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30 years ago

Mr. Harold Henry, B.A., principal of Harrison Public School, received word that he had successfully completed his course giving him a bachelor of education degree with a high standing. Mr. Henry has been studying at the University of Toronto for this degree during the summer. He had already obtained his bachelor of arts at Western University in London.

The \$150 award in the Jack Hammel highway suggestion contest was won by Mrs. J.C. Flann. A total of 17 prizes were awarded for the most constructive ideas from each of the provincial police districts. In the Halton, Brant, Norfolk and Wentworth areas, Burton B. Ford of Brantford was judged the winner and received his prize on the day after Christmas.

The last meeting of the North Halton High School Board at the Milton Inn was officiated by Murry Coles of Acton. Mr. Coles was also the Chairman of the Board. The board is being replaced by three separate boards for Georgetown, Milton and Acton.

20 years ago

Three groups of carollers have turned over money raised through singing to the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Wendy Bouskill and Heidi Arst carolled in their Delrex neighborhood. Rhonda Clow, Delia Gaskill, Laurie Clow, Gail Deforest, and Linda Gaskill carolled in Limehouse. Beverley, Sharon and Alison Smith carolled with Vickie and Kathy Gilham.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hedley entertained at an open house in the Brampton Legion Hall for Mrs. Hedley's parents. They are celebrating their 50th anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. A. Hornsey were married in All Saints Church in Toronto in 1919.

10 years ago

Questionnaires on the status of transportation for the disabled in

Halton's History from our files

Halton Hills will be sent out in the upcoming weeks, according to Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson, chairman of town council's committee conducting the survey. She said the questionnaires will be going out to service clubs, social agencies, and health agencies who worked with the disabled.

A chapter of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is moving its meeting location from Gordon Alcott Arena to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

The 7-Ups, a citizens Band Radio club which claims over 100 members in Halton Hills and Milton, has donated \$300 toward the Salvation Army's local fundraising drive aimed at supplying special Christmas packages to the needy families in the area. Paul McCarthy, a member of the 7-Ups said the donation has become an annual practice for the CEBers.

5 years ago

The son of Mrs. Elmer Carney and the late Elmer Carney of Church Street, Norval, was invested with the grade of Officer in the Order of Military Merit (OMM) by Governor-General Jeanne Sauve at a ceremony at Government House. Lt.-Col. Donald E. Carney was among 53 members of the Canadian regular and reserve forces who were presented the insignia of membership in the OMM.

Happy birthday wishes went out to Kate Laidlaw who celebrated her 83rd birthday two days before Christmas. A family party was held in her honor at Gord and Rose Laidlaw's home.

LETTERS Christian Reformed Church wants stores closed Sundays

This is an open letter to members of The Council of The Municipality of Halton Hills.

The approximately 300 members of Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Acton wish to express to you our opinion on the Sunday shopping issue in order to assist you in coming to a decision on this important matter.

Not only would Sunday shopping be detrimental to the faith and lifestyle of our congregation, but we believe that wide-open Sunday shopping will affect the well-being of all citizens of our Regional Municipality.

We believe on the basis of the Bible that God created things in such a way that human beings should have one pause day in every seven in order for persons to be refreshed in their relationship with God, their family and their faith community. Also, this day is for the celebration of God's completed work of creation and salvation. Sunday store openings are an infringement on this activity in that they disrupt the sanctity of the day. They also place some of our members in a position in which they will have to compromise their faith commitments with their employment opportunities or vice-versa. More and more businesses are requiring that the employees

they hire also have to work Sundays. This is clear discrimination against a certain segment of society of which we are a part.

But putting the particular concerns of our own faith community aside, our concern is for all the citizens of Halton Hills.

We believe that Sunday store opening has its roots in the lopsided view that life is in essence only, or for a larger part, economic nature. Regardless of one's religious orientation we all have to admit that the sum of a human being is far more than the economic. Men and women are not only economic beings, they are social beings (thus the need for community), they are cultural beings (thus needing time and opportunity for the expression of the arts), they are political beings (thus the need for time for everyone to express political concerns), and among all of these they are religious beings (thus needing time for the exercise and refreshment of their beliefs whatever those beliefs may be).

What is happening in our society is that the economic aspect of life is more and more crowding out other aspects of human existence. Sunday shopping is just one expression of the tyranny that the economic part life is exercising

over Canadians. This is already having serious effects on the community life, political life, cultural life, and religious life of individual Canadians.

With people chasing the buck they have less opportunity for community. With people chasing the buck they involve themselves in cultural activities for the dollar. It has been proven historically that culture for the dollar makes for poor artistic expression. With people chasing the buck there is less time and interest in persons actively involving themselves in the political affairs of their national, provincial, and municipal governments. All of this adds up to an unhealthy society.

Sunday store openings will only continue to enhance the tyranny of the economic in our society at the expense of the well-being of all individuals in our municipality. We urge you to uphold the present laws on Sunday shopping in our municipality, and if possible even strengthen them. It will ultimately be for the best of all citizens of Halton Hills.

Respectfully, on behalf of the congregation of Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Acton,

Rev. Dirk Miedema, Chairman
Mr. Richard Vander Wal, Clerk

Lions Club says thanks Christmas ball a success

Dear Sir,

Through the facilities of your editorial page I would like to extend the thanks of the Lions Club of Georgetown to all who participated in the 58th Annual Georgetown Santa Claus Parade on Nov. 25.

Although the parade is organized all year through considerable time and efforts of the members of our organization, the parade owes its continued success to the high level of enthusiastic support by various community organizations and businesses. This enthusiasm was evident from the quality of each and every entry in this year's parade. We congratulate all of our entrants on a job well done.

I extend our sincere appreciation to all those local merchants and businesses who, through their generous donations each year, pro-

vide tremendous assistance in staging the parade. We have acknowledged their support on an individual basis in an advertisement placed in this edition of your newspaper.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the assistance provided to us by the Halton Regional Police, the Halton Hills Fire Department, the Halton Hills Ambulance Service, the Georgetown Independent, the Halton Hills Herald, the Town of Halton Hills, the Regional Municipal of Halton and Fred's Towing Service.

We look forward to seeing everyone back for next year's parade scheduled for Nov. 24, 1990.

Yours very truly,

Lion Mark Rush, Chairman
1989 Santa Claus Parade Committee

Dear Sir, Christmas ball a success

Dear Sir,

I once again, on behalf of the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, would like to say thanks to all who attended our 31st annual Christmas ball held Friday, Dec. 1 at Holy Cross Auditorium.

Your presence makes this event much looked for each year.

Thanks to all volunteers who worked very hard and gave a lot of time.

Thanks to all. Wishing you all a very happy and healthy Christmas Season.

God Bless.

Vi Haines,
Hospital Auxiliary
Fundraising Chairperson

Resolving New Year



Donna Kell
Kell's Korner

With a chairman's raise in the '90s, you could have one fur coat for the Georgetown Santa Claus parade and another for the Acton parade.

But maybe it's better to parade down Mill Street wearing a Leathertown hide...

A former town councillor might decide to come out of hiding in 1990. Where is Pam Sheldon, so devoted to Halton Hills last year? Does she still support POWER? Did she discover that Russ-bashing doesn't win friends?

Maybe Pam will resolve to make a political comeback in the '90s.

All Acton councillors might resolve to count ducks and geese in Fairy Lake in 1990. Bird poop has made local headlines in 1989 and is sure to stir up some, uh, interest in the year to come.

"One 'Canada Goose', two (Canada Geese), three (Canada Geese)..."

And Mother Nature could be called upon in 1990 to give a great gift to this town. Yes, you guessed it. A giant reservoir in Georgetown. One that wouldn't connect to any rivers to reduce the water level in streams. One that wouldn't drain the aquifer, leaving Glen Williams folk high and dry.

This would be a magic reservoir.

Come to think of it, that could be lawyer Bert Arnold's new year's resolution - to find water for the town of Halton Hills and get on with development.

But if the town gets a reservoir, a newly-formed committee on water management in the Greater Toronto Area could expropriate the reservoir and use the water as a contingency site for Metro's millions of showers every day.

Anyway, happy resolutions for the coming decade.

And a Happy New Year, 1990!

As we approach 1990, Halton Hills town councillors might want to beef up their list of New Year's resolutions to swing into the new decade.

At the top of Mayor Russ Miller's list could be to call a town-wide ban on Burlington Spectator reporters. Failing that, anyone caught joking around one should be fined. The penalty? Read two weeks of the Spec, including the Halton section.

Acton Coun. Norm Elliott might drop the preamble "I'm going to keep this brief" when talking in town council. Norm knows that it will never be brief. Fortunately, the bearded councillor has things of value to say.

Pam Johnston could find a dual resolution for 1990. It was a little tiring explaining who she was to other reporters at Halton Regional council. Several reporters knew her as only P.B. Johnston, the name on her desk plaque. "She's pretty," one Burlington reporter said. "But does she speak?"

We imagine Pam has a lot of good ideas locked away that she could share at town and Regional council meetings.

Although no longer on Halton Hills council, everyone knows former mayor and now Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy from Pete, you look great in fur.

What's up next year?



Ian Weir
Weir's View
Thomson News Service

So here we stand, on the threshold of a brand new decade.

At a time like this, it's obviously incumbent on some wise and insightful commentator to put the past 10 years in perspective, and to look ahead to the next 10.

But in the absence of someone like this, it looks as if you're stuck with me.

Naturally, we've already encountered a spate of opinion-pieces which set out to explain what the 1980s were Really About. Putting entire decades into nutshells is always great fun.

Thus we have the conventional wisdom which states that the Sixties were years of idealism, while the Seventies were a kind of grey fog distinguished mainly by self-help books and the music of Gilbert O'Sullivan.

The Eighties, apparently, constituted an era of greed which ended only when the Yuppies underwent the deep spiritual experience of losing their shirts in the Stock Market crash.

And the Nineties, optimistic philosophers are suggesting, may turn out to be a decade of humanitarian values and environmental awareness, in which self-interest will take a back seat and unreconstructed Yuppies will be sighted only occasionally in the trendier Toronto Whine Bars.

Well, such philosophical insights are largely beyond me. Instead, I'd just like to offer my customary list of New Year's Predictions - along with the admission that I've never been right yet.

One. In 1990, Elvis will be seen working at a Burger King in Prince George. After the next B.C. election, so will Bill Vander Zalm.

Two. The abortion controversy will end in a happy compromise which pleases everyone.

Three. Pigs will fly.

Four. In a determined attempt to resolve our Constitutional woes, Prime Minister Mulroney will take the premiers back up Meech Lake.

This time, someone will remember to bring paddles.

Five. Somewhere or other, someone will sit back and wonder whatever happened to Madonna.

Six. Somewhere else, someone may care.

Seven. The Liberals will make a bold and innovative choice when they elect their new leader, after months of agonizing between Jean Chretien and Paul Martin.

On the convention floor, delegates will be won over by the argument that they must choose someone known to keep both eyes

fixed on the future, even if it means someone with little personal presence.

And on the third ballot, they will elect MacKenzie King.

Eight. Senior Conservatives will concede that it's probably a little unreasonable to expect the CBC to fulfill its national mandate on an annual budget of \$1.49.

Nine. Cows will fly.

Ten. There will be proof positive of intelligent life in the universe, following the discovery of an entire race of extra-terrestrial who packed it in centuries ago and just went fishing.

Eleven. NDP MPs will emerge from a closed caucus meeting to report that they have unanimously acclaimed Audrey McLaughlin as the best leader the party has had since Ed Broadbent. No one else will know what was really said until The Journal airs that night.

Twelve. At long last, a few televangelists will actually discover God.

Thirteen. Alternatively, God may discover a few televangelists. Should this happen, innocent bystanders are reminded that it is most unwise to put up an umbrella during a lightning storm.

Fourteen. By the end of 1990, Canadians will have put aside their regional bickerings and petty squabbles, having come sheepishly to the conclusion that living in this country sure beats heck out of the alternatives.

Fifteen. The whole ruddy barnyard will be airborne.