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## Sold down the river to win an election

Boy, Canadians are a gullible lot. The 1988 federal election was fought on free trade and the environment. The Progressive Conservatives promised our economic woes would end with free trade and they were prepared to deal with making our environment safe for everyone.

They promised us a comprehensive day-care program, to be undertaken at no additional cost to taxpayers because, we were told, the PCs were so good at managing money, it could be found in existing revenues. The deficit, we were led to believe, had been wrestled to the ground.

Well, scratch most of the day care, forget about the environment, kiss much of our defence good-bye, and add a 9 per cent federal sales tax and numerous other taxes. Like Hulk Hogan, the deficit has risen from defeat and threatens our very existence.

Now we're told the social programs will likely be hit next.

So, we're left with higher taxes, less government programs and a deficit still at \$30 billion. Does anybody here know how to play this game?

Frankly, we expected more from the Progressive Conservatives. All signs are pointing to a linking of our government programs with those in the United States. Are we preparing for free trade? Where's the "free" part. It seems we're surrendering our birthright so a few megacorporations can get richer.

The PCs are following the wrong pattern. Interest rates are much too high. They're two percentage points higher than in the U.S. Why? To slow southern Ontario's overheated economy and prop up the Canadian dollar? Just lowering the interest rate to levels in the western world will mean a significant decrease in the deficit.

Pity the rest of Canada. They don't have the buffer of the hyper-active southern Ontario economy to brace it from increased taxes. Instead, they see higher taxes, lower wages and fewer jobs.

We appreciate the courage of our MP, Otto Jelinek, who faced the hordes earlier this week with one of his seminars on tax reform. We don't appreciate the way the government is spending our money on an advertising campaign, whether it's one dollar or \$1 million to tell us the country will go to pot unless we pick up the slack. If the government is in such bad shape, why are wasting more money -- cash which is in such short supply -- on stupid public relations campaigns? Is the PR firm a PC party supporter?

We don't like the way our social programs -- the backbone of Canadian life -- are being thrown up like the cause of the federal government's mismanagement of our funds. They've had five years of economic growth to produce something and all they've managed to come up with his higher taxes and lower levels of services.

Clearly, the government of Canada is bracing itself for the next election. It's building a mini war-chest with which to win the next election, filled with cash and broken promises.

If the PCs are serious about promoting proper financing, let it put forth legislation requiring a program to return to a balanced budget. Heck, all Canadians must balance their books. So must the federal government.

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## Looking Back



Mr. and Miss MDHS were crowned on May 5, 1972 at Halton Country Inn during the school's formal. Susan Arbic and George Green were the lucky winners. Other contestants for the crowns were Wendy Kendrick, Nancy Noble, Mike Frame, and Greg Chuchmach.

## Pages of the Past

### One Year Ago

From the May 4, 1988 issue

□ The body of a 26-year-old Puslinch man was pulled from Kelso Lake on Saturday morning, three hours after he disappeared into the cold water when his canoe capsized. Pronounced dead at the conservation area at 9 a.m. by coroner Dr. I. A. Hunter, was Tracy Thomas Murray, of RR 1 Puslinch.

□ A 50-year-old E. C. Drury High School teacher has been charged with one count of sexual assault and four counts of sexual exploitation as the result of an investigation by Halton Regional Police. The charges stem from complaints made by students at the school.

□ Coming as no surprise, Milton's Showcase '88 is now a complete sellout. Committee member Carol McDonald said the final two booths were sold last week. All told, about 150 exhibitors will use 170 booths during the three-day extravaganza May 27-29 at Memorial Arena.

□ Leading harness racing driver Steve Condren was back at the track Friday after a racing accident which sidelined him for four weeks. The Milton resident collided with another driver at Mohawk Raceway in early April and received a painful lower back injury.

### 20 Years Ago

From the May 7, 1969 issue

□ Since the town annexed 1,540 extra acres, the land developers and speculators have been busy in and around Milton. In the past six months enough subdivisions, townhouses, single family homes and high-rise apartment projects have been proposed for Milton to more than double the town's present population, if all were approved.

□ The wraps were finally taken off Milton's new official plan -- the long-awaited document setting out a pattern for the town's orderly growth to a projected population of 13,800 over the next 20 years.

□ All store closing by-laws will be rescinded and a new by-law drafted outlining the statutory holidays on which stores must close, Milton Council agreed Monday. The controversial subject of store closing by-laws came up when the administration committee acknowledged the present by-laws weren't being enforced and should be rescinded.

□ The death of a Haltonville area boy two weeks ago has prompted several residents to seek Nassagaweya council action in placing a flashing caution light on the Guelph Line Road at the intersection of 15 Sideroad.

### 50 Years Ago

From the May 11, 1939 issue

□ Four hundred chicks perished in a fire of unknown origin which destroyed a brooder house on the Equestrian township farm of S. W. Black, north of here, on Thursday last. They were the property of S. J. Brown who resides on the farm. Only 13 of the three-day old chicks were saved. This was accomplished at personal risk by Mrs. S. J. Brown, who entered the burning building to rescue as many chicks as she was able to scoop up in her hands. Milton fire brigade was summoned but found the blaze beyond control. Fire Chief Chas. Earl said the brigade concentrated on preventing spread of flames to the barn, only 40 feet away. The fire was eventually extinguished with the use of chemicals.

□ Henry Peacock, of Omagh, who is retiring from farming, has bought the Charles Osmond residence on Pine St., here, and will move to Milton.

□ J. I. McLean, proprietor of the famous Dardanella dance pavilion at Wasaga Beach, will erect a fine new roller skating rink at the rear of the pavilion.