

### 30 years ago

In the absence of his father who was ill, Frank Hall, son of Halton MPP Stanley Hall, attended with his mother the provincial dinner for Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh at the Royal York Hotel during the royal couple's brief stay.

Miss Marie Barbour has retired from her position as teacher in Cooksville, South Peel. Prior to her leaving she was honored with many gifts and presentations which will always be a reminder to her of her many happy years on the staff.

The executive of the Georgetown Community Centre tennis club was elected on June 23 at the home of Murray Macdonald, and E.C. Beard was named president of the recently formed club.

### 15 years ago

After a heated discussion with supporters for the proposed arena in Georgetown, Mayor Tom Hill promised to donate \$250 to any fundraising drive. Mayor Hill met with the representatives of various clubs and organizations in Georgetown to plan a course of action for a large fundraising project to support the arena.

A Belljet Ranger helicopter, whose rental rate is \$255 per hour, landed behind the Niagara Escarpment Commission offices on Guelph Street. The helicopter was carrying Walter Giles, assistant deputy minister of the department of lands and waters, ministry of natural resources, and Lloyd Eckel, executive director of the division of lands for the ministry of natural resources who were making a southern tour. Mr. Giles and Mr. Eckel were in Georgetown to meet with George R. McCague, chairman N.E.C. to discuss commission business.

### 10 years ago

Starting July 9, 1979, Operation Action will be bringing information on fitness and nutrition to people in

## Halton's History from our files

Halton Hills, right where they live, with F.A.N.F.A.R.E. F.A.N. stands for fitness and nutrition. The people from Operation Action will be bringing a show into the different neighborhoods in Halton Hills, featuring information on fitness and nutrition, and including a fitness testing station. There were people on hand to answer questions about the subject.

Officials of Halton Region and the Halton Federation of Agriculture will confront the province's ministry of environment over charges that the ministry's incompetent inspection procedures for sludge disposal sites have resulted in the contamination of area rivers.

Interested Citizens Group (ICG) lawyers returned to the Ontario Supreme Court to debate the confusion over conflicting Ontario planning legislation. John Schneider, chairman of the group opposing Ontario Hydro's construction of the Bruce to Milton 500 kilovolt power transmission corridor said the court hearing in Toronto will clarify the conflicting statements of priority of the Ontario Municipal Board Act and the Power Corporation Act.

### 5 years ago

Mrs. Mae Cleave of Brampton, a former Norval resident, celebrated her 90th birthday at Grace United Church. 150 friends and relatives called to extend this lovely lady their best birthday greetings.

GDHS principal Don Baker said technical education enrolments for September, 1984 are down 56.2 per cent over last year. Provincially they were down 20.5 per cent in high schools.

## LETTERS

# Canada Post should spend money on service, not ads

Dear Sir,  
I just wish Canada Post, which appears to have millions of dollars to spend on newspaper advertising, would spend it where it really counts - on the people who run our rural postal service.  
Customers think it's business as usual when rural post offices which have traditionally operated out of general stores are forced into privatization by Canada Post. But the contractors who run these outlets sure notice a difference. Many receive a mere fraction of what the job paid before the 'magic' privatization. For example, at the (now privatized) postal outlet in Belfountain, the operators get less than half what the

previous postmaster made - and mail volumes are up! As a supply teacher, she could make in one day what Canada Post pays her for a week's work. Why bother doing it at all? Simple: the only alternative is super mailboxes, and most communities with a post office tradition over 100 years old say 'no way'. But it still means somebody has to do the job for shamefully little... Canada Post gives these communities no other choice.  
Clark Glassford, the Belfountain councillor who signed that (expensive) full page Canada Post newspaper ad supporting the 'new' postal service, had no idea there were such huge discrepancies between the amounts paid by Canada

Post to 'real' postmasters and the new (but much poorer) contractors, or - just as bad - the incredible differences between communities. Compare Belfountain side by side with Terra Cotta and it's a total sham (to say nothing of Limehouse). But how could Mr. Glassford possibly know? Canada Post refuses to make public the terms of its contracts. Some people argue it's no one else's business, but who do you think gets the short end of the stick every time, the contractor or Canada Post? (If you guessed Canada Post, no dessert tonight).

Yours sincerely,  
Liz Armstrong,  
Erin

## Salaries should be cut

Dear Sir,  
As to the recommended increases in salaries of Mayor and Councillors: In my opinion, they are volunteers serving our community, like the board of directors serves a cooperative or credit union, and they do not receive any remuneration. This should really be the time to start a discussion on cutting out those salaries.

It seems that civil servants' wage increases now lead the way! How can that be, when the taxes are being brought up by workers, whose increases are often less than the inflation rate?

Thank you for listening!  
Sincerely yours,  
H.J. van Goch,  
Georgetown

## Seniors association is still active

Dear Sir,  
Pioneer Days have come and gone and we thank ESAC (Elderly Services Advisory Committee) for sharing their facilities with us. I hope many of you coped with the poor weather and went down to Main Street. Did you meet the representatives of the Georgetown and District Senior's Association, receive a brochure and have a conversation? I know some of you did and we thank you for your interest. Talk with your friends. See if they may be interested and phone the numbers listed. The brochures are available in a number of places around town.

There will not be too much activity during July and August as many of you are vacationing, but

watch for a major campaign in September, beginning with the Fall Fair.

In the meantime, board and committee members will always be available, at least some of them will, to answer your questions and accept your pledges of support. The post office box number is P.O. Box 41, Georgetown L7G 4T1.

The executive is progressing with a constitution, registration for a charitable number and the other routine steps necessary for a well ordered organization.

Have a good summer!  
Florence Smith

### July 5, 1989

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1821, Venezuela gained independence under Simon Bolivar.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** P.T. Barnum (1810); Jean Cocteau (1889); Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. (1902); Georges Pompidou (1911); Robble Robertson (1944); Richard "Goose" Gossage (1951).

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant." - P.T. Barnum

## WRITE US A LETTER

The Herald wants to hear from you. If you have an opinion you want to express or a comment to make, send us a letter or drop by the office. Our address is 45 Guelph St., Georgetown, Ont., L7G 3Z6.

All letters must be signed. Please include your address and telephone number for verification.

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## A hard lesson on a new law



**Kell's Korner**

Donna Kell  
Herald Staff

I learned the hard way about the province's new legislation that catches those sneaky devils who avoid paying parking tickets.

When January rolled around, and it was my birthday, mom and dad kindly gave me a sum of dollars (I'm embarrassed to say how much) to pay off outstanding parking fines. You see, it's become a bit of a tradition for my family to give vehicle plate stickers along with some other type of gift on birthdays.

I trudged into the local Georgetown Ministry of Transport office, and red-faced, paid fines accrued over the past two years. I found out in a hurry what the new legislation means. Having received my tickets in a variety of places - from Guelph to downtown Toronto - I didn't think they could pool together all these municipalities in one blow.

But it sure beats the last system. Imagine being jailed for outstanding parking fines. Get people where they live! Get them in the pocket book! Get them behind the

wheel. Way to go province of Ontario!

I wrote about Mountainview Road, and particularly Hungry Hollow, before, but now I mean it. Time is drawing nigh.

This wonderful hill with its sharp inclines (and therefore declines) is losing some of its splendor even as I write this. The mud down there (dangerously close to the creek) gives it a shoddy look. And it will only get worse. The hill will be "graded" to reduce that exhilarating incline (and therefore, decline) and there will be a lot more mud. And yellow tractors, and dust, and complaints... But the worst part is Halton Hills will be losing one of its hills. I've got an idea. How about calling this area Halton Flats?

For anybody who is an FM radio buff, and has been for a number of years, you might remember the Spirit of Radio. No? Well, it was once a small station in Brampton that played local music no one else would. Now, it's a station that calls itself "modern." At a Canada Day concert given by this station, which is incidentally, at 102.1 on the FM band, its own fans helped pay for a banner that said "bring back the Spirit of Radio." I contributed one of my own hard-earned bucks to the cause. Does anybody else have a love-hate relationship with CFNY?

## Learning art of procrastination



**Weir's View**

By Ian Weir  
Thomson News Service

As one who's keenly interested in self-improvement, I was naturally delighted to read a newspaper item about an enterprising psychologist who's offering a series of seminars on procrastination.

Gosh, I said to myself. This sounds useful. Yes, this sounds like just the sort of course I should take, one of these days.

The fact is, I've learned a good deal about procrastination over the years. Just this morning, I learned from the dictionary that the word itself stems from a Latin root meaning "tomorrow."

This is neither here nor there, really - it's just that looking up words in the dictionary seemed like a good alternative to starting work on this column.

After putting down the New Concise Oxford, I spent another half-hour browsing through my Dictionary of Humorous Quotations. There was nothing on procrastination, but I did find a great Mark Twain line about God's having decided to create man because He was disappointed in the monkey.

Anyway, this notion of procrastination seminars is intriguing - although perhaps just a little futile.

Let's face it - if you decide to offer a series of self-help seminars on procrastination, the only people you're likely to attract are the strictly amateur procrastinators. The genuine pros will remain at home, postponing a decision on the seminar until they've resolved whether to defrost the freezer or just buy a new fridge.

Frankly, I didn't make it to the seminar, myself. But I did read the newspaper interview with the psychologist - one Don Wright.

According to Mr. Wright, there are two reasons for procrastination: people either procrastinate because they fear failure, or because delaying gives them a sense of power and control.

Well. Excuse me, but this is nonsense.

I've spent much of my life neglecting to take out the garbage, but I've never doubted my ability to get it safely to the curb. And I've never awakened with a burning desire to make a Glad Bag submit to my will.

My own theory is that people procrastinate for two quite different reasons. Sometimes, we do so because we are philosophical souls who see things in their proper perspective and realize that, if a job is worth doing, it will still be worth doing next Tuesday.

The other reason, of course, is that we just plain don't want to do the stupid job. But this too involves larger philosophical issues.

The stoic is able to stand tall in the face of hardship or heartbreak, murmuring "this too shall pass."

Similarly, the sight of a basement full of junk inspires the truly philosophical mind to speculate: "perhaps it will go away."

Alternatively, the philosopher can place his trust in the innate goodness of humankind, and speculate: "perhaps someone else will clean it up."

And if that doesn't work, just remind yourself to see these things in their global context. Put it this way: the ozone layer is breaking down, the polar ice-caps are melting, and nuclear disaster is just a computer malfunction away.

Imagine the cosmic horror of spending six hours cleaning out the basement the very day before the world ended. You'd never forgive yourself.

Besides, Mr. Wright's theories beg a much more basic question - which is whether procrastination is such a bad thing to begin with.

After all, the fact that a job is worth doing does not necessarily mean that you should do it. And when you get right down to it, how many jobs are really worth doing in the first place?

Granted, in a world which operated on the true principles of procrastination, basements would remain full of junk and garbage would sit in the kitchen for weeks on end.

On the other hand, Bill Vander Zalm would still be debating whether to enter politics or weed the garden, and we wouldn't see Wilson's budget until the turn of the century.

Which is something to think about - should you get round to it.