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Let 'em talk

In this age of conciliatory politics, it is alarming that one player in a problem won't participate. What we are referring to is the avoidance of Halton Hills council to enjoin, whatever, in any discussion to resolve the concerns of numerous residents of heavy gravel-truck traffic along Halton Road 9.

Certainly, the residents of the area are concerned. Add the Niagara Escarpment Commission, Halton Region, the Town of Milton, the aggregate companies, etc., who willingly participated in a meeting last week. But members of Halton Hills were conspicuous by their absence.

A potential solution was reached by everyone in attendance, i.e., to cut a road from the access point of Dufferin Aggregates to Highway 25. However, that road is on Halton Hills' land. And they were nowhere to be heard from.

They object to the road. In fact, they object to the problem. It's a Milton problem with a Halton Hills solution and, notably, they aren't too keen to upset some of their residents to quell the concern of some of Milton's residents.

But they should speak up -- at least in front of the concerned parties. There's no harm in saying they don't agree with that particular solution. The harm comes in saying nothing to anyone except the newspapers.

Ignoring the problem won't make it go away. It simply makes the groups more determined and entrenches hard feelings.

The large number of gravel trucks rolling past their homes from early morning is a major inconvenience to the nearby homeowners. There must be a solution of some sort.

Let all the people talk.

Smoking policy

Smoking is off limits in most areas of Milton division police station and in cruisers under certain conditions.

Officers and staff can smoke only in designated areas. This controlled smoking policy is similar to one in effect at Halton Region headquarters which has been successful in clearing the air at that locale.

Places of business, private and public, should instigate such policy as a matter of course. As this has not happened, it is important for the public sector to take the lead and influence the practices of other businesses. By establishing designated smoking areas, the rights of smokers are recognized. They are still allowed to smoke but with restrictions which make the work place better for those who choose not to smoke.

The hazards of second-hand smoke are becoming more evident as research continues. The latest reveals non-smoking mothers whose spouses smoke are at almost the same risk as smoking mothers of giving birth to underweight children who have more chance of developing complications and lung disorders.

It is time to assert the rights of non-smokers. They represent the majority. This group should not need to become militant to evoke change. Smoking policies are needed and it is the responsibility of employers to develop them in the interest of the health of employees.

Our Readers Write

Head Lice

Dear Editor:
 The children are settled back into school now, and so are the head lice. The medical term for head lice is pediculosis and it is a universal problem.
 It is important to realize these tiny creatures show no respect and are not selective. They love human beings -- male, female, poor, rich, clean, dirty, silly or sensible. The louse has no

idea whether your house is well-kept or whether you child shampoos regularly. Therefore, a case of head lice is not a problem to be ashamed about, although it is a nuisance.
 The adult louse is a tiny brown insect about one-eighth inch long. The female louse lays eggs or nits which are tiny, white ovals. They are firmly attached to the hair shaft with a cement-like substance. The eggs hatch in about eight or nine days, become adults, produce more eggs, and so on.

We can try to prevent outbreaks. Nits and lice do not fly or jump, they can only hitch rides from one head to another. The usual vehicles are hats -- baseball hats, knit caps, hockey helmets, combs, hairbrushes, scarves, headsets and dress-up clothes at school and home. Teach your children not to share these items.
 Watch for signs that your child has head lice. The louse survives by feeding on blood through the scalp and this will cause itching. You

should suspect infestation when your child is continually scratching.

Nits are most frequently seen above and behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. Examine children's hair weekly for nits. Sometimes, despite your best efforts, lice will win the battle and set up shop on your child's head.

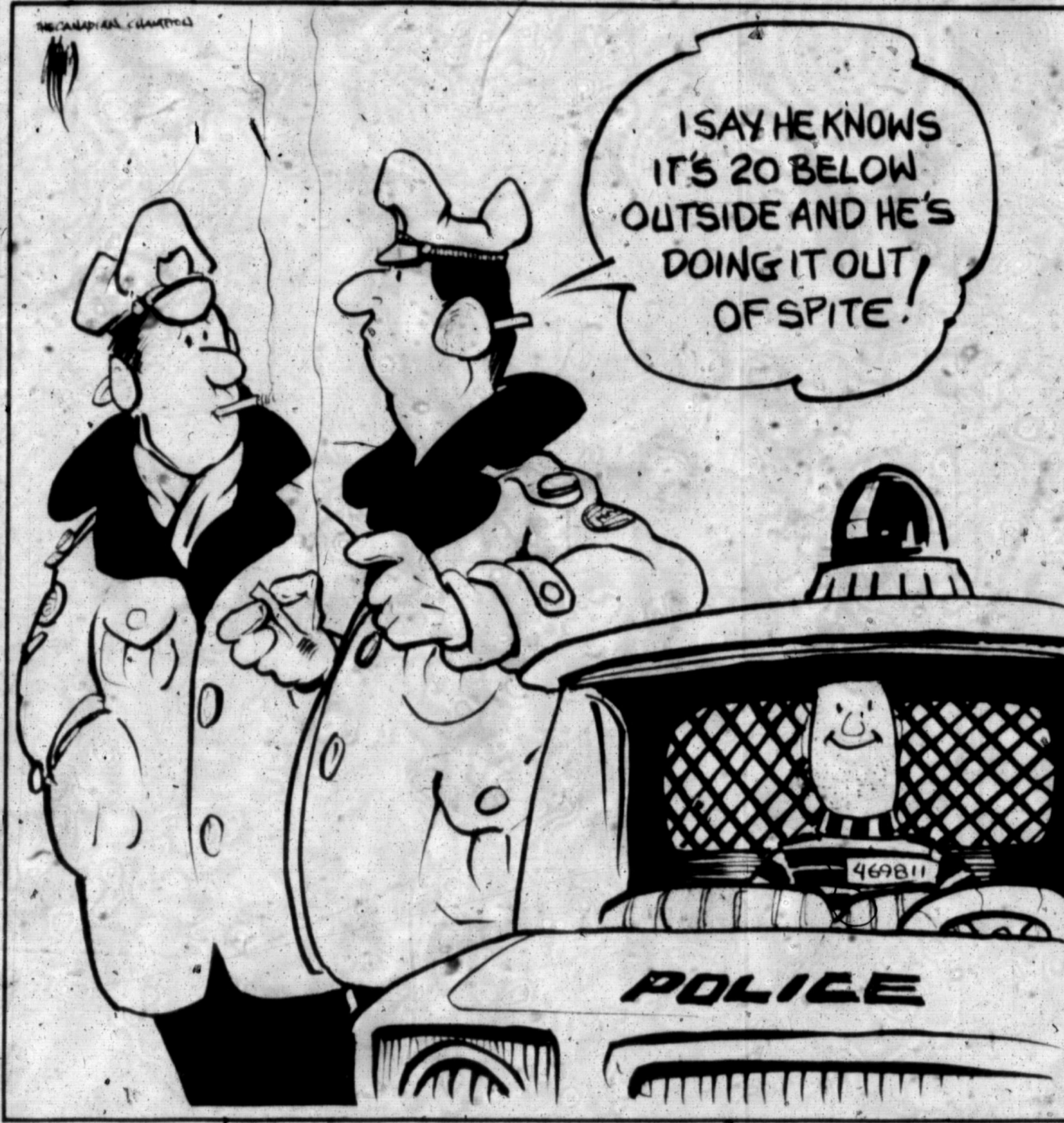
All is not lost. Here's what to do:

1. Notify the school. Then consult with the school public health nurse about treatment.
2. Use the special shampoo recommended by your pharmacist and/or physician. Follow the directions very carefully.
3. After shampooing, all remaining nits must be removed from the hair shafts by picking them off with your fingers and with a fine-toothed steel comb.
4. Check all clothing and bedding which might harbour lice or nits and launder or dry clean. Brushes and combs may be washed in the special shampoo.
5. Check all the other members of your family to see if head-to-head contact has spread the problem.
6. Children must be excluded from school until treatment is complete, that is, all nits and lice are removed.

This is the only way the chain of transmission can be broken. Head lice are not nice but, they do not transmit disease and they are not a health problem if we control them effectively.

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Viewpoint

with ROB KELLY

It happened in Hansard



When I was coming to work the other morning the airwaves were full of speculation by reporters as to whether or not the guy who runs North Korea was dead.

Kim Il Sung has, or had, enjoyed a long run in the limelight, if you can call being grand poobah in North Korea limelight basking. The people's chosen one had, or has, been pulling the strings since the end of the Second World War.

So maybe the opposition just got tired of waiting in the wings and organized a nine-millimetre transfer of power. What opposition, you ask? Listen, there's always opposition, and particularly in places where the government says there isn't any.

And a lot of meaningful career decisions are made in the halls of power the world over at gunpoint. I recently read that of the approximately 180 governments in the world, about 35 elect new leaders. The rest employ that other form of majority rule. The one where the group with the most guys and guns gets the job.

You have to keep that kind of stuff in mind when you start looking critically at our federal government, and our form of democracy. It's easy to let the actions of the federal government grate on you, but when you consider most of the alternatives available, it ain't so bad.

Still, there's a constant clamoring these days for some kind of parliamentary reform. The governing party is big on that idea. They're probably sick of getting picked on.

We get the official report of parliamentary proceedings in the mail. It's called Hansard, and it's a neatly-typed looseleaf record of a lot of silly mudslinging. Occasionally, that stuff is interrupted by a lucid thought.

Here are some excerpts from volume 129, number 28, the second session of the 33rd parliament. It's part of what happened on Friday, November 7, 1986. The exchange that follows stems from a dispute between Svend Robinson of the NDP and the Deputy Prime Minister, Don Mazankowski. They each believe it is their turn to talk. The speaker has recognized the Deputy Prime Minister.

Mr. Robinson: Mr. Speaker, I want to conclude my

Mr. Mazankowski: Sit down.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair must make a choice.

Mr. Robinson: Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Mazankowski: Sit down or get out.

Not exactly your social tea dialogue is it? There's lot more. Here are Margaret Mitchell, Ed Broadbent and Lorne Nystrom. Ms. Mitchell is criticizing Mr. Prughomme for saying 'gentleman's agreement'.

Ms. Mitchell: (abridged) The Honourable Member was speaking of gentleman's agreements. There are more than gentlemen in this house.

Some Honourable Members: Hear, hear.
 Mr. Broadbent: There are some who aren't gentlemen.

Mr. Nystrom: There are only two gentlemen left.
 Mr. Nystrom didn't name the last two gentlemen in Parliament, so we're still in the dark on that one.

John Turner, the leader of the Opposition, is questioning Michael Wilson, the finance minister, on the Canada-U.S. Auto Pact. Mr. Turner doesn't like the way Mr. Wilson has answered a question.

Mr. Turner: Mr. Speaker, that reply scares me to death.

Some Honourable Members: Good.
 Later Mr. Robinson is attempting to introduce bills for a sick member.

Mr. Robinson: (abridged) There are a number of bills I seek leave to introduce on behalf of the member for Nickel Belt.

Some Honourable Members: No, no.
 Mr. Robinson: If I might have the courtesy of concluding.

Some Honourable Members: No.
 Mr. Scott Fennell: The same courtesy you've given us?

Mr. Broadbent: Not that bad, surely.
 Mr. Fennell: At least you're honest.

Mr. Robinson takes his fair share of abuse in the house. At another point he rises and says, 'Mr. Speaker, my point of order relates to the proceedings now before the house. I am not exactly sure what the proceedings are.'

'We know that,' an honourable member replies.

You will be pleased to know that a motion to stay late passed, and that the house didn't adjourn until 3:24 p.m., later than usual. Between bouts of bickering, ground was covered on a variety of issues, and some things were actually voted on. As well, the parties crossed swords on 13 different topics, sometimes two or three times on one. It isn't pretty. And it's not cost effective. But at least you don't have to wear body armour to the proceedings.

Pages of the Past

One Year Ago

From the Nov. 27, 1985 issue
 Both the Halton Regional Police Force and the O.P.P. will be stepping up their anti-drinking and driving campaigns for the holiday season within the next two weeks. Corporal John Pitts of OPP Burlington, Traffic Unit said their spot-check program runs at near full force year-round.

'Really the only thing that is holding us back is manpower. But even if it means overtime, the force will have more cars out on the roads from now until mid-January. Spot checks on four-lane highways, the QEW and Highway 401, can be dangerous so the OPP cruisers usually lay in wait at the on and off ramps. Highway 25 is a target area.'

911 has come to Halton region. The new emergency system officially started Nov. 15, but the Milton Fire Department responded to two calls which came in on the new lines last Thursday. The Thursday evening Zellers heist was reported to the police over 911. The three-digit system means no more fumbling through the phone book for emergency numbers. 911 is your lifeline to the Halton Regional Police Force, OPP, the fire department and ambulance service. At least two and up to six highly trained operators man the Halton emergency lines, depending on the time of day. The system works so don't test it, be stressed. 'Once you ring 911 you cannot disconnect and we have to phone back.'

20 Years Ago

From the Nov. 16, 1966 issue
 Paced by the strains of the Lorne Scots Pipe Band, 250 war veterans marched proudly but solemnly to the cenotaph Sunday afternoon to pay their respects to the men and women of the town and area who gave their lives during the First and Second World Wars and the Korean conflict. It was Remembrance Day in Milton and was one of the largest and best in years.

There may be skiing at Kelso this year after all. A move to take over the Glen Eden Ski Area at Kelso Conservation Area and operate it as a project of the Halton Region Conservation Authority was approved by the HRCA. The authority said it would take over Kelso at least until it starts to pay its own way.

The ski club, under private ownership for the past four skiing seasons, has more debts than assets and the operators have given up. The owners leased the ski hills on the south slopes at Kelso from the authority. Last year, in an effort to keep the club on its feet, the authority installed a \$15,000 T-bar to attract more business.

50 Years Ago

From the Nov. 19, 1936 issue
 'Trick or treat' was the cry on Halloween and we heard of a pleasant little incident as the youngsters made their rounds. One lady when they called at the door, realized that she had completely forgotten that it was night of fairies and goblins and so had not remembered to lay in a stock of molasses kisses or even an apple. She looked in to the hideous false faces of her callers and said with regret, 'I am sorry I haven't a thing to give you, because I completely forgot about it being Halloween.' The youngsters recognized her sincerity and they said, 'Well, lady, have some of ours.' And thrust an apple and candy into her hand from their collection basket.

A two-pound potato, one that would make a meal for a fair-sized family, was grown by John MacMillan, of Kilbride. The potato is sound and it is believed sets a record in the Irishmen's specialty.

120 Years Ago

From the Nov. 22, 1866 issue
 On Monday last the Messrs. Lyon of Milton entrusted \$155 to a young man named McCloskie who represented himself as a driver of Mr. Wallace's stage to Bronte. McCloskie had been the driver but was superceded by another. But on Monday morning he represented to the real incumbent that Mr. Wallace had engaged him and proceeded to collect the fares. On arrival at Bronte, he informed the other driver that he suddenly recollected that he had to visit a sick sister in Hamilton. After cautioning him to take good care of the animals, he left for Suspension Bridge by the train with the money in his pocket. Nothing has been heard of him since. In order to prevent such losses in the future, some effort should be made to get an agency of the Express Company located here.

Two questions easily answered -- Why should men wear beards? Because they are a great protection to the throat and lungs and add much to their personal appearance. Why should we use Bryan's Pulmonic Wafers? Because when used for coughs, colds, tickling of the throat, hoarseness, &c, they act like a charm. Ministers and lawyers use them. Physicians recommend them. Singers and public speakers say they are the best medicine for the cure of such complaints. They are sold anywhere in Milton for only 25 cents per box.