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The Georgetown Kinsmen Club held its first meeting of the season this past week, at the McGibbon Hotel. The past national president, Bill Valentine, gave a brief speech on the aims of the club to help the community. Next, the new executive was elected and they are: President Bill Hewitt; vice president Dean Taylor; secretary Glynn Stevens; treasurer Rob Gibbons; directors, Jack Cuthbert, Jack Conn, Douglas Patterson, and Jack Spence.

Glen Williams resident Mrs. Mabel Cain announced the engagement of her daughter, Audrey, Eileen to Douglas Robert Weir of Georgetown. Mr. Weir is the son of Mrs. Harvey Armstrong. The wedding is scheduled to take place Oct. 9 at the St. Alban's Anglican Church in Glen Williams.

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The son of Georgetown residents Mr. and Mrs. John Ruddell, Tom Ruddell, graduated with the highest marks in electronics at Sheridan College of Applied Arts and Technology. Mr. Ruddell recently took a job with the Field Engineering Department of Sperry-Univac in Don Mills.

A book-signing session marked the official opening of the new Acton Legion Hall this week. John Cusack, 82, was autographing his book "Scarlett Fever" which centres around his starting up the Remedial Riding School for handicapped children in Halton and Peel. Mr. Cusack is a Legionnaire from Kapuskasing.

Georgetown resident Julie Burns placed fifth overall in the 10th annual National Youth Bowling Championships. Julie averaged a very respectable 185 over 24 games but the breaks just didn't go her way. Three of the girls who placed ahead of Julie all had games over the 300 mark.

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The Georgetown Knights began their campaign to raise money for the Canadian Arthritis Society this

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week. The group will be conducting a door-to-door campaign to help raise \$6,000.

Cathy McGrath was chosen as the 1979 Miss Acton Fall Fair. Ms. McGrath, 18, was crowned by the 1978 queen, Victoria Lenik at the Acton Community Centre Friday night. Ms. McGrath beat out 18 other contestants for the honor. The runners-up were sister Tina, Kim Ottaway and Wanita Andrews. Ms. McGrath is a Grade 13 student at Bishop MacDonnell High School in Guelph and works part-time at the IGA in Acton. Her hobbies include horseback riding and various sports. After completing high school she plans to attend the University of Guelph to become a veterinarian.

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Organizers of the fourth annual Terry Fox Run stressed that the run was for everyone. People can jog or walk or even take a stroll over the 10 kilometre course. The Halton Hills runs will take place at the Georgetown Fairgrounds and the Acton High School. Last year 225,867 participants took part in the run at 1,577 run sites set up in Canada and across the globe and they raised over \$3.19 million.

Georgetown student Thomas Barnes was one of the security guards who provided crowd control during the Papal Mass at Downsview Airport. He described the experience as being a little calmer than at a rock concert. Mr. Barnes, 21, is a Law and Security administration student at Sheridan College. His assignment involved two 12-hour shifts of crowd control. He ensured unauthorized people didn't get into "police personnel only areas."

What color is your local politician wearing this year?



Donna Kell
Kell's Korner

What color is your local politician wearing?

If he or she is wearing blue with a dash of red and a touch of orange or green, look for a non-committal response.

But if that same politician dons a bright red tie and a pin-striped grey suit, look for fence-sitting or signs of increased social benefits.

If that politician is wearing a dark suit and a blue tie, don't expect radical change, unless it means more development and more rezoning applications approved for small, medium and big business.

At a meeting last week, Regional councillors made a big deal of what party each was affiliated with outside the council chamber walls. It began with a motion saying "as suggested by the local New Democratic Party", but some insisted that the NDP part of the resolution should be removed to

read "suggested by Halton Region."

The issue was what to do with VIA Rail, the dark cloud hanging over Canada's wallet, or the remnant of pioneer spirit, built originally by Chinese coolies, and binding us from sea to shining sea (or ocean to oil-slicked-ocean).

Burlington Coun. Walter Mulkewich smacked of left-wing sentiment when he said the government must pay for transportation. Citizens, then, have a right to review how the government does or doesn't spend money on VIA.

Oakville Mayor Ann Mulvale spoke to the issue when she said she wasn't sure which jacket to wear that morning.

If I wear red, she said, I would be in trouble, and if I wore blue or green, or orange, it would be the same.

She wisely chose none of the above.

Several councillors around the table mixed and matched with blue and red, a few showing hints of green and assorted rainbow hues.

"This is a non-partisan issue," said Oakville Coun. Kevin Flynn.

A non-partisan issue, eh? So why cautiously remove the NDP suggestion from the motion?

As a reporter, I generally wear something white to the "non-partisan" meetings. If that doesn't convince anyone of my own non-partisan leanings, I can always use the shirt as a white flag.

LETTERS

Thanks for a good ball season!

Dear Sir,
The baseball season is now over and I would like to thank the coaches, sponsors and players in the G.B.A. Squirt House League for their assistance in making the summer enjoyable for everyone participating in the league. The ball played was excellent and very exciting.

The coaches who gave a great deal of their time included Bill Sykes, Larry Dimares, Ron Ellis, Al Stuttard, Peter Hayes, Brad Butterworth and John Murphy. Special thanks to them and their assistance.

The sponsors, who without their financial commitment would make

the cost of playing ball in our town very expensive, included Ken Smith from Beaver Lumber, Continental Services Centre Ltd. in Norval, Glendale Fishing Charters, Paul Armstrong from Armstrong Insurance Brokers Ltd., Dianne Penrice from Royal City Realty Ltd., Al Fraser from Shoppers Drug Mart and Bill Marcoline from M and M Pro Sports. We appreciate your commitment.

Also thanks to the parents for taking the time to bring their children to the games and helping the coaching staff when asked.

With much thanks,
Dave Krause,

Squirt House League Convenor

Reader opposes asphalt plant

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter to Mayor Russ Miller and town councillors was filed with the Herald for publication.

We would like to express our appreciation to you and the other councillors who voted their approval for an asphalt plant to be established at Winston Churchill Boulevard and Steeles Avenue (Whaley's Corners) at your

meeting on Sept. 5.
We just wanted the people in your riding to know that they also can have an asphalt plant or similar industry located next to their homes. All they have to do is vote for you in the next election!

Of course there is an alternative...

Sincerely,
Ray and Bernice Whaley,
Norval

Celebrate silence for peace

By JANET DUVAL

HAND (Halton Hills Action for Nuclear Disarmament)

Do you know where you'll be at noon next Tuesday, Sept. 19? Take a moment then to join with people around the world in celebrating a moment of silence for peace.

"A Peal for Peace" takes place each year on the United Nations International Day of Peace. At public ceremonies, a moment of joyful sound follows the moment of silence. Last year, hundreds of Canadian towns, including Georgetown and Acton, took part, with the ringing of church bells and singing of school children.

During 1988, we all rejoiced as peace between nations seemed to burst forth all over the world. This year the tragic events in China remind us of the many internal conflicts which continue within nations.

Each of us also has our own inner conflicts. Since our individual responsibility for peace begins within ourselves, we can begin or renew our own pathway to peace by meeting ourselves. This minute

of silence can be the occasion for glimpsing not only a unity with the rest of humankind but also a unity within ourselves. For a moment we set aside the conflicts which divide us from others and from ourselves, refusing to regard these as ultimate. Then we return to deal with a divided world and a divided self, but in a different spirit, with a confidence that wholeness is possible: in the world, in our hearts.

In silence we sense our connection with all of humanity. In the midst of the calm and joy and love which this brings we can begin to feel empathy with the people in distant countries whose tragedy is displayed nightly on our TV screens.

"A Peal for Peace" can thus help us to become responsible world citizens, connected with people everywhere, and taking responsibility for our own unpeaceful urges. Out of this can arise our own personal initiatives for peace.

Next Tuesday at noon, join with millions around the world in a moment of silence, and a moment of

Keep comments to issues reader says

Dear Sir,
I was disturbed to read Garth Turner's column last week. In spite of his apparent thick skin, it disappoints me that some people feel they can personally criticize him in such a thoughtless manner.

Any politician who opens his ears and his mind to the people he represents deserves praise, regardless of the party or policies he represents. Here is a man who is enthusiastic - who believes he can make a difference. Let's capitalize on his eagerness.

We are lucky to have an MP who cares what his constituents think and is willing to prove it by listening to them. I urge people to attack issues only and to encourage Garth in his one-man campaign to bring the government to the people.

Sincerely,
Lois Fraser

Write us!

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.

happy sound, for peace.

Would you like to dine with celebrities? Saturday, Sept. 23 you can attend a Breakfast for Peace with Major General (retired) Leonard Johnson and Douglas Roche, at the Holiday Inn in Bramalea.

Leonard Johnson followed up a distinguished Air Force career with national and international work for peace, as a founder of Veterans Against Nuclear Arms, and now as Chairman of Project Ploughshares. Doug Roche was Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament at the UN, following his years as a Canadian Member of Parliament. You can hear both men speak for \$25, while enjoying a full buffet breakfast.

This special event marks the first event leading towards a special Peace Week in Brampton, planned for next May. For tickets and information you can call 450-5838 during the day, or Art Dayfoot at 450-7698 any time. Enjoy a Breakfast for Peace!

Why should we be adults?



Ian Weir
Weir's View

make much of a case for adulthood. Let's face it - being an adult is seldom just a bundle of laughs.

You know you've reached the threshold of adulthood the day the dentist announces he's going to send you to an oral surgeon to have your wisdom teeth extracted. Somehow, this seems to set the tone for a great deal of what's going to follow.

Still, there's that one small consolation. As an adult, you're never again going to wake up on a September morning with the hideous realization that you're going to have to get ready to go back to school.

Unless, of course, you are a school teacher. But this doesn't really bear thinking of.

Presuming that a school teacher starts school when he's six and continues working until retirement age, he can look forward to 50 consecutive Septembers of going back to school.

This is why school teachers tend to be haggard and tortured people, given to bleak stares and uncontrollable bursts of bitter laughter.

You may have begun to guess that I didn't like school, very much. You would be correct in this surmise.

And this is not just because (like everyone over 30) I had a much tougher time of it than kids to these days - rising at 5 a.m. to do chores, then walking 12 miles to school and 15 miles back, often through a

howling blizzard.

Basically, I just despised the place.

Like everyone, I was pretty excited the first day I ever set off to school. And then I got there.

School turned out to be six hours of stern little lessons from Mrs. Cameron, usually followed by a half-hour's detention with her. I honestly don't recall why she kept giving me detentions. I'm not sure I ever knew. I think she just hated me.

School continued on more or less this basis - and all the while, adults kept assuring me that my school years were guaranteed to be the happiest of my life. This made me such a cheerful boy.

Granted, by the time I reached 14 or 15, going to school was not quite such a grisly prospect. This was because all of us were getting increasingly good at not turning up.

Of course, this also led to a deep-rooted guilt complex, and to psychological scars which remain to this day.

A couple of months back, I was asked (for heaven knows what reason) to give a little speech to the graduating class at my old junior high school.

It's moments like this that make you cherish that one blessing of adulthood.

It's September, and you don't have to get ready to go anywhere at all.

Except to work. As usual. But consider the alternative.