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Joan Wrigglesworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wrigglesworth, married Robert Bruce Marshall. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall. They were married in the Hornby United Church.

Also recently married were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson. The bride is the former Margaret Elizabeth Gibson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gibson. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wilson of Georgetown. They were married in the Ballinafad Church.

The winners in the IODE penny draw were announced at a bake sale held by the Chapter in the United Gas Store on Main Street. Proceeds went to the Chapter's Hospital Fund. The winners were: Mrs. A.C. Simpson, Mrs. Del Wallace, Mrs. Sid Robin, Mrs. Hutchison, Mrs. R. Waldie, Mrs. Nicols, Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Holm.

15 years ago

The North Halton and Country Club held its annual closing dinner at the club house. President Verna Schenk was in hand with Captain Eleanor Inglis and Vice-Captain Marilyn Worrall. Prize winners included Mrs. Inglis, Eileen Cunningham, Diane Piccininni, Mrs. Worrall, Kay Gow, Ann Meal, Irene Farnell, Joyce Dulmage, Mildred Wall, Margaret Gage, Bette Broomhead, Vi Clapp and Maxine Linton.

The Georgetown Jayettes installed two new members, Diane Sparling, past president of the Welland Jayettes, and Susan Barrow. The two members were installed by President Bev Daquano and Secretary Sharon Haviland.

10 years ago

Local artist Dorothy Stone has been awarded an honorary fellowship by the Heraldry Society of Canada. Miss Stone and Lieutenant-Governor Pauline McGibbon were the first woman to be awarded honorary fellowships.

A double-ring ceremony for the wedding of Kathaleen Ann Jank, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barber, and Dale Percy Levere of Acton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Levere, took place at the Trinity

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United Church. The Rev. Linda Brown officiated the wedding. Mrs. Ethel Denny, the organist, also came from Acton.

Del and Ed Howse were among the many artists exhibiting a wide variety of arts and crafts at the annual North Halton Golf and Country Club sale. Mr. and Mrs. Howse manned two booths at the sale featuring items from the Howse Studio on Roseford Terrace.

Five young Howard Wrigglesworth School students became published authors of the book called "The Adventures of the Stuffed Animals." The authors were Michael Bellinger, Lynn Norton, Greg Peacock, Robert Mallows and Guy Spencer.

5 years ago

The Halton Hills cancer society unit brought in a new executive for the 1985 year. The new president is Barbara Johnson and Barbara Dunleavy and Wheldon Emmerson are now vice-presidents. Other members include: Kay Dwyer, secretary; Dee Butwell, patient services; Eleanor Scarth, youth education; Jenny Tuffin, transportation; Ted Gorth, treasurer; Murt Allison, campaign chairman; Ellen Burns, patient services; Betty Hull, activity group; Phyllis Warnock, public information; Arlene Buckley, education chairperson; Mary Little and Gilliane Eagles, adult education; Diane Malcolm, public information; Norma Carlisle, activity group; and Dr. Valerie Kumar, medical advisor. The former president was Claudette Smith. Mrs. Smith was a member with the society for the past seven years.

Mrs. Maureen Ritchie announced the upcoming marriage of her daughter Christina to Peter Fong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hank Fong of Georgetown, on Oct. 27 in Agincourt, Ont.

LETTERS

Development, not hunters chasing deer, reader says

Dear Sir,
After reading in the paper in reference to the deer hunt, I feel I must give my opinion.

In reference to the two councillors I feel they are speaking for themselves not for the community.

My husband is a deer hunter. Many of our friends are as well. My husband is a very caring person. Our friends are as well. I resent these people stating the local hunters are slaying the deer population.

These hunters have passed their necessary safety courses. They all apply for a deer tag. The ministry of natural resources is in charge of the number of tags given out. This is based on the deer population in every area.

These hunters ask for permis-

sion to use the land in which they hunt on. The land owners know that they are there.

Anyone wanting to know all the reasons for controlled deer population can find out this information. They can contact the ministry of natural resources.

Let's get some facts straight. All hunters do not kill a deer every time they go out. These hunters do not jump out of their cars and start shooting at anything that moves. When a deer is shot it is taken to the ministry of natural resources. Then the MNR updates their information.

If anything is changing the deer population I feel it is development. Development causes deer (and other animals) to move out of the area. It is not, as one councillor

describes, due to a slaughter.

The word slaughter is a very strong word. Before stating that these hunters are slaughtering the deer population, one should check with the MNR.

I commend the Halton Regional Council on their 15-2 decision.

I can't imagine a person not seeing deer in Halton for over 36 years. I have two children, ages four and two. They both have seen deer in Halton on many occasions. I still see deer in places I saw them 18 years ago. The deer population is not being slaughtered. Many of us still see deer in Halton Hills all year round.

Thank you for your time.

Cathy Robinson,
Georgetown

Stop abortion now, reader says

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter to Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner was filed with the Herald for publication.

Dear Mr. Turner,
I have heard that you do listen to your people and that you do answer their letters.

I trust you will live up to your words in this instance.

I am writing to you regarding the issue of abortion which I personally feel that the government should never had become involved in. It was always outlawed, considered immoral and never spoken of in the '60s and even the '70s. I maintain it should still be considered outlawed. No one here on earth has the right to end a life and those that do, their (spiritual) lives are in danger as they are trying to be like God. This applies not only to the doctors, nurses, and patients but also to the people involved in the government for allowing abortions to continue. This applies to you.

Mr. Turner, if the government passes a law to allow abortion then all our teachings of respect for human life will be in jeopardy as mercy killing will be the next issue and people will say if the government allows the killing of babies - why not the killing of the aged!

I recently saw a TV program where scientists were implanting fetus tissue into people with nervous disorders. I couldn't believe what I saw. This is supposed to be a

medical breakthrough! Please explain this to me.

When I checked the voting ballot (when you were running) it said next to your name that you were for Pro Life.

Please tell me what you have done in order to stop this killing of babies.

In closing I ask you what is our true, north strong and free Canadian country becoming. Please help in saving the lives of the un-

born who cannot speak for themselves.

The pregnant person, by saying yes, chose her state and so you the government head of our country, should say no to abortion for the unborn's sake.

Please be advised that you will not get my vote or that of my family's or whoever I can sway - if you allow this murder of the unborn.

Lucia Amodeo,
Georgetown

POWER member supports council's opposition to GTA

Dear Sir,

I am delighted with the opportunity to praise Halton Hills town Council for its recent show of support for POWER's (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) proclamation to Premier David Peterson. With the varying political views held by the councillors, it is understandable that the final vote was a close one. However, one cannot help but be encouraged by the willingness of Councillors Bowman, Cook, Heaton, McCarthy, Serjeantson, Spence and Mayor Russ Miller to stand up and be counted on the issue of waste management.

Let us hope that other municipalities will share their

foresight and endorse this proclamation.

At the Queen's Park rally on Saturday, Oct. 14, we carried a message to government officials. The citizens of Ontario are concerned about their environment. The public needs to be part of the decision-making process. The long term impacts of our decisions must be thoroughly and publicly assessed. Overall waste reduction must become a province-wide priority.

The public endorsement of the proclamation by our local council last week is a positive if somewhat controversial step. Certainly it is a cause for celebration among all environmentally concerned citizens of Halton Hills!

C. Rumley

Sunday shopping bedlam should be stopped cold



Donna Kell
Kell's Korner

It's nice to have the odd Sunday off...

But large, powerful retailers making corporate decisions from the top, are fighting to open their stores on the seventh day.

This is a move that threatens to erode family life, and to turn a day of relaxation into one more stressed-out workday for millions of people.

Many students work weekends. In the food service industry and then the retail industry, I spent the latter half of my teens and early twenties - working almost every weekend, including Sundays.

What I got was extra money. What I lost were weekends up north, special family occasions, and a chance to catch up on soon-to-be-due essays.

I worked Mother's Day, Father's Day, and many long weekends.

A new amendment to the Retail Holidays Business Act is supposed to protect workers who want to say 'no' to Sunday shifts. But people

are skeptical. They are saying that there will be added pressure on low-income earners to work Sunday - like it or not.

My roommate Sandy has a valid point. She said that while Bay Street executives are pulling the strings Monday to Friday, '9 to 5', workers who desperately need money will work Sunday shifts or be passed over for promotions.

I shop Sundays. Sunday is a great day to frequent flea markets, buy wrapping paper and greeting cards, dash into a bakery to buy fresh rolls, or to sit in a cafe and enjoy a leisurely lunch.

There is a late 19th century English poem called "The World is too Much With Us Late and Soon." The poet warns that in "getting and spending we lay waste our power."

Every day the hustle and bustle is upon us. Six days a week we are faced with chaos and fast-paced bedlam, with ads that tell us what to buy and where to buy it. Sunday was once a day to get to know ourselves and other people.

This could change radically.

The final decision on Sunday shopping will be made at the municipal level - at the people level. The new law that restricts some stores from opening Sunday, but would give Halton Region the power to grant exemptions, goes into effect February.

We have a choice to close those glass retail doors for one day a week. And listen to the silence.



Ian Weir
Weir's View
Thomas News Service

News item: A psychological study conducted at Strathclyde University in England has just exploded the traditional theory that chronically depressed people are out of touch with reality.

Instead, the study suggests that depressed people may actually be in closer touch with reality than those who feel more cheerful about the world.

Boy. Does that just make your day, or what?

There you were, sitting in your favorite chair and flipping happily through the newspaper, secure in the belief that there were no immediate grounds for rushing off to drown yourself. And now it turns out that you're probably mentally deranged.

This study certainly blows holes in my own view of the world, since I've always operated on the premise that there are three types of people - the optimists, the pessimists, and the realists.

The optimist leaps out of bed in

the morning and exclaims: "What a splendid day to be alive!" The pessimist pulls the covers over his head and mutters: "No it isn't."

The realist is prepared to agree with the pessimist, but points out that being alive on such a morning beats all heck out of the alternative.

And now we're told the realist isn't a realist at all. He's just a slightly less unbalanced version of the optimist.

Now granted, most of us have always been aware that an optimistic view of this particular world is a bit silly.

This is a world in which the ozone-layer is breaking down, the rain forests are disappearing, and Michael Wilson is in charge of taxation. If this is the best of all possible worlds, then the other possibilities don't bear thinking of at all.

Indeed, there are few things in life more infuriating than a conversation with a thorough-going optimist. Put it this way: in a world that's full of holes, people who insist on seeing doughnuts can drive you crazy.

You've met The Eternal Optimist, of course. He's the twit who's perched on the next bar stool while you're in the midst of the worst day of your life.

"My wife ran off with the postman," you tell him. "I got fired this afternoon, and as I was driving down here the transmission fell out of my car."

"Oh well," he chirps, with a

reassuring smile. "Some day you'll look back on this and laugh."

Twits like this, of course, do not belong on the next bar stool. They belong in Intensive Care. But as any realist knows, there is no justice in this world - just laws which prohibit you from giving people like this something to look back on and laugh at.

Even more infuriating are the optimists who've discovered New Age philosophy. Share your tale of woe with a New Age Optimist, and he will assure you that your feelings of despair are entirely your own fault, since it is up to you to Make Your Own Reality.

Now, this may be true. It may be quite possible for you to make your own reality. But what you can't do is get your \$2000 transmission fixed for under \$1,000.

It might even be possible to take some bleak joy from the fact that this English study has pulled the rug out from under the optimists - except that the pessimists are even worse.

You probably met your first pessimist early in life. While you were bubbling over with childish enthusiasm for the picnic that was planned for Sunday, he was the one who replied: "Yes, but it'll probably rain." And naturally, it did.

This is the unforgivable thing about pessimists. They're usually right. They go through life in a desolate state of smugness - and this wretched study has just confirmed their world-view.