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To name or ...

How is the public interest best served when there are major problems to be solved?

That is the question at the root of the current debate over the release of the names of companies pumping unacceptably high amounts of heavy metal into Halton's sewer system.

When the controversy first arose, most newspapers, including The Canadian Champion, took the position that the force of publicity was the best way to compel the industries to come within the guidelines laid down by the Region.

There is another side to the argument which, in hindsight, appears to have more weight, especially in the light of the results it has achieved.

Regional officials, including chief administrative officer Dennis Perlin, have taken the position throughout the protracted debate that since most of the "offending" companies were in business before standards were established for sewage, they deserved a chance to change their systems to meet the new standards.

Mr. Perlin has argued all along that as long as the companies were making reasonable efforts to meet the standards imposed by the Region, they deserved to be allowed to carry on that work without a burden of adverse publicity.

It is better in the long term, according to Mr. Perlin, to get results through negotiation than by beating a company into submission through the full coercive weight of government power.

The most recent tests carried out by the Region reveal that all but one of the firms now meet the Region's standards, without threats, court actions or the loss of badly needed jobs and industrial assessment.

We must now wonder what more could have been accomplished through the glare of publicity and the inevitable chiding of editorial writers about companies having little regard for the public safety and health of the environment.

Certainly public pressure is one of the tools available to government in its efforts to enforce the regulations it passes, but as this incident has shown, it is not the only one and perhaps not the best one available.

Is the public interest best served by knowing that certain companies are causing environmental problems, or by knowing that government has acted and that the problems have been solved with a minimum of dislocation and hardship?

Perhaps, in this case, the results should be left to speak for themselves.

Share Friday nights

It's unfortunate the situation concerning the Milton Aeros' request for ice time at Memorial Arena for Friday nights in the upcoming season has degenerated into a bitter disagreement between the two main parties.

It's rather ironic the two owners, Vern Gooding, of Milton Junior Flyers, and Gary Thomas of Milton Intermediate Aeros, who have become involved with their respective teams because of their love of hockey now find that love is turning into hate.

There is a great deal more at stake than simply eight Friday night home dates and the accompanying booster clubs.

What the teams are really fighting for is for supremacy of their team over the other.

For years, the Juniors have earned the respect of the town above the Intermediates. A long established Junior team, generally quality clubs and a sound financial base from a relative shoe-string budget has enabled the Junior Flyers to gain respect in Milton as the number one team.

By contrast, the intermediate Aeros, or Tridents as the club was first called, had had a murky financial past. Attendance during the first half of almost every year has been negligible and it hasn't been until the second half of each season that the club has got itself in gear and then, in the playoffs, come through with an exciting brand of hockey.

If those factors were alone considered, Flyers deserve breaks when they have become available.

And they have received them. A long string of Friday night home games, which has now become

traditional "Hockey Night in Milton," stretches back almost 18 years. The club has been the beneficiary of a policy which has guaranteed the team the best night of the week.

Perhaps it is because of this advantage, Flyers have been able to maintain their fine financial and generally sound hockey teams over the years.

Without that advantage, the Intermediate club has had to scrape for all their worth. The past four years have been a trying experience for the executive and followers of the club.

Things have changed dramatically in the past year. With the sole addition of Gary Thomas, of Miltowne Realty, the club now has sound financial backing with no strings attached.

The team itself has taken great strides in the past half year on the ice. Milton players such as Peter McDuffe, Marty Seeds, and Bruce Ellison have suited up with Aeros and indications for next year are for even greater local representation.

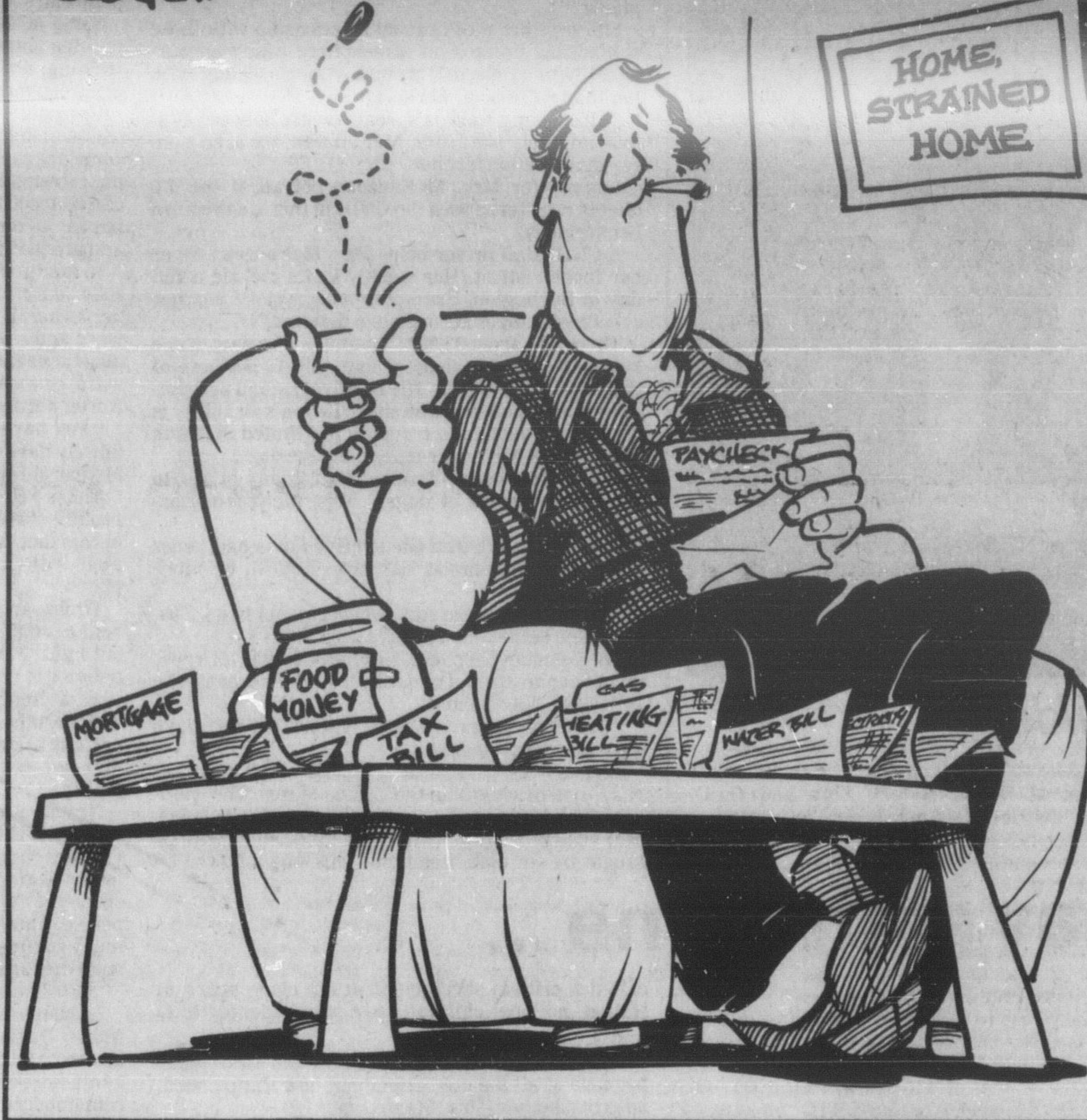
The times have changed. We are not talking about the 1960s or 1970s anymore. This is a new era of hockey in Milton and could spring into greater things for this town.

The Aeros deserve a chance to develop a proper, self-supporting franchise. Milton Flyers rent Memorial Arena from the Town—they don't own it or its times.

A proper sharing of the facility, considerate to both the Juniors and the Intermediates in warranted.

For intermediate hockey to be a success, though they'll need an even break as well.

NEWS ITEM: TAX HIKE 10 PERCENT IF BOARD APPROVES BUDGET.



Viewpoint

A shoot-out



WITH MICHAEL BOYLE

Certainly, Milton council members must have enjoyed themselves immensely Monday night watching a rerun of the shoot-out at the O.K. Corral, 1982 style when two owners of Milton's high profile hockey teams battled it out on the chamber's floors Monday.

I mean, it sure beat the dickens out of the proposed Regional sanitary sewer and water supply policies item which followed the hockey item.

For a while there, it appeared both Gooding and Thomas were in need of goalies as both took turns taking shots at one another in what has quickly become a major issue inside hockey circles—i.e. whether or not Aeros can have eight Friday home dates at Memorial Arena for the 1982-83 season.

For those unaware, Flyers hold all Friday night home dates from the beginning of their schedule to the end and Thomas wants Aeros to have a share of the pie.

From this side, the combatants in the

picture had to take a back seat at times to the councillors themselves who lived up to their advance billing, and provided the dozen or so in attendance a stage show which would shame anything Neil Simon could throw together.

Every councillor had a definite opinion, sometimes two, on the matter and was forceful in his or her intentions to sway others.

We had Blanche Hinton, who isn't, to my knowledge, an avowed fan of either club, start off after the combatants' opening speeches by scolding the pair. Poor Blanche, I don't think she knew what she was up against.

There were motions, amendments to motions and even Bill Johnson tried parliamentary procedure, which council doesn't recognize.

For more than an hour and a half, the councillors, Gooding and Thomas talked, rambled, discussed and reshaped so that they could... go back into a committee and throw everything back again. A good

location might just be the booster club for such a discussion.

It was interesting from this side to see councillors, some hockey fans, some not, get involved in such a discussion. They touched the surface of topics and claims from both sides in the disagreement, which has numerous underlining tones which weren't discussed in the meeting, although some were probably understood.

But it's with them that any policy disagreements are finally resolved and it is at least encouraging that not all parties are completely versed with the topic.

Some councillors came up with refreshingly different opinions on topics. Applying ordinary common sense to a sporting situation brought this disagreement back into the realm of the real world.

Sometimes, it's not a bad idea to take sports out of its own world and bring it back to the rules that everything else operates under.

Follow-up

Otto gets the boot



WITH STEVE ARNOLD

In the heat of political debate it's very easy to say something that is later regretted, especially when the topic is something as emotionally charged as the nation's Constitution.

Halton MP Otto Jelinek had first hand experience of that feeling one year ago when he was ejected from the House of Commons after calling Canada's Prime Minister, The Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, a liar.

Strong words to be spoken in a place which is supposed to be the seat of reasoned argument and democratic decision making.

According to the headlines that followed the incident, Mr. Jelinek made the statement during a speech in which he was relating his family's experience in escaping from their native land to enjoy the freedom of Canada.

Mr. Jelinek said he was referring specifically to statements Mr. Trudeau had made to reporters outside the official residence of the British Prime Minister, statements which Mr. Trudeau later admitted were "less than candid."

"A leader in any other country would have been impeached for the lies that Mr. Trudeau has told Canadians," Mr. Jelinek said at the time.

Despite breaking the rules of the House of Commons, Halton's representative to the federal government was unapologetic about the incident, which garnered him headlines across the country, much more coverage than would normally have been accorded to the remarks of an opposition member.

"I didn't have a prepared text for my speech, I was speaking off the cuff. I don't regret saying it and my conscience won't allow me to withdraw it," he said.

Aside from the benefits of publicity that Mr. Jelinek garnered from the incident, he argued there were benefits for the rest of country because his statement helped to focus attention on the faults of Mr. Trudeau's constitution.

"I think I certainly brought more attention to the faults of this constitution

than if I hadn't called him a liar," he said.

A year later, the long drawn out constitutional debate that sparked the incident appears to be in its final stages as British parliament wades through its debate of the legislation proposed by Canada.

Whether or not the act is worthwhile, or

is simply a tactic being used by the Prime Minister to avoid dealing with an economy he feels helpless to handle, is an academic question.

Mr. Jelinek's remark certainly put his name before the people at that time but did little to move the government toward a final solution of that problem, or any other problem for that matter.



Mr. Dress-up

A familiar gentleman to many children, Mr. Dress-up, host of a popular children's television show, performed in Milton recently. The event which took place at Robert Baldwin School was sponsored by the Theta Tau Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Pages of the Past

One Year Ago

From the February 25, 1981 issue
With the exception of two dissenting Milton votes, Halton councillors have voted to spend a minimum of \$250,000, to prepare a report on making 246 acres of Milton land into the next Regional dump with regard to the regulations of the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA). This vote, as far as Halton Region is concerned became necessary after outgoing Ontario Environment Minister Dr. Harry Parrott announced Feb. 9 that any further hearing on the lands, also known as Site F would follow the EAA, not the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) as Halton had hoped.

The past 10 days of spring thaw has been welcomed by many, but for ski operators at Glen Eden in Milton the mild weather has spelled disaster in the middle of ski season. The resort closed Feb. 15 in an effort to protect the snow base on the hills and salvage what remains of the winter season.

Hundreds of well wishers celebrated Miss Bessie Smith's 96th birthday Saturday, at a pancake day and bake sale. The \$2,500 raised will aid the Tremaine-Britannia Citizens' Group in the local fight to stop a proposed landfill site in Rural Milton known as Site F. Miss Smith's farmhouse is one of the properties threatened to be surrounded by the dump.

20 Years Ago

From the March 1, 1962 issue
An \$18,000 fire Sunday at the equipment garage of Edgar Howden RR 3, Milton, destroyed the building and a bulldozer and backhoe machine inside of it. Milton Fire Brigade managed to save the house, but gas-fed flames demolished the building before the fire could be brought under control.

The possibility of a community wide campaign for funds to build a swimming pool will be further studied at a meeting in the Legion club rooms tonight (Thursday).

Dave Brush of the Kinsmen's Club told a group of representatives from some of the local organizations of his club's plans to campaign for \$40,000 to \$50,000.

A capital budget for 1962 totalling \$187,156.26 was approved Thursday by the officials of the 16 Mile Creek Conservation Authority. Of this amount, Milton, Esquering, Nassagaweya and Oakville will be responsible for \$92,540.63 and the government will share with a contribution of \$94,615.63.

The Milton Public Library Board Wednesday night postponed any decision on the Main St. property of the Milton Tennis Club, which had been proposed to the board as a possible site for a new library at the previous meeting.

50 Years Ago

From the February 25, 1932 issue
A registered Leicester ewe belonging to W.H. Devlin, Omagh, gave birth to quadruplets last week.

The staff and pupils of Milton High School held an enjoyable dance on Friday night last, the music being furnished by Phil Gage's orchestra from Burlington.

More than 50 tons of coal are said to have been taken from CPR freight trains during the past few weeks as they slowed down at Streetsville. Police are investigating.

Appearing before Police Magistrate Bull, Brampton, yesterday on a charge of embezzling some \$11,000, from the village of Streetsville, Dr. S.H. Smith, former village clerk and treasurer, was remanded for a week without plea or election. Bail of \$20,000, was renewed.

In an exhibition game of hockey played between Georgetown and Milton juniors at the Arena here on Monday evening last, which was the first of the season, Georgetown defeated Milton by 5 to 2. Play was fast and snappy, considering that neither team had much practice this winter.

In Police Magistrate Elliott's court on Tuesday Hill S. Wilson, Farmer, formerly of Trafalgar Township near Milton who last week was arrested at his home near Alma, Wellington County, by Provincial Constable Cookman, of Milton, on two charges of stealing harness, one set from George Peacock of Trafalgar Township and one set from Victor Rumley, in Esquering, was found guilty.

75 Years ago

From the Feb. 28, 1907 issue
Mr. John Trainor of the Station Hotel in Saskatchewan received the news this morning of the death of his brother William, who was frozen to death about 88 miles from Hanley, Sask. Mr. Trainor immediately sent word back to have the remains shipped to Georgetown. The deceased was well known in town and highly respected by all in Georgetown.

W.O. Morse of Campbellville, is in town this morning. He says that when his dam broke a short time ago, as reported in The Champion, the culvert through the CPR embankment a short distance below his mill, was too small to carry off the flood and for some time the water was 12 feet deep next to the embankment.

A.J. Clements of Bent River, Muskoka, paid his father Sheriff Clements, a flying visit on Friday. He said that a day or two before leaving home he was in the woods on snow shoes and got very close to five deer.

Miss Mabel Timbers of Milton, has taken a position in the T. Eaton Co., of Toronto in the millinery department.
Since the resignation of Major Beattie, more than a year ago, there has been no clerk of the Fifth Division Court in the County of Halton, and County Attorney Dick has been acting as clerk pro tem.