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## Viewpoint

WITH JANE MULLER

We've come a long way, but...



## Basic needs first

Halton Board of Education trustees were cool in the reception they gave last week to a plan to give Francophones a direct voice on the Board.

The plan, approved by members of the Board's French language advisory committee, calls for three trustees to be elected by French-speaking residents to Boards that have French instructional units.

FLAC chairman Michel Serre told Halton trustees a move like that was necessary because advisory committees have no power and must present their proposals to the full Board for endorsement.

His argument was that because French is considered an official language in Canada, "we deserve full representation."

While not actually giving the idea a complete cold shoulder, trustees expressed some doubts about splitting the Board of Education between too many special interest groups.

Their doubts are wise and should be remembered when the FLAC plan is brought back for approval.

Education is too important a process to be further divided among special interests. The basic goals of education go well beyond concerns about culture and "linguistic identity" and all the other catch phrases of those fringe elements in the French community who have done so much over the years to

hinder Canadian development.

The first and foremost goal of any process of education must be to prepare the child for the life he will face when he leaves the hallowed halls of academia.

Plans such as that put forward by the Francophone members of Halton's FLAC are a step away from that goal. They have nothing to do with preparing children for the lives they must lead, but seek instead to turn questions of education into political tools.

Trustees elected by the French community in Halton, under the FLAC plan, would compose 15 per cent of the Board of Education, despite the fact the Francophones comprise nowhere near 15 per cent of the population of any of the areas from which Halton purchases a French language education for children.

There is a place in the modern process of education for special interest groups such as those which speak for the handicapped and the French, but that is as advisory bodies to a Board of Education elected by all the people of the Region.

The wants and wishes of the special interest groups have to be evaluated in the light of all other groups and the needs for the basic goals of the school system—needs that must be met first, before the concerns of other language or interests that could, and perhaps should be, met outside a system of public education.

## Scouts deserve thanks

The importance of the role played by volunteer organizations was once again emphasized as recently as last week—this time by Milton District Boy Scouts.

The Scouts, unable to continue their 28-year tradition of collecting old newspapers from local residents because of the flat newspaper market, packed the project in.

Often taken for granted by all of us at some time or another, the Scouts have bailed themselves out of a project that had been taxing their limited resources for some time.

The Town of Milton and Halton Region will be feeling the results of no paper drive by the end of this month when residents find they have no choice but to drop their old newspapers beside their refuse for regular garbage pick-up.

The impact is going to be costly for taxpayers.

John Matthews, Milton's director of public works, says cancellation of the Scout paper drive will likely force Halton Region to extend its October cut-off date for the disposal of newsprint at its landfill sites.

That will present an ecological problem as well as a financial one for the Town and the Region.

A monthly drive yielded an average of 20 tons of newsprint and this extra refuse will have to be removed by Milton's garbage collection system. It

will decrease the life expectancy of Regional landfill sites by filling them up faster than forecast.

It is a major problem and our two levels of government will have to deal with it very quickly—after all, no one likes to have garbage sitting at the end of his or her driveway, particularly if they are paying healthy property taxes to have it removed.

There are many solutions to the problem—many of them financially equitable for Milton.

The City of Mississauga, in co-operation with its Clean City Committee and a newsprint recycling firm, has placed newspaper drops throughout the city.

The bins, once full of discarded newspapers, are taken away by the company and used to make insulation and recycled paper. Recycling newsprint, despite the slump for newsprint, is big business.

Space does not allow for further examination here, but there are many alternatives.

Let's not look at this as a problem created by the Scouts. They were only delaying the inevitable in this growing community and should be regarded as the pioneers of Milton's new newsprint ecology program—whatever form it ultimately will take.

Our thanks to Milton District Boy Scouts for a good deed faithfully well done.

When was it that men began to consider women as something more than second class citizens and when will they all come to some consensus on the matter?

Females have a lot to be thankful for. It was not so long ago we were finally thought fit to decide upon who should govern us. Nor was it so long ago that it was decided our feminine minds could be educated and that our capacity for reasoning and logical thought was recognized.

Aren't we lucky? Equal pay for work of equal value to our male counterparts could be something to look forward to in the future. Wow, are we privileged!

Many religious hierarchies are allowing the lowly woman to penetrate those ranks made possible by some new interpretations of the Bible. Chalk up another one for sisterhood.

Woman have broken a lot of new ground in an extremely short period of time when the years are put in perspective with the history of the world. That's great.

Why then, when we've come such a long way baby, does society insist on keeping the old mould around—left unbroken? We have pulled down barriers which once impeded us, yet shadows of those walls, built by a patriarchal society, still haunt us.

The biggest challenge the "liberated" woman faces today is to keep what has been done before from being undone and maintain a calm but strong defence of womankind.

The suffragettes cannot be forgotten. They represent the start of a tide to change the status of women. Thankfully the more modern attempts by some of the more radical women's libbers to all

but rewrite dictionaries to alter words like chairman to chairperson and almost to the extreme of manhole covers to personhole covers, have failed.

Editor's Note: Yessir, I agree!

Women may be convinced progress has been made in the fate of their lot, but there are men who still look at us as vacuous vessels with butterflies for brains. It can be called the dumb broad syndrome.

Their cutting remarks are presented as humor and, only those of us who have a good sense of humor and a good grip on our tempers, can tolerate such.

Coming a long way is just not good enough if we continue to tolerate what in past generations has been the accepted norm. We can pretend we are truly liberated and rest on past accomplishments, but a good look around us will reveal that we have not reached the ultimate.

We may have earned the right to vote but why are there not more of us on the ballots? Why is it the color of Canadian Parliament is predominately blue and grey with the suits of men?

I'm not a female chauvinist nor someone with ideas for a matriarchal society. I am for the participation of women in society and the strides we seem to be taking make us more equal in this regard. I am also anticipating some new thinking when all this comes to pass because, despite our similarities in the capacity for logic and reason, we are indeed different from men.

I feel it has a lot to do with this difference that we are made to be subservient in the first place—causing us to have to fight for basic human rights which once only applied to human males.

Women (admittedly with a little help) are the creators of life. Men can go and fight their wars, re-inforce male egos with all manner of actions and possessions (oops, I'm getting nasty), but they'll never produce a child.

They'll never have that ominous capacity to continue life on earth and they'll never have the maternal instincts which go hand-in-hand with that great responsibility.

The gift was likely our downfall. Instead of revering us or at best allowing us to be equals, the threatened men chose to degrade us. Long we were treated as second class citizens.

Probably one of the events which ultimately led to our coming a long way in a big way during the past 20 odd years was the development of the 99.9 per cent effective means of birth control. The pill was the key to unlock many doors.

We still have the ability to create life but we're not bound to procreation as our sole purpose in life or the usual consequence of it. We have cleared another hurdle.

The shadow still loom, however. There are still those who regard females as nothing but decorations, arm-pieces and objects of sexual fancy. (There are also women who reciprocate these feelings.) How can those misguided thoughts be erased when women are willing to play the role and in fact encourage it?

The role of the woman acting as a mere piece on a game board controlled by our patriarchal society cannot change until we're ready to bury the rut and carve new paths.

Oh, we have come a long way baby, but we've still got a long way to go.

## People in our past

A continuing series during Milton's 125th anniversary

### Former Citizen Of The Year Stan Allen

Stan Allen's eventual arrival in Milton 25 years ago almost rivals the popular tale, The Iliad and The Odyssey. Born in Georgetown in 1912, the son of a millwright and stationary engineer, Mr. Allen trained as a cabinetmaker. He completed his apprenticeship in that trade in 1932—a period in Canada's history where there were no jobs in the marketplace.

Like many of his peers, Mr. Allen quickly became a casualty of the Great Depression—laid off. He knew he was out of a job as a cabinetmaker when hydro workers literally cut off the lines to the plant.

Married that year and seeing no immediate prospects for gainful employment, Mr. Allen took his new bride north to the Rainy River District (near the Manitoba-Ontario border) to homestead.

He and his wife lived in that area until almost 1940 when he moved to Port Arthur (now Thunder Bay) to enlist in the Royal Canadian Army.

He served in the British Isles, Belgium, Holland, France and Germany until 1945.

In the meantime, his wife and young family had returned to Georgetown. He came back to his hometown following World War II and attempted to set up his own cabinetmaking business, but found tools weren't available.

He joined Smith and Stone Inc. when prospects for starting his own business



STAN ALLEN

appeared bleak and constructed medical equipment.

He worked in the maintenance department of the company and was president of the union until offered the position of superintendent of the firm's new plastics fabricating operation.

While working at Smith and Stone he became interested in municipal politics, running for council in 1950. He served as reeve until 1957 and was warden of the county in 1956.

His community involvement included his role as chairman of the board of Milton Centennial Manor and, when two senior staff vacated their jobs in 1957, Mr. Allen took over on what he believed to be an interim basis. He retained his other job.

Dissatisfied with some candidates for administrator, the board and the Province asked Mr. Allen to give up municipal politics and his job at Smith and Stone to become administrator of the Manor.

"I had intended to be there a year, until I could find a replacement—20 years and six months later I retired," Mr. Allen laughs.

When he came, the Manor had 18 staff and 94 beds—when he retired there were 250 staff and 370 beds.

He organized the Halton Region Employees Credit Union while he worked there, the Smith and Stone Employees Credit Union while he worked there.

After moving to Milton in 1958, he joined the Rotary Club of Milton, was chairman of the club's crippled children's society campaign, was one of the founders of the Milton Curling Club, was chairman of the board of Milton District Hospital and organized Meals on Wheels.

He was named Milton's Citizen of the Year in 1975.

He and wife Ruth have three children, Robert, June and Sharon, and four grandchildren.

## Pages of the past

### One Year Ago

From the September 2, 1981 issue  
Water supply problems for two Milton families will continue at least until the end of September, members of Halton's planning and public works committee decided last week. Councillors turned down a request from Joe Shea and Enio Scelsizzi to have their Derry Rd. houses connected to the regional watermain running down their street.

Metro Toronto Police may have come up with nothing more than animal bones during their recent costly search in a Milton culvert for an alleged murder victim, but the case is anything but closed. Staff Sergeant Ron Dick, head of the investigation, said police have received new information from the 24-year-old woman who first led police to the Kelso Lake site.

In a series they didn't think they had to play, Campbellville Mohawks of downed Walsingham two games to none to advance, finally, to the Ontario Baseball Association 'C' Division championship tournament next weekend at Hiesonburg. Mohawks defeated Walsingham 8-3 Saturday night in Walsingham and then captured the series with a 6-2 win Monday night in Oakville.

Sunday's lightning storm became more than just a flashy show in the sky for one Milton family. Carol Page, 556 Vanier Dr., reports her house was struck by lightning during the afternoon, damaging the chimney, two televisions and causing concern for the wiring system.

### 20 Years Ago

From the September 6, 1962 issue  
Reeve C.A. Martin of Milton was chosen Warden of Halton County for the balance of 1962 Tuesday afternoon at a special meeting of Halton County Council.

Election of a new warden was necessary following the sudden death of Warden Wilfred Bird, Reeve of Esquesing Township on August 24.

A crowd estimated at 24,000 visited Milton Fair Grounds during the three day weekend reunion of the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers Association. From the moment the gates opened early Friday morning until the last whistle tooted late Monday night, a full weekend program of parades, demonstrations, races and contests, musical entertainment and dozens of other attractions lured crowds from all over Ontario, northern United States and other provinces to the Milton Fair Grounds.

Work started Tuesday morning on the construction of a \$1,400,000 grandstand at the new Campbellville race track in Nassagaweya Township. A permit has been issued by township building inspector Don McMillan.

Chairman Mike Ledwith reports that the Swimming Pool canvass committee has been busy mailing out letters in order to complete the pool canvass for funds. Results are coming in with over \$500 donated since last Friday.

### 50 Years Ago

From the September 1, 1932 issue  
Squirrels are more plentiful than usual this summer and are costing the Bell Telephone considerable money and annoyance by eating through the insulation on wires along many streets. When the sharp teeth made a hole in the insulation, rain gets in and causes short circuits, which inconvenience users.

The tongue of the land roller on which Wilfred Pickering, farmer, of Snider's, Trafalgar township, was riding, broke, throwing him in front of the machine which went over him. Dr. Hill, of Streetsville, was called and found no broken bones, but he was badly bruised.

Harry Coulson, Thomas St. got a puffball near Brampton on Tuesday last which weighed 15 lbs. and measured 55 inches in circumference.

Messrs. F. Leonard White, editor of The Champion, and Jack Hamilton, correspondent for a Philadelphia, Pa., Magazine Publishing Co., left on Monday last on a 2,500 mile motor trip to Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, New York City, Pittsburg, Philadelphia and Buffalo. A report of the trip, it is expected, will appear in next week's issue of The Champion.

### 75 Years Ago

From the September 5, 1907 issue  
Thos. Coxe has sold one of his two new brick dwellings near the C.P.R. station to C.B. Lewis, of the Toronto Pressed Brick and Terra Cotta Co., who will occupy it when it is ready.

A new 60-foot windmill has been erected by Messrs J. and A. Smith at the Dominion Hotel to pump water for the new system to be installed there.

Miss Margaret Galloway has returned home again after spending two months at Jackson's Point, Lake Simcoe.

The Record says that five Oakville children and a dog got into a boat and drifted out onto the lake. Their rescue was not easy on account of wind. Councillor Bath and his two sons tried to tow them ashore and failed, but Murray Williams hitched them to his gasoline launch and brought them in.

We are happy to say that the illness of Sheriff Clements proved much less serious than was feared. He was up in two days and has been at Toronto fair two days this week and is now as well as usual.

Rev. W.M. Mackay has returned home from his vacation at Balsam Lake, near Lindsay. Mr. Mackay is well sunburnt, having put in a good deal of his time on the water, trolling for maskinonge.