

Andy's

CARRIER OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to ... **CHRISTOPHER LEE!**

Carrier of the Month for April is Christopher Lee, a Grade 5 student at M.Z. Bennett. Christopher is a member of the school Chess Club and he enjoys all kinds of sports, especially hockey and baseball.

Christopher, who has one of our largest routes, says his favourite part of his job is "collecting, because of all the tips."

Keep up the good work, Christopher!

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Halton wants NEC control

A bitter Halton Council battle over development control ended last Wednesday with a 13-9 recorded vote, asking the Province to take development control from the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) and give it to Halton.

To offset the cost, Halton also wants the power to charge fees to process escarpment development applications.

A recent review of the NEC plan found the NEC lacked a vision for the escarpment and recommended that development control be given to regions and municipalities as rapidly as possible.

Pat agrees with Don Cherry — for once!

Gee, for once old Don Cherry has opened his mouth and said — sorry, wrote — something I agree with. It is absolutely ridiculous that the Ontario government is even thinking of spending four million on French signs. Especially when there are so many worthwhile things on which the money can be spent.

They are going to phase out the ARC industries over the next 10 years, and it is here that many disabled, both mentally and physically, are made to feel they are able to contribute something which gives them self-esteem. Services and grants are being cut down to

Seniors Scene

With Pat Giguere



save money, they say, and yet they can afford four million for signs? Give me a break!

Quebec sure as heck is going to change their signs, that's for sure. Oh, they're going to allow small businesses to use bilingual signs, but not the large industries. Immigrants to Quebec must learn to speak French — does that mean they'll never become Canadians or is it Quebec's way of saying it doesn't want immigrants in La Belle Province.

The Federal government wastefully spent millions on sending civil servants to learn French. Salaries were paid plus a daily cost of living and accommodation and yet a lot of them would never be employed where they would use French. Nor could they really be bilingual, as they weren't really fluent in the language and it was a waste of money.

Come on you Ontarions, get off your butts. Send letters to your MPP and the PM and let them know what you think about them wasting our money on bilingual signs when it can be put to better use — like tax breaks, better service both to the seniors and every-

one else. If the Francophones want to live and earn money in Ontario, then they'll just have to accept that the majority of people in Ontario are anglophones. They can teach their children French at home and thus keep up their language. Believe me, I am all in favour of all nationalities teaching their children their original language and cultures. There are many who do just that but they do not claim to be German Canadian or Italian Canadian — they are *Canadians*. Not like the French Canadians who want us to cater to them.

Gosh, I shouldn't have got on this subject as it sure brings out the Irish in me when I see the government, both provincial and federal, catering to Quebec, whose people do not say they are Canadians but French Canadians.

Easter is this weekend. A weekend of sorrow, of gladness and the time of new beginnings. Have a good Easter! Let's hope the weather man is kind so we can show off our new Easter finery.

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My image of Acton

In June of 1976, I transferred to Halton Hills from Oakville. Working in the Georgetown area, the odd time passing through Acton to respond to an emergency, I really did not know the people of Acton. I developed a perception as a result of listening to some people, including some police officers, that Acton was *not* their preferred place to be.

Some of these comments were made by citizens of Acton, but mostly people who were repeating things that they had heard from others. The police officers who said that they did not like to work in Acton reasoned that Acton is too quiet. They were bored because they wanted to have the excitement of the big city style of policing. As a result, they were not involved in the community, nor were most of the citizens from whom I heard negative comments.

Some of these comments concerned me when I was requested to prepare the beginning of Community Policing in Acton. After being in the community for approximately two months, my instincts began to tell me that Acton people had a lot of community spirit. People cared for the community and the people within. I wanted to work in this type of community and the opportunity came. The Village Constable position was made available and I quickly volunteered.

In my four years as Village Constable, I have discovered and met the *real* Acton. The people that *are* the community, that see Acton as a good place to live and the people that work to make Acton a good place to be. I want to be seen as one of these people.



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