

Between the Willows



What an insult

By DON BYERS

Champion Resident Columnist

The unemployment numbers came in, at last count, at more than one million.

When you match that deplorable record against a petulant Parliament, behaving like drop-outs, you can get some idea of what kind of tragic mess we are in.

Here we have these men, and a few women, in whom we have entrusted our present, and the future of our children, behaving as if they would have failed the entrance tests to make it into kindergarten.

Look them over. Remember their names. Curious, isn't it? They were all bosom buddies last year when they met, in the now deserted House, to vote themselves grossly inflated salary increases. Oh, yes.

If you recall, I said at the time, they had yet to prove they were really worthy of the bucks they were already getting. Hard-earned money that comes out of our shrinking pockets.

Now (March 14), they are, to all intents and purposes, out on an illegal strike.

Talk about timing. The country is pulling itself together after a heavy, harsh winter. Interest rates have been as destructive as the deep snowdrifts that blocked progress, bogging down, sometimes wiping out, farmers, small businesses and homeowners. Many people are backed against the wall. They desperately need the help of those, whom, in good faith, they voted into office to run this country.

What are they getting for the votes they invested? Mismanagement. And now, absentee lawmakers.

The silly "Gong Show" in Ottawa would be disgraceful enough if the country was prosperous. To play such games now is nothing short of treason.

I really don't give a damn which side is right in its present stand. What saddens me is that, obviously, politics in this country come before people.

If that is the case, I suggest it is high time we voters turfed out the blundering idiots we sent to Ottawa and started all over again.

Oh yes. I hear you asking: "Don, what makes you think the new batch we send up there would perform any better?"

Good point. On the other hand, how in hell could anybody possibly do a worse job?

If I hired an executive, at the salary of \$50,000 a year-plus (which MPs get), I would have every right to expect a more productive performance. So would you.

The next time you cast a vote, for God's sake think about it. You are indeed hiring a man or woman to work for you, to be responsive and responsible to your needs and those of everyone else in this country.

I think that it is high time we got our brains out of the deep freeze by putting some real heat on our dishonorable federal members.

These clowns of calamity count on what they perceive to be the typical, Canadian apathy we have so often displayed.

And, while they are sucking their thumbs and pouting, more than one million Canadians desperately search for jobs that are not there... and slip closer into despondency and despair.

I don't know about you, but I find that disgusting.

Town help village develop

Halton's newest community won't have any civic staff, but the mayors of the Region's four existing municipalities are digging in to help get construction of the village underway.

The "new" community is actually a very old one—the prehistoric Iroquois village that flourished beside Crawford Lake, near Guelph Line and Steeles Ave between 1434 and 1459. The volunteer members of the Halton Region Conservation Foundation are organizing a campaign to raise \$700,000—to rebuild the six longhouses that once housed about 450 people of the Iroquoian Middleport group; and to create a new interpretive centre at Crawford Lake.

Far more people will visit the village than ever lived there—the finished project is expected to attract 100,000 people annually.

The land around Crawford Lake is owned by the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

Halton's four mayor's aren't the only prominent officials to endorse the project. Halton Board of Education director Wally Beever, all 18 members of the conservation authority and the Bruce Trail Association have all expressed support for the project.

Burlington Mayor Roly Bird, Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett, Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz and Halton Hills Mayor Peter Pomeroy will each receive a number of information kits about the Crawford Lake Indian Village and Conservation Centre to distribute to members of their Councils and other interested people.

In a meeting with campaign organizers, Mr. Beever suggested a number of ways in which the students of Halton could benefit from the restored village and nature centre, including using the facilities as a source of information about Indian culture and history, the Niagara Escarpment, archaeology and Crawford Lake.

Although the fund raising campaign will not begin until May, members of the conservation authority have already donated over \$900.00 towards the campaign.

The Bruce Trail Association, which has its headquarters in the Royal Botanical Gardens Centre in west Burlington, will help publicize the campaign in its newsletter, and the newsletters of the Iroquoian and Toronto chapters. It's also expected that a number of Bruce Trail members will assist with the business and commercial canvass in May.

The Indian village is the most accurately dated in all of Canada, and is only the second to be rebuilt on its original site. The date of occupation is known precisely because of the nature of Crawford Lake.

The lake is meromictic—that is, the water only partially circulates from top to bottom. The cold, dense bottom water is never disturbed, and sediment is deposited in distinct layers. Research scientists are able to date pollen and seeds in the sediment simply by counting the number of layers. Corn pollen—which is too heavy to travel far on the wind—indicates the years in which Indians cultivated nearby fields.

Our Readers Write

Progress excellent

Dear Editor:
Just a note to congratulate you and your staff on the excellent supplement in your March 10, 1982 edition of The Champion.

Informative, interesting and well laid out; all in all a first-class edition. I would also like to extend our com-

pany's thanks for an excellent article on Fishburn.

Keep up the excellent work!

Yours truly,

Murray Latham
Director of Marketing
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Global acknowledgement

Dear Editor:
On behalf of the Global Television Network, I would like to congratulate you and your staff for being awarded the "Environment Ontario Award" at the recent Ontario Community Newspapers Association Convention.

At this time, I would also like to

acknowledge the great contribution the Champion makes to Milton and the surrounding area.

Keep up the great work!

Yours truly,
Al Dubin,
director of information services

Heart Fund says thanks

Dear Editor:
On behalf of the Ontario Heart Foundation, a resounding "thank you" goes to the people of Milton for their generous community response to the Heart Fund campaign, which has been successful.

We are pleased to report the reaching of our target for 1982, of \$11,000. Also, to report our Hamilton Region headquarters acknowledges our community as notably responsive.

A most sincere word of appreciation goes to each of more than 200 fine canvassers, including members of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, and the Ki Zeta Beta Sorority.

Particular mention must be made of the enthusiastic work of the following

area captains: Mrs. Cobie Stomphorst; Mrs. Norma Turner; Mrs. Susan Slimmon; Mr. Stanley Bacon; Mrs. Joan Phillips; Mrs. Grace Ricci; Mrs. Gladys McKersie; Mrs. Barbara Havard; Mrs. M. Crowe; Mr. Tom Bounsaill; Margaret Willoughby; Mrs. Marg Gillies; Mrs. Rose Marie Jensen; Mrs. Marian Zachary; Mrs. Jan Carson; Mrs. Sharon Romaniuk; Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald; Mrs. Linda Allen; Mrs. Arlie Koslowski; Mrs. Anne Berry; Mr. Buck Gervais; Mr. Rod Coulter; Mr. Headley Grievies and Dr. D. Medland.

Thank you sincerely, team!

George Willoughby
Chairman, Milton Chapter
Ontario Heart Fund Campaign

OTHS reunion

Dear Editor:
Oakville-Trafalgar High School will be celebrating its 75th anniversary next year (May 27-29, 1983).

We are trying to locate as many former students as possible for the reunion. If any of your readers are, or know the whereabouts of former students, we would appreciate receiving their names and addresses at:

O.T.H.S. Reunion
P.O. Box 1983
Oakville, Ontario L6J 5E9

Thank you for any help you can provide.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Kathryn Foster
chairman, publicity committee

Where Fox money goes

For some time now we have read articles, listened to news and had the opportunity to speak face to face with groups and individuals who suggest, some quite strongly, that the Terry Fox funds be used in programs other than research.

Specifically, these individuals suggest that prevention is the most important area.

While all of this goes on the Canadian Cancer Society has continued to provide Canadians, through public education and public information programs at national, divisional and local levels, this very type of information and service.

In 1981, over \$5.5 million has been spent by the Canadian Cancer Society to disseminate knowledge on the subject of cancer, one of the aims outlined in the 1938 charter.

The ultimate objective of the public education program is a change in social and personal behaviour leading to the prevention or early detection of cancer.

Precaution with industrial substances such as asbestos, and avoidance of overexposure to the sun's rays are also stressed in the Cancer Society's educational program.

I might, however, point out that in spite of our best prevention efforts—efforts which have shown very positive results—it is difficult for our organization to completely change public attitudes.

If such a role were easy it would have already been accomplished, but when known health hazards such as cigarettes continue to be produced and advertised in our country, in spite of all evidence that they are cancer-causing agents, we know that our job is a long way from being completed.

We are also committed to educating the younger population—the people to

whom Terry Fox meant so much. If we don't maintain Terry's trust, we may never reach people who can and will change their lifestyle to ensure a greater degree of health and long life.

Until recently, the prevention of cancer by the discovery and treatment of so-called pre-malignant lesions had limited value since it was largely restricted to certain moles and ketatoses of the skin, patches on the lining of the mouth, polyps and adenoma of the bowel and rectum.

A great step forward was the development of the cytological smear which makes it possible to detect the abnormal appearance of cells before they become malignant.

At this point, treatment is almost 100-per-cent effective. This technique has been most valuable in the "Pap Test" for cancer of the cervix and the widespread use of this health measure is strongly recommended by the Canadian Cancer Society as one of its "Seven Steps to Health."

In Gerald L. Caplan's letter to The Toronto Star, he suggests that the rest of Terry Fox's funds, apart from those already committed to specific cancer research programs, be used to launch a major Canada-wide project aimed at preventing cancer.

This is already being done by the society through its ongoing Public Education program, which is entirely funded through the generosity of the Canadian public during our annual April campaign.

Terry Fox, during his life, made it abundantly clear that every penny of his Marathon of Hope Fund, to be administered by the Canadian Cancer Society and National Cancer Institute of Canada, was earmarked for biomedical research. This is being done as he wished.

B. Lee Rullman
National Executive Director
Canadian Cancer Society

Bring Fred in

Dear Editor:
I would like to tell you about Fred. Fred is a human dynamo, his energy boundless. He has a wife and twin daughters of ten years. At 42, feeling he has come to a crossroad, he has sold his house in the hope that he can emigrate to Canada, bringing the substantial proceeds of the sale of his house with him.

Fred by trade is a carpenter, by temperament an entrepreneur and go-getter. In conversation with him he is revealed as a solid, sensible, well-adjusted clever man who says he wishes to take nothing from Canada, he wishes only to give in order to receive.

He has a married sister in Canada in good circumstances who has offered to sponsor him and his family, although in truth Fred needs no sponsor. He is a self-starter.

However, when he applied to the Canadian Immigration Department in his own country for the necessary papers to fill in he was turned down flat and told to stay where he was.

His sister, apart from her husband and one daughter has no other relatives in Canada. Naturally anxious to welcome her brother to Canada she made enquiries of her own. She was told by immigration that out of 140,000 immigrants for 1982 two thirds are slated to be from third world countries. Added to this her MPP wrote her a letter in reply to the one he received from her saying that he was aware of the fact that her countrymen found it difficult to get into Canada, but as immigration was a federal responsibility he could do nothing.

Soon after, she learned that a girl from a third world country who works with her had just brought in five relatives and from another source it was learned that a woman from yet a different third world country had recently brought in ten relatives.

Never having been involved before in any kind of official red-tape she was both bewildered and dumbfounded at

the discrimination practised against her brother.

So, Fred came to Canada this January for two weeks to find out what he could do to become a landed immigrant. It seemed that everyone he encountered wanted him in, but no one knew how to get him in: not the MP, not the MPP, not the immigration officials, not manpower.

Poor Fred! Even in the sub-zero temperature and ice and snow he visited the CN Tower, where upon looking down and seeing Toronto and beyond stretched out before him, he became excited, excited at the potential, the same potential that Lord Simcoe had envisaged centuries before when he pitched his tent and founded what was to be the City of Toronto.

Throughout the centuries Fred's countrymen have had the urge to emigrate, the result of this urge, which is probably larger than life, made itself felt upon the world throughout the centuries.

Fred has this urge. He wants to come to Canada. Not because of oppression, not because he has the urge to try something new, to expand, to develop. Fred is the ilk of the old-time immigrant who developed this country and made it what it is, a country in which many people from all parts of the world want to live.

Fred has the energy. It spills from his pores until it affects the people he meets. This energy is priceless. We have to import these kind of people as well as those who do not have the pioneering spirit in their blood, but just need sanctuary. Sanctuaries are needed, but so are free spirits who infect others with the excitement incurred by risking adventure.

But, at the whim of a lop-sided immigration policy Fred and his ilk are being kept out of Canada. And this policy will wreak havoc on this country, havoc that will be visited upon our children, if not upon us. It's time something was done about it!

Sincerely,
Amelia Housden

Milton gets counselling aid

By STEVE ARNOLD
Champion News Editor

A Burlington-based family counselling agency will open a three-day-a-week office in Milton April 1.

To be located in an office at St. Paul's United Church it will be as close as the town has come to having a resident counselling agency.

Bill Sparling, executive director of the Burlington Counselling and Human Relations Institute, said the Milton office would operate as a branch of the central facility and will be self supporting.

"We're coming to Milton come hell or high water," he said, adding "we have zero start up money."

Mr. Sparling recently asked Halton's health and social services committee for a \$5,000 grant to pay for the start of the new office, but this was rejected.

"We have nothing to invest from our operation here because we are in the hole," he added.

Mr. Sparling said the Milton office would offer a full range of counselling services. Specific days and hours will be set later.

Currently, Milton has the services of counsellings from an agency in Oakville and a private firm from Toronto for a single day each week. Sessions are conducted in an office at Halton Centennial Manor.

"We're being welcomed by everyone," Mr. Sparling said. "We're getting smiles and welcomes from everyone in Milton who works with people."

Appointments for the Milton office will be made through the Burlington location, which Mr. Sparling explained would be a means of cutting overhead costs for the branch.

One of the reasons that a full time counselling centre in Milton has not been established before, he said, is the lack of a United Way campaign for provide funding.

COHR was started by a group of churches in Burlington and is still informally connected to them, Mr. Sparling explained, adding that he did not think that would be a difficulty in selling counselling services in Milton.

"Our church connection is strong but informal. It's a means by which the churches have expressed their concern for the community."

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in eastern Canada at far below cost in order to keep the sick nuclear industry alive.

Our government willing to sell reactors to Mexico at a loss of 200 millions of dollars.

Marc Lalonde, Minister of Energy, admits to "a hard pressed nuclear industry, and that orders of purchase may be years away."

But, I'm sorry to say, the worst is yet to come.

Nuclear Canada's engineers have estimated the cost of preparing an underground waste disposal will be at least 500 millions of dollars.

Then follows the unthinkable cost of moving 80 million tons of this almost-forever threat to our health, from near Elliot Lake to this cemetery.

We can send (free of postage) newspaper clippings of nuclear news (and there's plenty of it) along with a brief question to show your concern, your name and address. The Gov. will answer question.

Help is provided

Solving the problems of special education will be the task given to a new Halton Board of Education committee.

Trustees gave their approval last week to the formation of a Special Education Advisory Committee to provide advice and guidance on the problems of exceptional children in the school system.

Three trustees, two other members and Oakville Regional Council. Ann Mulvale were also named to the group.

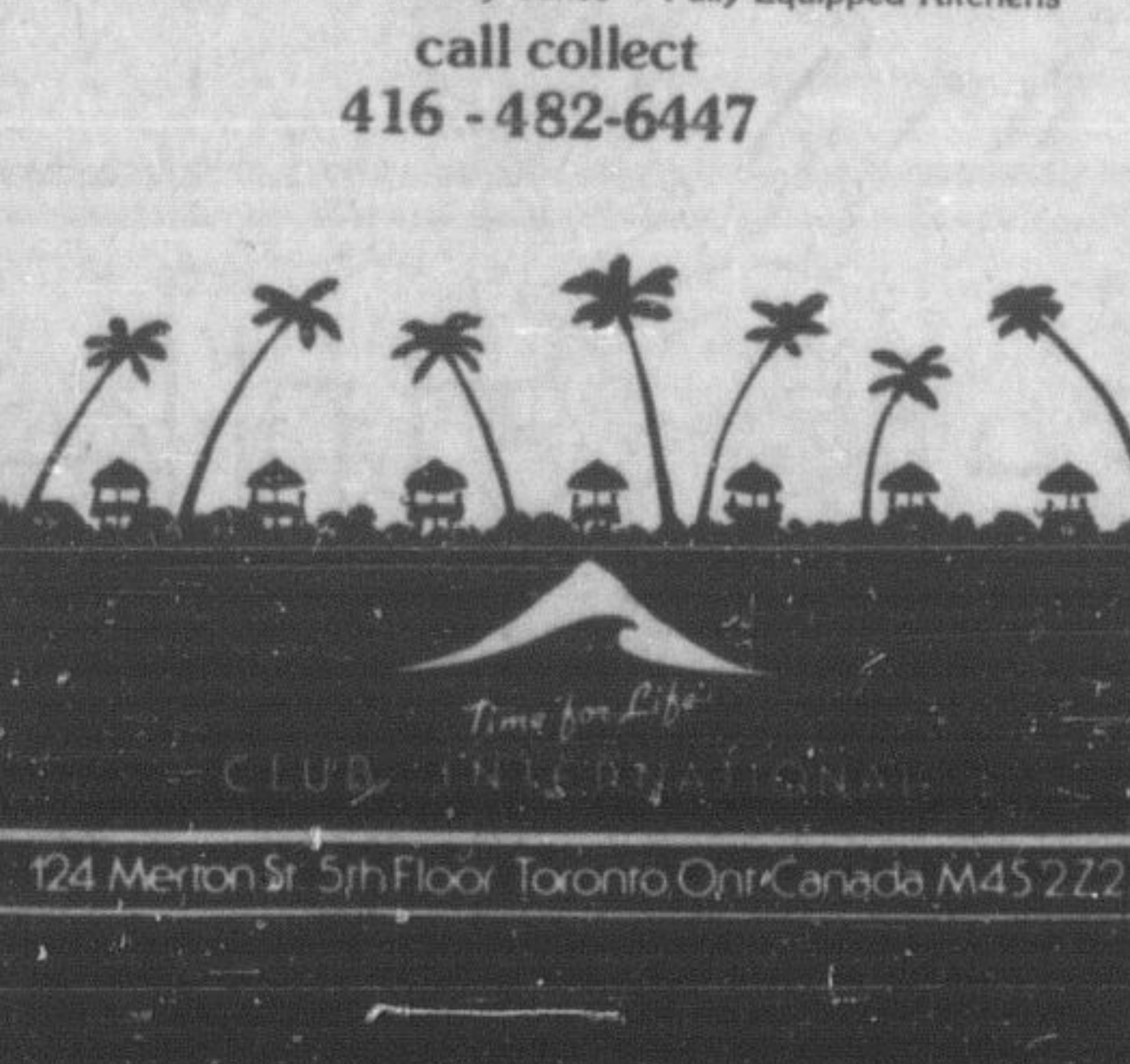
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