somehow find the funds, perhaps even on a private donation base, to turn one of the monumental and historically-rich properties in town into a museum that could provide added tourism it should do so.

Everyone in town wants progress, it seems. And that's great and it's understandable. But in speeding up the wheels of industry, the heritage of such a beautiful place should be preserved and not crushed.

## LETTERS

# Reader irked by MPP Turner

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter to MPP Garth Turner was filled with the Herald for publication.

Mr. Turner:

Well, it has become readily apparent that you have read the great book of stupid government. The Garth Turner of the Toronto Sun days is gone and now has a firm foothold toeing the party line.

Enough propaganda about Canada being at war with the national debt, enough tugging at patriotic heartstrings and enough praise for Mr. Wilson, the raper of the middle class. You are not the Garth Turner I helped elect but you are the Garth Turner I will do my utmost to not have elected next time.

I worked hard and sacrificed greatly last year to earn \$50,000 and your government sees me only as a source of uncomplaining income. The middle class that contribute most to the welfare of this country is also the class that receives the least in return for their efforts.

The working middle class are not responsible for the massive debt incurred by this country over the

last 15 years but we are the ones that are paying it off.

Canadians will play ball on this plan to slow the debt, but only if the system is fair. What is fair about a system where a single wage earner with a wife and two children pays more tax than a two earner family with no children and the same income?

I do not earn the money I do because of some privilege granted to me by the government, I do so because I work long and hard. I am left with less money to support my family while a young couple and Mr. Wilson laugh at my traditional values.

Your Mr. Wilson, the one you praise so much, makes me angry to the point of nausea.

And to top it all off your Mr. Wilson is going to "tax-back" all of my family allowance. When did Canada go from a democracy to socialism?

Your idea about the bonds is a stupid one. Who in their right minds would buy low interest bonds when they need all the money you can get to support your family?

We middle class are not that

stupid or that patriotic. My family comes first and everything else, including the country, a distant second.

For your information, I quit my \$12,000-a-year part-time job because Mr. Wilson's budget takes away my incentive to do so. Because of the new national sales tax, whatever goods I can I will make myself, buy privately and used to avoid paying any more tax.

You and your government are making my family's life very difficult and in return I plan to do the same to you.

Plan to see a lot of me at your future "town hall" meetings where I will be pointing out your policy swing, your propaganda articles about the government and the unfairness your government dishes out to the backbone of the country.

Take this clear message back to government, no doubt with your hat in your hand, and tell Mr. Wilson for me that I have had enough. I can no longer respect a government that literally excretes on my values.

Chris Gougeon,  
Georgetown

## Late doctor questioned modern MD's

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was written 39 years ago by Dr. W.C. Whiteside and is printed here in its entirety as it appeared in the June 1950 edition of the Alberta Medical Journal.

The letter was submitted to the Herald by Donna Robin of Georgetown.

Have we modern doctors in our zeal for medical advancement lost the human touch of kindness and friendship for those we serve?

Why did so many noble men of this art, who have gone before, leave lasting treasures and friendships in their community and to the world at large? Was it because the majority were general practitioners and medical giants in their own rights, or was it because they lived in that age of quiet loveliness? They left so much to posterity and their names remain through the ages. Has specialization destroyed this great asset that the general practitioner held so long?

The whole world needs something - perhaps more kindness, more friendship or more time. If only friendship could be added to the science of medicine again as it was so frequently seen in the horse and buggy days, what a peaceful world this would be. Those days could come again if each played his part today and reaffirmed our allegiance to the Hippocratic oath, then expressions

might be heard again at parting as, "He was a great friend of his patients"; "He was my best true friend"; "He was a good friend and a good doctor"; or "He was so kind and cheerful to everyone."

The human touch, the true hand clasp, little acts of kindness - little ones are all that are needed - a kindly and cheery smile, words of encouragement and comfort are all so greatly needed in the present day practice of medicine; in a world so full of speed and greed.

Surely these treasures will come again. May the quainter come again; more bows and less smirks, more praise and less criticism, more love and less hatred, more waltzes and less jass, more Chopin and fewer "soap operas," more appreciation of kindness by the thoughtful and less selfishness by the greedy, more "homing" and less "clubbing", more saving and less wasting.

Yes, and more time to study the Creator and nature's wonders, and less time to spend on "wasted fields" of our life. Maybe a tune of an old favourite will be whistled again at any time of the day. Maybe they will come again, "the days of quiet loveliness."

Each man is captain of his ship, he may ride the open ocean or remain within the harbour until he has crossed the bar. In either case the voyage can be smooth if only the seaways of quiet loveliness are

charted and followed. To the recent graduate one would say: "You are now crossing the harbour, the ocean lies ahead."

It is well to remember that while the busy doctor is toiling day in and day out, month in and month out, the fibroblasts are hurtling over each other to lay down scar tissue in the coronary arteries, until the arteries become smaller, the heart bigger, and its beat faster.

The tailor may have to put a zipper in his trousers instead of buttons, all signs of failing mechanism which is due to attrition, the stress and strain of a busy, restless life.

Yes, we heard that he was going to take it easy, perhaps take his young family on a trip and enjoy a well-earned holiday. Then the day of hurry is over, and he will pause. The only quiet voyage will be his last, and inch by inch they will lower him down, and when the last car swerves around the corner, the senior grade digger will say, "Throw her in, Bill, I'm in a hurry," and the hollow drop becomes a staccato, while down the street may be seen another doctor going to attend his patients. It is too sad that those days of quiet loveliness did not come while he lived.

Maybe those days of quiet loveliness and solitude will come to us. Well, maybe they will come again.

## Red Cross thanks local blood donors

Dear Sir,  
Red Cross officials reported 312 donors attended the Blood Clinic Monday, May 8, and donated 303 units of blood. This clinic was sponsored by the Kinsmen Club. Their help with distribution of posters, setting up clinic, loading equipment and general assistance at the clinic is appreciated.

Thanks to Dr. Ashenburt, who was on call, volunteers, staff,

nursery help and drivers, the clergy, John Ollivier of Halton Cable Systems, Halton Hills Hydro for displaying promotional banners, Dairy Queen for donation of juice and cups, Piza Hut for tea and serviettes, Miracle Mart for coffee, Loblaw's for donuts, Mr. L. Ferguson of Mac's Milk and Coca-Cola Ltd. for soft drinks, C.W.L. for kitchen help and Mr. C. Domingos for use of Holy Cross

Auditorium.  
Special thanks to Betty Milton and her telephone committee, to Shirley Chaplin for publicity and promotion and to Noreen and Betty Baker, convenors of this clinic.

Clinic organizers would like to thank all people who took time out to give the gift of life.

Donor Awards were given to:  
75: Gerard Wilcox. 50: Steven Buck, Albert Flikkema, Glen McKenzie. 35: Paul Kavanach, Edward Humphreys, William King. 20: Dennis Borotsik, Donald Buckles. 10: Helen McLaughlin, Audra Armstrong, Douglas Meal, Liane McDonald, Jennifer Beardmore.

The next regular clinic for Georgetown will be Monday, Aug. 14, 1989.

Yours sincerely,  
Nancy Schultheiss,  
Flo Street,  
Erica Thompson,  
Georgetown Red Cross  
Blood Donor Program

## Reader disappointed in doctor story

Dear Sir,  
I must say, I am very disappointed in the Herald with the May 10 article entitled "Formal complaint filed against two doctors"

When I read the headline, I skimmed through the article and seeing the first two doctors named being Drs. Ng and Ford, thought they were the two involved. It wasn't until I read the additional page when I realized it wasn't them at all. And I've talked to at least a dozen people who thought that it was Drs. Ng and Ford in trouble, or at least that they were involved as well.

Also, you write how Dr. Ford left

the country on holidays. Well, get the facts straight! They weren't holidays. He left the country on Mar. 9 on a family emergency. He wasn't even here when they found out it was an ectopic pregnancy.

Don't you think this doctor's reputation has been hurt enough? Dr. Ford is the best doctor I have ever met, and I would entrust my life to him. And I hope that in the future you will get the true facts and take more care when writing an article so it is understood properly by all.

Yours sincerely,  
Jean Burton



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