

Garbage shouldn't be foisted on third party

Garbage... We all produce it and most of us expect someone else to deal with it. Hopefully to dispose of it so it's "out of sight and out of mind".

The amount of garbage we produce is staggering, about a ton per individual per year.

Under the present system municipalities are charged with the responsibility of domestic waste disposal and most of our trash goes to a land-fill site.

The present struggle in North Simcoe is illustrative of the fact that garbage disposal is a major concern.

Not so many years ago rubbish was dumped without too much regard for the environment.

But sophisticated measuring has shown that what does not decay on the surface can find its way into the groundwater in the form of leachate.

This contamination can render a potable water supply useless for thousands of years.

This is a hidden problem, one of which most of us are not aware.

The more immediate problem is one of sheer volume. In North Simcoe a site of about 100 acres is considered adequate to handle local land-fill needs.

While municipalities have been entrusted with the responsibility of disposing of our waste, most of us, as individuals, have done little to reduce the amount we produce.

Although blue bins dot the side-walks on pick-up day this is just a beginning.

Manufacturers still use oversized packaging to tout their product, that is wasteful and it is up to us to object.

Household vegetable waste makes excellent compost and could be considered a resource not garbage.

These are just two examples.

There are many items we just pitch in the can without a second thought.

If a monumental problem is to be alleviated the solution has to begin with each of us.

It is not something which should be foisted-off onto a third party.

Fiddle and Step Dance a success, thanks to you

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the Huronia Open Committee, for all of their hard work and participation. They have made our first annual fiddle and step dancing contest a huge success. Without them it could not have been possible.

Special thanks goes out to Johnstone's Music Land, Steve Pashin, Brent Robitaille, Lyle Laughlin, Mike Dupuis, Pete Pauze, John Desroches, Leon Ladouceur, Todd and Tammy Smitten, Katherine Lalonde, Lori White, Ken Fillingham, Ontario Rhythmic Cloggers, Midland Grand Squares, Leonard Robitaille,

Jim McLaren and Centennial Arena staff, Luanne Hook, Dion's Flowers, Walter Guterhouse, the Free Press, Midland Times, CKMP, McLean Hunter TV, and to all of the businesses and individuals who donated cash and trophies.

And a thanks also goes out to everyone who attended our contest.

Next year's contest will be bigger and better, as we are now in preparation for it. The contest will be held August 19 and 20, 1988. We hope to see everyone in attendance.

Thanks again
Carolyn J White

Watch out for Street and Rod Meet '87

Dear Editor:

We the members of the Georgian Bay Customs Car Club would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to all those who helped us in organizing an running our third annual Street & Rod Meet this past July 11, 1987, without which our show would not have been such a success.

Those being: Ideal Supply, Town Centre Texaco, Coca-Cola Ltd., Midland Shell, Huronia Motors, Jeffrey's Pro Hardware, Dusomes Texaco, Pauls Muffler Shop, Midland Gulf Self Serve, Russ's Auto, Thruway Muffler, Hodgins Esso, Boatworks Restaurant, Lavin Electric, Mr. Car Wash, Midland Flour & Feed, Hebners Taxi, Garage Supply, Parkers Variety, Adco Tire, Lalondes Rad, Fishers Hair Yard, G. Willicers, Lesparence Service Centre, Courtesy Chrysler, Doobies Restaurant, Transmission Wizard, Tom Smith Chev Olds, Little Lake Service Centre, Garms Sunoco, Canox,

LeClair Automotive, Ideal Supply, Moores Service Centre, Stoneleigh Motors, Pat Blake Chartd. Acctnt., Johns Catering, Stewarts Petro Can, Markhams Auto Wreckers, Lorne Petroffs, Alex Service Centre, Bell's Towing, Toronto Star, Marketeer, Maclean Hunter, Free Press, Midland Times, Auto Trader, Midland Parks and Arena Staff, St. Johns Ambulance and the Midland Fire Department for their demonstration in auto extrication techniques.

We would like to offer our special thanks to our major sponsors of the event, Atlas Block and Daysco, as well as all of our friends, wives and children that spent the day assisting with various events. Again thank you one and all and we hope to see you all again next year at Street & Rod Meet '88.

Yours truly
Members of Georgian
Bay Customs Car Club

Viewpoint

by Carey Nieuwhof

Cruise control on the campaign trail

Week two has past in the Ontario election campaign, and it may well be that "Hi, how are ya" is going to win David Peterson a huge majority government.

So far, the election has been pretty easy for our premier. He has been strutting around the province saying "Hi, how are ya" to everyone in sight and found most people unwilling to interrupt their vacation for any serious talk on policy. Perfect. Just the way David wants it. The election is David Peterson's unless he stumbles in any way. Then, and only then, do either of the opposition parties have any hope of making a move. So far, Peterson has not found it too hard to avoid stumbling. Saying hello is second nature to a politician. Peterson has not been doing too much more than that.

He has still been able to avoid any definitive stance on free trade other than "Well, I just don't trust Brian Mulroney so ya better vote for me."

On bilingualism, Peterson has staked out the old familiar Bill Davis line: "Well, bilingualism if necessary but not necessarily bilingualism, at least not yet, unless of course

you are in an area which requires bilingual services, in which case we will provide them without declaring it official so as to not upset the Orangeman, but don't worry because someday we could become bilingual but just not right now." The voter, thoroughly confused, walks away somewhat content because there is hope for both sides in that policy stance. In politics, sitting on the fence enables one to shake hands with people on both sides of an issue.

Really the only other thing Peterson has said is that the economy is good, schools are getting more money, as are many other groups, and that he is responsible for all things good in Ontario. Well, Mr. Premier, rightly or wrongly, no one is bothering to challenge you on any of your claims. But that, of course, is just the way you planned it.

If people weren't so busy with their holidays, someone may have picked up on the lines you were using early on in the campaign, when you arrogantly claimed that Ontario had the best government in the Western world. It's a rather minor faux pas that would have grated on a number of peoples' nerves

had they been paying attention. But no one has time to listen to a politician in between swims.

Now, what about the opposition? Ah hah, what about the opposition? Who are they? Where are they? What are they doing?

Larry Grossman has most recently been buried in the polls. One poll put a party at 21 per cent, the other at 17 per cent. Still, Larry, admirably, is try to mount a policy-oriented campaign. He wants free trade. He's committed funds to better education. He has told teachers that he will make them attend school during the summer, which will please parents but anger the teachers who have just come off their summer vacations. He has also made the rather unfortunate mistake of telling his fellow Ontarians that their province will never ever become officially bilingual. Bye-bye Northern Ontario. They just voted Liberal or NDP because of that move.

Moreover, Larry has also made the mistake of not letting his party erect their signs early enough. Up until a week ago, not many people knew the Tories were running in this election, since no one had Tory signs on their

lawn. That, surprisingly, is not because they have no support, but because Larry wanted to save the signs until later. Not wise Larry. People have to be convinced that they are not throwing their vote away by voting for a party that has little chance of winning. Not allowing lawn signs to go up does not create the impression that your party has an overwhelming amount of support.

Then there's Bob Rae, who is sitting around 30 per cent in the polls. By the time the vote is called, he and Larry will be deadlocked for second place at around 24 per cent each. But Bob is cruising around the province still talking about auto insurance and the environment. On election day, he will be content with 20 to 25 seats.

The stage, in this election, clearly belongs to David Peterson. He was doing well before he called the election. He has purposely said nothing that would change the status quo. On September 10, Ontario will saunter to the polls, having given little thought to the election. That's just the way Peterson planned it. That's just the way he hopes to win.

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