

### 30 Years Ago

Jim Jones was named head of the Lions Club for the 1960-61 term when the club held their annual elections of officers in the legion hall. Also elected to the executive were Murt Allison as first vice-president, Tom Reed as second vice-president, Harold Fobert as third vice-president, Clare Francis as secretary, Ollie Dyson as treasurer, John Matthews as the assistant secretary, Alex Blackwell as the Liontamer, Ivan Crabtree as tail-twister, Jim Young and Bob Brick as first year directors, Ernie Bodnar and Al Thompson as second year directors and Howard Holmes as the Bulliten Editor.

The Fall Fair traditionally draws the largest crowds in Georgetown, but the crowds at the 1960 fireworks display at the fairgrounds may have challenged that. The Victoria Day celebration audience swamped the park to watch the \$500 display put on by the Legion and the Town.

### 20 Years Ago

The junior unit of St. Andrew's UCW did their bit to help raise funds for a permanent church building. They staged a Spring Festival of Music and Drama at the church. The talent program was directed by UCW member Rita Munro. This is the only work that was not handled by the teens.

Sergeant R. Peters was proclaimed the Air Cadet of the year at the second annual inspection. The enthusiasm award went to Cpl. C. Smith, Warrant Officer B.J. Seeler was awarded an award for leadership and Sgt. L. Grace was awarded an award for best junior NCO.

A blitz canvas for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind raised over \$740. Blitz chairman Al Martin reported the campaign army of canvassers contained 36 volunteers. The blitz was undertaken by the Georgetown Lions Club. The Lions recruited the volunteers from the Georgetown and District High School. The students who participated included L. Lewis, M. Kavanagh, Joan

## Halton's History

from our files

Fournier, Kathy MacGillivray, Anna Wilcox, Karen Peavoy, Velvet Duncan, Roberta Howatt, Laurie Hyde, Gillian Hooton, Martha Hogan, Linda Farkas, Mike Milne, Brenda Fisher, Pat Syme, Sharon Webster, Pat Valey, E. Davis, Pat Layton, Rick Chaplin, Sharon Stoyles, Denise Reynolds and Karen Friskney.

### 10 Years Ago

The Harrison Public School spring play called "Spring In The Forest" was a success. The story was about the animals, flowers, insects, birds and trees in the forest and how they are in danger from pollution and littering. Three of the cardinals in the play were Angela Babakos, Sarah Hobbs and Jenny Pacholok.

Over 150 men, women and children from the art and sport world were honored by the Town of Halton Hills at an invitation-only banquet for helping put the community on several maps through their outstanding achievements. Mayor Pete Pomeroy and the council were on hand to congratulate everyone.

### 5 Years Ago

Leon Larocque of Gibbons Place, Georgetown, won an Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme. The car was to be presented to Mr. Larocque by Super Lotto within the next few weeks. The car was won through a special draw the lottery corporation held. About 500 cars were given away to promote the company which is a joint undertaking by all ten provinces acting through the inter-provincial Lottery Corporation.

## LETTERS

### POWER sale raised \$8,000 for dump fight

Dear Sir:  
We would like to express our appreciation to you for publicizing P.O.W.E.R.'s "Giant Garage Sale," and to the citizens of Halton Hills for their response in making our sale a "Giant Success."

Thanks to the families who donated their treasures, and to the thousands who turned out to buy them in support of our cause to stop the dump, P.O.W.E.R. will net close to \$8,000.00. This will certainly help in meeting our legal costs for the upcoming M.O.E. Environmental Assessment Hearings.

A special thanks to Mayor Russ Miller and the Town of Halton Hills for the use of the Public Works Yard. Also to Ted Drulow, Frank Morette and the Public Works Department for their help and cooperation.

Thanks to P.O.W.E.R. members

and their friends who gave so much of their time to deliver flyers to almost every household in Halton Hills, and who worked the Friday night and Saturday.

We are pleased to say that at the end of the sale the unsold clothing was donated to the Mountainview Baptist Church for their clothing drive, and the other remaining items were taken to Halton's new recycling depot - "Waste Not."

"Waste Not" is a non-profit outlet that will accept used items for repair and resale. It is scheduled to open for business soon in the old mill on River Drive. Watch for the grand opening.

Again, thanks to all who participated and helped to make P.O.W.E.R.'s largest annual fundraiser such a success.

Yours sincerely,  
Marsha and Ted Batchelor  
For POWER Events Committee

### 302 units of blood donated to Red Cross

Dear Sir:  
Red Cross officials reported 320 donors attended the Blood Clinic Monday, May 14th, and donated 302 units of blood. This clinic was sponsored by the Kinsmen. Their help with distribution of posters, setting up the clinic, loading equipment and general assistance at the clinic is appreciated.

Special thanks to Betty Milton and her telephone committee, to Shirley Chaplin for publicity and promotion and to Noreen Miehms and Betty Baker, convenors of this clinic.

Clinic organizers would like to thank all people who took time out to give the gift of life.

Donor awards were given to:  
100 Donations: Hubertus

Vanderham and Cornelius Oosterhof.

50 Donations: Rita Verhey and Lynwood Cochraine.

35 Donations: Harold Gilmer, David Piper and John R. Brown.

20 Donations: Craig Borotsik, Pamela Anderson, Alice P. Mollin, Lawrence Doucette, Trudy Klein and Earl Merrill.

10 Donations: Ivy Harrison, Bill Dadd, Joanne Phillips, Clare Jonkman, Thomas Hutchinson, Allan Welters and Rebecca Ferguson.

The next regular clinic for Georgetown will be Monday, August 13th.

Yours sincerely,  
Nancy Schultheiss,  
Erica Thompson and  
Flo Street.

### Georgetown Hospital says thanks

Dear Editor:  
As you know May 7-11 was Nurses Week. The nurses at the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital and Bennett Health Care Centre have been busy celebrating this annual event.

We would like to say thank you to the following for helping to make this a special week -

Tuitan's Nursery for the lovely rose bush. A gift of life to grow with us.

Tim Horton's for the delicious donuts that all staff enjoyed.

St. John Brebeuf School (Erin) grade 5 and Glen Williams School grade 5 for their enlightening posters on "Nurses and the Environment."

McDonald's and Dairy Queen for the coupons donated to the budding artists.

A community hospital supported by the community!

Yours truly,  
The Nursing Staff  
Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital and Bennett Health Care Centre.

### Arts Alive shows a hit

Dear Editor:  
The Arts Alive Committee has enjoyed the success of our two Spring offerings, the Second City Touring Company and the Classical Brunch in memory of Ralph Ursel. Both events were sell-outs and we appreciate the assistance given by your paper.

We have some 'unsung heroes' here in Halton Hills. The staff at Royal LePage Real Estate have sold tickets for our events as well as for Georgetown Little Theatre's three plays and Globe's two shows. They receive no compensation for this besides our gratitude. Most towns have a central box office which is funded by tax dollars. Both audiences and performing groups owe a big thank you to Marilyn Champ and staff for providing this necessary service. Thanks Royal LePage for doing such a great job!

Sincerely,  
Lois Fraser  
On Behalf of Arts Alive

## Seniors need support



Ben's Banter  
By Ben Dummett

by a provincial government grant and by the seniors. The centre would be part of any twinning of the Gordon Alcott Arena.

Councillors could argue some of the existing senior centres in the communities listed above were built without town money, so why can't this happen in Georgetown? But since the mid-seventies the town has indicated its support to help fund a senior centre.

Town Mayor Russ Miller confirmed when the town decided to build the Alcott Arena in the mid-seventies there was talk that any twinning of the Alcott would include a space for seniors. As well several of today's councillors campaigned during the last election they would help the seniors get a centre built.

As well, the seniors have taken a cost conscious approach to a new centre. They chose making the centre part of a multi-purpose complex because it's cheaper to provide several services under one roof, rather than having a separate building for each service.

The former option would cost significantly less in the staff and operating expenses.

But the seniors have to realize the centre might not be a possibility in the near future - within the next three or four years. The politicians have to answer to the general public and it's saying "stop, no more tax increases. We've had enough." Understandably, councillors will want to look for other ways to help finance the project.

Based on Mayor Miller's comments that town-owned lands in the area around the civic centre could be worth millions in the relatively near future, seniors might be advised to rally public support for the town to sell these lands on the condition money raised goes to help establish a service everyone in Georgetown will need at some time.

### Employment centre popular

Dear Editor:  
On behalf of the Georgetown Canada Employment Centre for Students, I would like to thank you for the release of our article in the Halton Hills Herald Wednesday, May 2. As a result, we have had a great number of student registrations and employer orders,

and we expect many more to come. Your support is much appreciated, and we hope to keep in touch with you throughout the summer.

Yours Truly,  
Susan Shepherd,  
Student Placement Officer.

## Finding fitness fibs



Ian Weir  
Weir's View  
The Sun News Service

Please excuse me if I'm sounding a little shaky today. The fact is, I've just made an absolutely shattering discovery.

I've just discovered that my government has lied to me.

Since you're an honest and trusting Canadian yourself, you'll understand how devastating it is to encounter proof positive that governments do not always tell you the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

It's the sort of thing that makes you doubt your conviction that babies are found under cabbage leaves, and prompts you to brace yourself against the possibility that you'll soon hear horribly disillusioning news concerning the Easter Bunny.

I refer to last week's shocking revelation that the federal government's entire Participation campaign was based on a fabric of falsehoods.

The Participation campaign was launched 20 years ago - as will of course be vividly recalled by all those who are now old enough to

have begun worrying whether that freckle is in fact a liver-spot.

Burned forever into our memories is that first, famous TV commercial - the one which depicted a 60-year-old Swede jogging athletically along, while an announcer intoned that studies showed the average 60-year-old Scandinavian was in better shape than the average 30-year-old Canadian.

This was a vile commercial. It filled us with guilt, and drove thousands of otherwise sane Canadians into jogging shorts.

And now, it turns out the whole thing was a sham. The Participation people have finally admitted it.

They simply made up that myth of the 60-year-old Swede. They didn't have a shred of statistical evidence that 30-year-old Canadians were horrendously out of shape.

It's shocking is what it is. And now we can only wait for the other shoe to drop.

Perhaps that jogger in the commercials wasn't a 60-year-old Swede at all. Perhaps he was actually a 27-year-old Finn, who just looked 60 because he drank so much.

But who could have guessed this at the time? As you'll recall, that commercial unleashed a terrible wave of Participation upon the country.

Within weeks of that commercial's appearance, my school was making us all do sit-ups and push-ups for Participation medals.

This wasn't so bad at the time,

since I was 13, and thus still in tolerable physical condition.

Granted, I wasn't in quite the shape that I had been in at my peak, back around the age of three. But I hadn't yet started my majestic decline. This came a few years later, and coincided with my discovery of beer.

In any case, all of this raises a haunting question. If Participation was based on a Big Lie... then what other physical fitness fibs have been perpetrated on us?

I'm now waiting with bated breath for news that aerobic exercise has no value whatever, and was invented by pranksters in the garment industry who were simply looking for a way to trick grown men into wearing leotards.

And I have truly huge questions concerning the health-food industry. I don't have a shred of proof, but I strongly suspect the whole craze began at a secret meeting of the world's bean-sprout growers back in 1965.

The room was filled with gloomy men and women, addressing the seemingly insoluble question: "How can we convince anyone to eat this gunk?" Then one bright spark leaped up and cried: "I know - let's tell people it's good for them!"

The suggestion was initially greeted with loud guffaws and withering scorn. The chairman actually sneered: "Oh sure. And what are we going to tell them next - that soybean burgers are yummy, for Pete's sake?"

The rest, of course, is history.