

## Opinion Page

### 30 years ago

The five municipality board which operated at the Georgetown District High School was replaced this week. The new board consisted of Fred Masterman, board chairman, Clarence Anderson, James Goodlet, Bill Breckenridge, Douglas Latimer, Gordon Brown, George Brown and Thomas Niven. The principal of the school at the time of the change was J. L. Lambert.

Mrs. E. Shiere, Mrs. K. MacDonald and Mrs. Edward O'Brien were invested with the White Degree by the Unity Degree Team from Toronto when Halton's Pride Loyal True Blues held their last regular meeting in the IOOF Hall. Over 80 people attended the meeting, including visitors from the Brampton and Guelph Lodges. Everybody was welcomed to the meeting by the Worshipful Mistress, Mrs. H. Lusty.

With sights set for \$300,000 the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital fundraising campaign steam-rolled by the original \$250,000 objective to a total of \$262,105, April 14. Those who spearheaded the campaign were Dr. Alan Thompson, John R. Barber, Mrs. W. B. Hamilton, John Ord, Dick Licata, Mrs. A. Currie, Tom Ferguson, Jim Jones, Harold Baird, Jim Young, Boyd Garland, Dr. Alistair Macintosh, Robert McMenemy, John Gunn and Denny Charles.

### 15 years ago

A Georgetown man an unscheduled air hop to New York April 14 in a cargo hatch of an Air Canada DC-9. Archie Hayden, an Air Canada employee at Malton, was still arranging luggage inside the hatch of Air Canada Flight 972 when the doors swung shut and trapped him inside. The jet was at 18,000 feet when Toronto International Airport called the pilot and informed him of the extra passenger. The cargo hatch is heated and pressurized but, to make the trip a bit more comfortable, the pilot dropped to 13,000 feet for the balance of the flight.

Mrs. G. Walsh, Mrs. Connie Nieuwhof and Mrs. A. Sutherland of the Georgetown Red Cross Society attended the 50th annual meeting of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society in Toronto. The Red Cross collected 358,592 donations of blood in Ontario during 1969. More than 400 delegates registered at the meeting.

About 120 Rotarians, ex-Rotarians, wives and guests joined in the 15th anniversary party at the Masonic Temple April 11. President Harry Creig welcomed guests and introduced the first Rotarian president Jack Gunn.

## Halton's History from our files

### 10 years ago

The contributions Arlie White has made to Acton were recognized April 2 when the Acton Chamber of Commerce presented him with the Citizen of the Year Award. Accolades were given by old friends and colleagues and included an award from M.P.P. Jullian Reed and words of congratulations from Otto Jelinek M.P. for Halton. Bert Hinton, Chamber President and Ross Knechtel, Ward 1 councillor, were on hand at the presentation. About 850 Canadian war veterans were preparing to return to Holland to commemorate their role in the country's liberation from Nazi control during the Second World War. Among those returning were representatives from Halton Hills carrying a painting by Councillor Roy Both as a gift from the town to the city of Nijmegen. Major General Chris Vokes and Gus Goutouski were on hand when the painting, called "The Sentinal", was presented to Mayor Wheldon "Steamer" Emmerson by Mr. Booth.

After three months of playoff hockey, the McNally Firefighters won the Ontario Double A championships. The team celebrated their victory with a tour of the Georgetown Fire Hall.

### 5 years ago

Perry Bauman of Hillsburgh and Kyle Anderson of Acton won third prize in the general engineering category of the 12th annual Waterloo-Wellington Science and Engineering Fair with their entry called "Working Water Wheel". The students were only two of the 279 students from 46 schools involved in the four-day event held at John F. Ross C.V.I. in Guelph. There were 200 exhibits from the Grade 7 to 13 students who entered.

Prizes ranged from trophies and books to a cash award of \$2,500.

Georgetown's Karen Hartshorn not only won first prize in the Georgetown Optimist essay writing contest, she went on to win third prize in the district with her essay. She received her prize May 4. Karen is a Georgetown District High School student who expected to graduate in 1985. Her essay topic was "Freedom Our Most Precious Heritage".

## Crow gets big pay increase

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national trends.

"The rest is history," he added. Or, some say, his version of history.

Not everyone agrees with Crow. Carl Beigle, chief economist for the brokerage firm McLean McCarthy Ltd., said the central bank should have "nudged down" its rate, rather than dropping it so quickly.

But even if Crow's excuses are valid, Canadians have the right to expect that their central bank, headed by a man making somewhere between \$160,000 and \$243,000 annually, would have anticipated the results. After all, the bank's monetary whizzes must have sounded out the market. If they didn't then Crow - who's

ultimately responsible - deserves criticism, not another pay hike.

Many politicians, Conservative backbenchers included, are concerned about the raises Crow has been getting. And with good reason. It's tough to set an example when the rich are getting richer at the expense of others.

Mulroney's defence of the pay hikes doesn't wash either. The excuse that Crow deserves exceptional increases because his predecessor, Gerald Bouey, declined raises, is faulty.

If the salary of the governor had fallen behind because of Bouey's creditable devotion to duty, the shortfall should have been rectified when Crow was appointed. Not now, when he's preaching restraint to others.

## LETTERS

# Premier favors Mobile homes are not rubbish, reader says

## corporations over NEC

Dear Editor,

At the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve presentation in Milton last week, Premier David Peterson, referring to quarries and dump proposals on the Niagara Escarpment, stated that in a democracy it is only fair that companies be allowed to make applications just as people have the right to oppose them. When asked how were 70,000 (Milton and Halton Hills) people supposed to have a fair hearing when facing a number of companies with budgets larger than the local municipality, he replied "Intervener funding". Those having dearth with intervener funding know that it is inadequate, rarely accessible, and inappropriate.

The premier said that the system provides "channels" for public input such as the Niagara Escarpment Commission. He neglected to mention that final decisions of appeals are made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs or cabinet

depending on the nature of the application.

Mr. Peterson said that those locals opposing are "prejudice against development." The government does not want to appear to take sides or be prejudice with regard to a company's right to develop or a person's right to oppose. Prejudice is in the eye of the beholder according to his logic. Common sense is not in the equation.

When asked if it was fair that local citizens must fight the same battles over again after defeating a dump proposal more than once, the premier made no reply.

In the premier's world it is right that by incorporating, one can lose personal liability and maintain personal freedoms. It was obvious that after talking to him, that he has no intention of even considering further protection for the Niagara Escarpment and is clearly on the side of large corporations.

Kit Woode

## Teen coaches made hockey enjoyable

Dear Sir:

On Saturday, April 7, we attended the Day of Champions Novice game between the Lions Club and Young's Pharmacy. It was an extremely well-played game by both teams which lasted into four overtime periods. We were very proud that our Young's Pharmacy team managed to win the game.

Through the playoffs, and indeed through the entire season, we have noticed the dedication and expertise of our boys' coaches. The whole team has grown immensely in terms of hockey skills and sportsmanship through their efforts this year. The season is over but the memories will remain for a long time. There are many dedicated coaches in Georgetown. However, our two coaches are special for

many reasons and deserve recognition for their efforts. In this day of newspaper reports on teenage vandalism and teenage crime it's worthwhile to recognize the great job out two teenage coaches have done. Scott Van de Valk and Jeff Hannah have not only been successful coaches, they have been positive role models for our nine and ten-year-olds. They have taught our boys to work as a team and to enjoy the game of hockey.

Thanks to Jeff and Scott for the fun we've had and the great job coaching our lads to an unbeaten season.

Sincerely,  
John and Joan Murphy  
and the parents of  
the Blue Team.

## It's time to be a millionaire



Ian Weir

Weir's View  
The Sun News Service

All right. Enough is enough. I've decided to become a millionaire.

Like most people, I've been toying for years with the idea of becoming rich. Perhaps not disgustingly wealthy, but certainly rich enough to give steady and satisfy offence.

I've just never gotten round to doing anything about it. This is partly because I've always thought it would be best to make my fortune the old-fashioned way - by inheriting it from a wealthy maiden aunt.

Unfortunately, my family is sadly deficient in this respect. I don't have any maiden aunts at all, let alone rich, eccentric ones whose fondest hope is to ensure that their favorite nephew will never have to do another lick of work as long as he lives.

But suddenly, help has arrived from an unexpected source. People have begun sending me brochures promising that I can easily become a millionaire if I just sign up for their course.

The latest brochure arrived

along with an invitation to apply for an American Express card - which was itself a little ironic.

This is the third time in six months that American Express has asked me to sign up. Apparently, they haven't heard about my credit rating.

It's not exactly that I don't have a credit rating. It's just that mine comes accompanied with a laughtrack.

In any case, this brochure brought me to my senses. It's high time to stop shilly-shallying, and just get on with getting rich.

According to the brochure, "The hardest thing about becoming a millionaire is believing you can do it. Next hardest is getting started."

This was certainly news to me. I'd always assumed that getting started on your first million was the easiest part. The trick was accumulating the remaining \$999,999.

The brochure then advised: "To live like a millionaire, you have to think like a millionaire."

This too was encouraging. Heck, anyone can think like a millionaire. So I began rehearsing lines that would help create this image, and launch me on the road to riches - lines like, "I'll take the Maserati, my good man; just put it on my tab."

Whether such lines actually work at a car dealership is another issue. But one lives to hope.

I grew less hopeful as I read about the first lesson in the course, the one which will help us "begin to feel like the captain of your family industry" by teaching us where to find "hidden sources of cash."

Now, it's not that my family in-

Dear Sir:

I usually ignore what I call foolish letters in the newspapers, but the letter from W.G. Elliott (Herald, Apr. 4/90) re: keeping the mobile home park out of Acton really got my dander up. I have never in my life seen such a bigoted and narrow-minded distribute printed in a usually civilized community.

What possible basis does he have for calling mobile home dwellers "rubbish"? Just like those who live in houses or apartments, you will find a small percentage of people who are less desirable, but the vast majority are decent, hardworking and law abiding citizens who do not deserve to be looked down upon by those who are ignorant of any segment of society outside of their own limited circle. For your information Mr. Elliott, mobile homes are not "low-cost housing". They are sensible, affordable housing. Something which is very difficult to find in this so-called Golden Horseshoe area. New housing which is being built today is certainly not sensible or affordable for a young couple of ordinary means who are just starting their married lives, or who would like a mother to be able to stay home and raise her own children. Neither are they sensible for empty-nesters who do not want a huge amount of space but would still like their own lawn to sit out on and their own flower beds to putter in. Whatever their reasons, those who buy a mobile home can have something of their own in which they can build up equity and of which they can be proud.

Rather than trying to keep them out, communities should be welcoming properly planned mobile home parks with open arms. The people who live in them are friendlier and much more community-minded than a great many other segments of our society who seem to think themselves superior.

Yours truly,  
Pearl Guthrie  
Georgetown.

industry doesn't have hidden sources of cash - just yesterday, I found 87 cents down the back of the sofa. But I wasn't sure whether this was quite what the brochure had in mind.

Sure enough, it turns out the brochure was speaking of slightly larger sums, the kind that can be acquired by arranging a better deal on your mortgage and the subsequent lessons deal with ways to maximize investment income.

This is where my problem comes in. I don't have any investments. In fact, I've already squandered the 87 cents.

Now, I realize that having money isn't an absolute prerequisite to making money. Just last week, I read a newspaper ad for a "make it rich in real estate" seminar which stressed that you can buy your first piece of land with borrowed cash. Or, to quote the ad directly: Use other people's money.

This is a lovely thought. Unfortunately, experience teaches that most other people prefer to use their money themselves. This is singularly unhelpful of them, but there it is.

In short, I've begun to wonder whether I'm actually destined for riches after all.

But stop. One mustn't think this way. Do you and I lack initiative? Do we lack self-discipline, and the capacity for hard work?

And besides, are we absolutely sure we don't have an elderly, eccentric, bachelor uncle somewhere.