

EDITORIAL

With Paul Nolan



Murr Memorial is first-rate

It was a pleasure to once again tee it up at the Paul Murr Memorial Golf Tournament at Blue Springs on Monday. Certainly, this annual affair is one of the highlights of our town's event calendar, and it really is a first-class exercise — from the day's opening drive at 6:28 am, through to the awards ceremony and dinner, which kicked off more than 12 hours later in the marquee.

Sunday night I caught up with tournament chairman John Hoare; he and other committee members (Steve Goy, Allan Hall, Ron Heller, Jon Hurst, Ron McKnight and George McPhail) had assembled at Hurst's home to go over last-minute planning details.

"The concept actually started when my wife (Marg) came home from a Cancer Society meeting one night a few years ago. She said they were looking for a new way to raise money, and she asked if I would be interested in organizing a golf tournament," explains Hoare.

This was the ninth year for the event, previously titled the Acton Cancer Society Golf Tournament.

The tournament is now known as the Paul Murr Memorial, and it thereby means so much more for everyone involved, certainly to the organizing committee, but also to those golfers who maybe never knew Paul, yet show up every year because of what his name now represents — community service, caring deeds, and those special bonds fostered between friends playing a game that Paul loved.

Paul Murr was one of the founding committee members of the tournament. He also played a key role in the development of another great fundraising event in Acton — the annual Terry Fox Run. The irony of Paul's death speaks for itself. He passed away on Nov. 30, 1988, after a trying battle with cancer. He was survived by his wife Janice and children Jennifer and Derek.

Paul Murr's death was unfair. Didn't make any sense. But you know, if we're ever going to beat this crazy disease, it will likely mean the triumph of human spirit, not modern medicine. And it is the "human spirit" that brings together so many, once every year, to kick at the darkness. To never give up, never give in.

"The first year of the tournament we raised \$3,000," reports Hoare. "Last year we raised more than \$22,000."

"This really is a first-class golf tournament — with very low prices. We've been able to do it through the generosity of our sponsors and because Blue Springs has held the prices down for us."

Paul Murr's brother Gary finished with the second lowest gross score at this year's tournament, and when he accepted his award, it certainly was a touching moment.

This is the third year the event has been staged at Blue Springs. Victoria Park East, in Guelph, was the location the first six years.

New twists for the tournament's '93 installment included Halton Hills Furniture taking over sponsorship of the putting contest. Also, Bell Mobility was there for the first time, sponsoring a "closest-to-the-pin" contest, along with providing a message board and cellular phone service.

Personally, I didn't have the stomach to watch any more of the Stanley Cup finals on television after the elimination of hockey's best team (the Leafs, of course — who did you think I meant?). But I sure heard from a number of upset Habs fans, after they couldn't watch the climax of Montreal's Cup victory because cable service went down.

To me, that evening's storm didn't seem bad enough to wipe out TV transmission, but then I'm no expert. I'll bet Halton Cable had a few calls from local hockey fans after this one, though!

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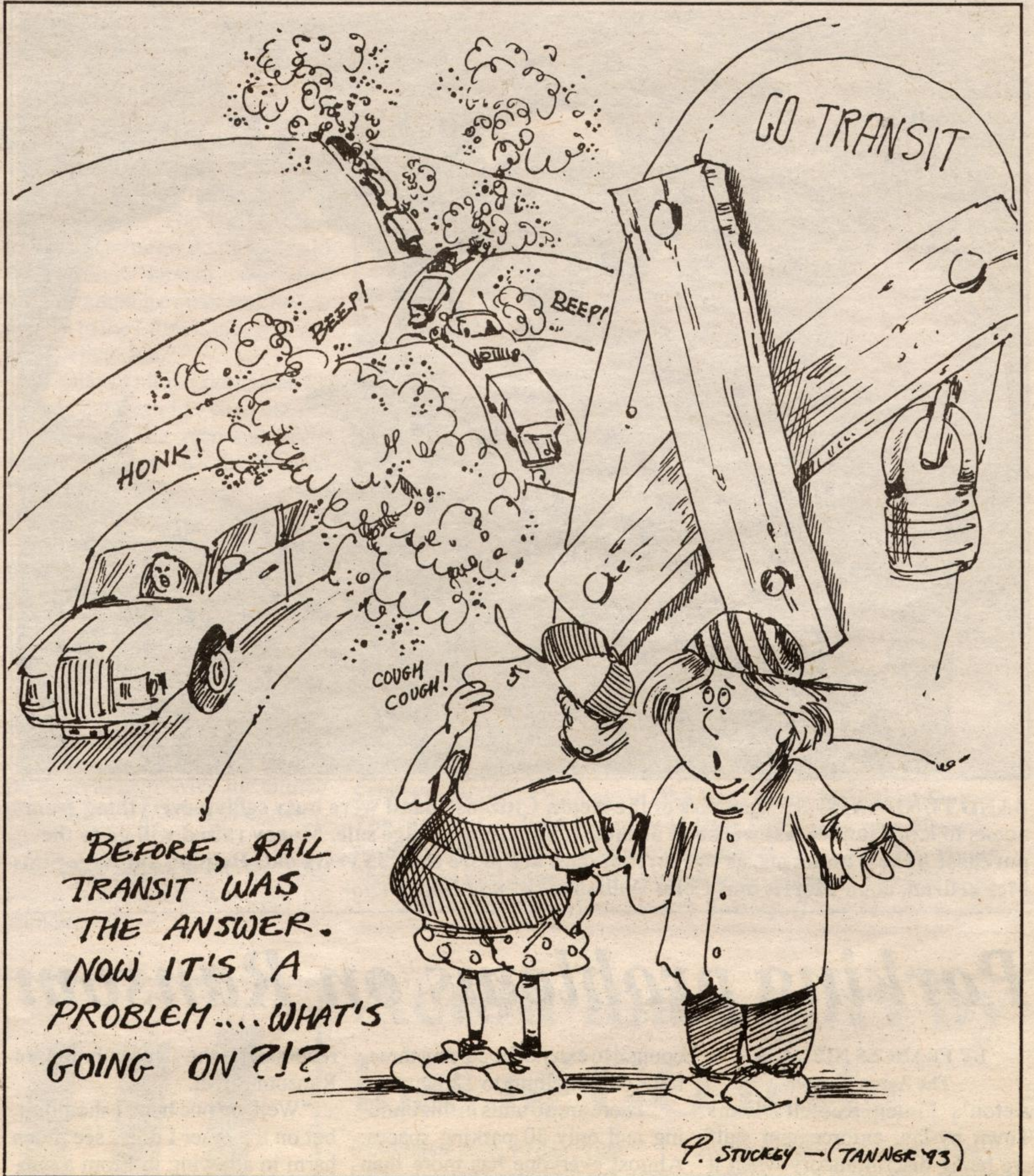
To the Editor,

The Salvation Army wishes to say "Thank you" to the people of Halton Hills for supporting the 1993 Red Shield Appeal.

We appreciate the generosity you have shown, particularly dur-

ing these difficult times, and we are grateful to all who support the work of the Salvation Army as we endeavour to confront human need. May God bless you.

Wade Budgell, Captain
The Salvation Army Citadel



LETTERS

An appeal for food

To the Editor,

Although this is a happy time of the year, there are others less fortunate who are struggling to feed their families on low wages. The cost of living, mortgages or rents eat up most of their earnings. We also see young mothers with children who need help as well as people waiting for unemployment insurance or welfare cheques.

Acton FoodShare is finding we need the help of the people of Acton and community. Acton residents have been very kind in the past and again, we appeal to you.

All kinds of non-perishable

foods are needed. Food can be dropped off at Halton Credit Union, Acton Post Office, I.G.A. and Foodland or telephone 853-0457 and pick-up can be arranged.

Acton FoodShare is open Tuesdays 9 am to 2 pm and Thursdays 1:30 pm to 4 pm.

Can you help? Acton FoodShare is fortunate to have Loretta Dulcos as co-ordinator. She is a hard-working, sincere and understanding young person.

It may be of interest to your readers that FoodShare encourages people to retrain, have a plot in the community gardens and volunteer at FoodShare. We are happy to report that people are using these opportunities of self-help.

Once again, may I appeal to your readers for non-perishable foods. Please help!

Joan Waldie, Director
Acton FoodShare

Carnival a success

To the Editor,

The first annual Spring Carnival at Robert Little School was a huge success, and it looks like there will be new playground equipment for September. The article printed by *The Tanner* was instrumental and timely in informing the community of the event and its purpose.

Special thanks to village constable Bill Riddle for wielding his radar gun, certifying the pitching abilities of over 100 students; to district fire prevention officer Richard Scully and firefighter Brian Ellsworth for coming out with the Emergency Rescue Vehicle (without the emergency); to George Herrington of Halton Hills Hydro and the Highline Hazard Machine for an electrifying dis-

play; to Reverend Andrew Asbil of St. Alban's Church for bringing a smile to all he met as Plunker the Clown; to Ann May Dingwall, western Ontario's Queen of the Cowgirls, for her Rootin' Tootin' Western Show; to all the volunteers who, however nameless, saved/made the day; and a very special thanks to all the people in business who rose to the occasion and gave so generously. Without all you of, none of this would have been possible.

And last but not least; we would like to express our extreme gratitude to all those who came out to the carnival to have fun. And thank God for the beautiful day. Hope to see you all again next year.

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