

1981...in the news

• For the first time in 135 years, the Georgetown Agricultural Society will have a woman at the helm—Joyce Gosling.

• The mayor and council voted themselves a 10 per cent pay hike. The mayor's salary will be upped from \$15,000 to \$16,500 while councillors will have an increase from \$5,940 to \$6,530.

• Andrew and Bridget Syme of Georgetown won the \$100,000 Wintario bonus draw.

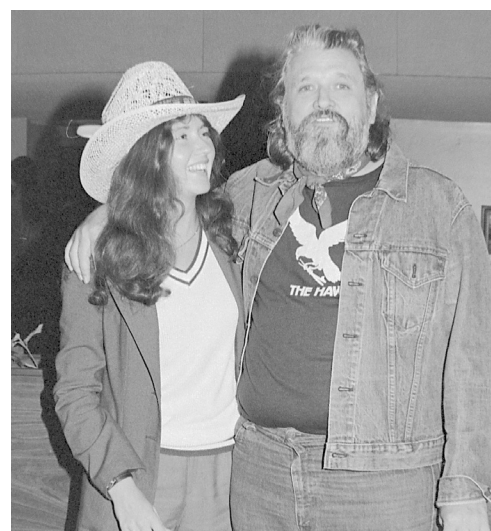
• Well-known Georgetown resident and Tory supporter Fran Baines won her bid for the Halton-Burlington PC nomination. She will lead area Conservatives in their fight against Liberal opponent, incumbent Julian Reed. Reed won the March election.

• Halton MP Otto Jelinek was kicked out of the House of Commons after he called Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau a liar about the PM's recent talks with British PM Margaret Thatcher and refused to withdraw the charge.

• Metrospan Printing and Publishing Ltd. acquired the shares of Inland Publishing Co for \$13.5 million and the surprise sale includes The Independent on February 27. Inland Publishing acquired The Independent and its sister newspapers The Acton Free Press and The Milton Canadian Champion in November 1978 from Dills Printing and Publishing.



Mayor Peter Pomeroy tosses away his smokes on Weedless Wednesday



Joy Thompson kibitzes with singer Ronnie Hawkins

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• I Love Georgetown will be proclaimed on lapels all over town for the next three months in a promotional venture to boost Georgetown by the Chamber of Commerce and the Georgetown Area Ratepayers Association. A week later the buttons were sold out and hundreds more were being ordered.

• Julie "Jewel" McCorry, 12, became the first Georgetowner to win the Canadian Youth Bowling Council Championship.

• In June, a \$13 million expansion to Neilson's was announced with 200 people expected to be employed by mid-1983.

• Jehovah Witness national headquarters staff have moved into the new complex on the edge of the town across from the Moore Park subdivision.

• The new theatre in the library-cultural centre will be named the John Elliott Theatre in memory of the late John Elliott, a former Georgetown councillor, deputy reeve and county councillor. Daughter Brenda Sisnett is currently leading the fundraising campaign. Meanwhile Sheridan Nurseries donated a 20-year-old oak tree for the front of the centre to replace the 100-year-old maple lost during construction.



Smiles all around at the opening of the Cultural Centre in October



A quartet of kids while the day away on a set of monkey bars



Piping in the haggis to celebrate Robbie Burns Day

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