

AREA COUNCIL-WARD 3

McDonald seeks election

Election fever is breaking out in Halton Hills as a third candidate announced this week that he intends to seek a municipal council seat for Ward 3 on Nov. 13.

John McDonald, 31, has been a life-long resident of Halton Hills and is concerned with the community's future since he lives in Georgetown and also works as personnel manager at DRG Stationery Company.

Mr. McDonald hopes that voters will come to know that while he does appreciate local history and is vice-president of the Esqueping Historical Society, he is also aware of the present and does "think 1978".

Lack of rental accommodation both for family residences and for overnight visitors points to lack of planning in the community Mr. McDonald feels.

"I can't say how many families I've talked to whose children have grown up, married and left town because they couldn't find an apartment or a house to rent here," he says.

"And hotel-motel accommodation isn't adequate either. We have a lot of out-of-town, out-of-province and even out-of-

country visitors at work and we have to take them down to the airport hotels because there isn't anything suitable here. It could be a lucrative business here if someone would take it on. Past and present planning just doesn't seem to be good enough in that respect".

Mr. McDonald is also concerned at the number of vacant industrial properties in Georgetown.

"We have an industrial committee I understand," he says, "but we don't hear what they're doing. All we get is the bad P.R. (public relations) over Focal."

The question of Focal Properties and the proposed development south of Silver Creek is not something he is prepared to comment on at this point since he is still investigating it.

Mr. McDonald is also interested in and supportive of plans to renovate downtown Georgetown. He feels there are a lot of provincial and federal grants available to help with the project.

Seeing the "eyesore" along the creek which runs from Mill Street, across Guelph and



John McDonald

down to Maple Avenue cleaned up is another matter he feels council could tackle at very little cost.

"Citizens would enjoy a park or walk ways along the creek", he says, "and it would add to the attractiveness of the downtown. I understand the CVCA (Credit Valley Conservation Authority) would be willing to work with the town on doing something with it. It wouldn't

have to cost very much, and it wouldn't jeopardize the apartments on Mill Street".

While Mr. McDonald doesn't particularly favor regional government he feels that people must face up to the fact it is here and do their best to make it work.

"Since we're stuck with it let's make it work for us so that we get the best we can out of it," he says.

Mr. McDonald was born in Milton and attended Bannockburn and Limehouse public schools. He attended Acton and Georgetown high schools and graduated from Ryerson Polytechnic Institute in 1971. He authored a series of newspaper articles on north Halton's history which were published in book form in 1976 under the title Halton Sketches.

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School vandalism tops police report

Schools are a frequent target for vandals, and a number of schools in Halton Hills have suffered extensive damage in the past week.

Vandals attempted to break into Glen Williams School on Monday by forcing the frame of a window on the north side. They did not manage to get inside. Damage to the window frame was estimated at \$125. Three windows were also broken by someone throwing rocks. Damage was estimated at \$75.

Officers answering a call from a resident in the area of Harrison school who heard the sound of breaking glass found three damaged windows in the school. They also found two bottles of white glue spread on the floor, desks and chalkboards of a classroom.

A Shelburne resident reported his father's vehicle stolen from the rear of the Georgetown Market Plaza. Police recovered the vehicle in the area of 17 Sideroad and the 4th Line, where it had collided with a tree. The licence plates were not on the car when it was recovered and they have not been found since.

A Glen Williams resident was arrested and charged for driving while his licence was suspended due to unpaid fines.

A Georgetown resident has been arrested and charged with causing a disturbance by shouting and swearing on Mill Street East in Acton.

An Acton man has reported a person or persons unknown entered a barn containing construction property Monday.

The barn is located on the 3rd Line, north of Highway 7. Nothing was stolen. Entry was gained through a side door.

A vandal or vandals smashed the front window of the Foodland Grocery store in Acton Monday with a beer bottle. Damage is estimated at \$1,100.

A window was broken at the rear of Howard Wrigglesworth school on the weekend.

Queen's Tire Service in Acton reports receiving an NSF cheque in payment for two tires last week.

A Georgetown high school student has been charged with possession of a narcotic, after a cigarette in his possession was determined to have a brownish-green plant-like material and seeds inside.

A River Drive resident in Georgetown reports that sometime between July 23 and 30, someone entered her home and stole approximately \$560. A rear door had been pulled open, although it had been locked.

The main pool building on Omagh Bible Camp on the Lower Base Line was broken into recently. Entry was gained by way of an unlocked window on the east side of the building. Nothing was taken, and nothing was damaged.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a Halton Hills resident, following a fight in which the man allegedly swung a garden hoe at another man, who was able to avoid being struck.

Vandals threw a rock through the window of a back-hew which was left on the

construction site at Cedarvale near Terry Court in Georgetown.

A window was broken on the southeast corner of the Neilson's building in Georgetown last week. Several ground-level flood lamps were also broken. Police suspect those responsible are the youths who ride dirt bikes in the area.

Canadian Tire Gas Bar on Guelph Street reports that a man failed to pay for \$5 worth of gas he purchased last week. The man is about 40, six feet tall and has short grey hair. The vehicle was a 1971 Comet, a green two-door.

A resident of Willow Park Trailer Park in Norval reported the theft of about \$20 in assorted coins from his trailer. A number of silver dollars were stolen. There were no signs of forced entry.

A Georgetown resident reports the theft of a car battery from his vehicle while it was parked at Masson Motors. The battery was a BP black battery.

A resident on Mountainview Road south has reported a stolen bicycle. The bike, a CCM boy's three-speed, gold in color, had been left beside his home. The bike has been marked with a social insurance number.

Thieves stole five kegs of asphalt and a five-gallon can of plastic cement from the rear of the Charles Hotel in Milton last week.

A hydraulic snow plow was stolen from a building on the McKinley Transport site on Highway 25.

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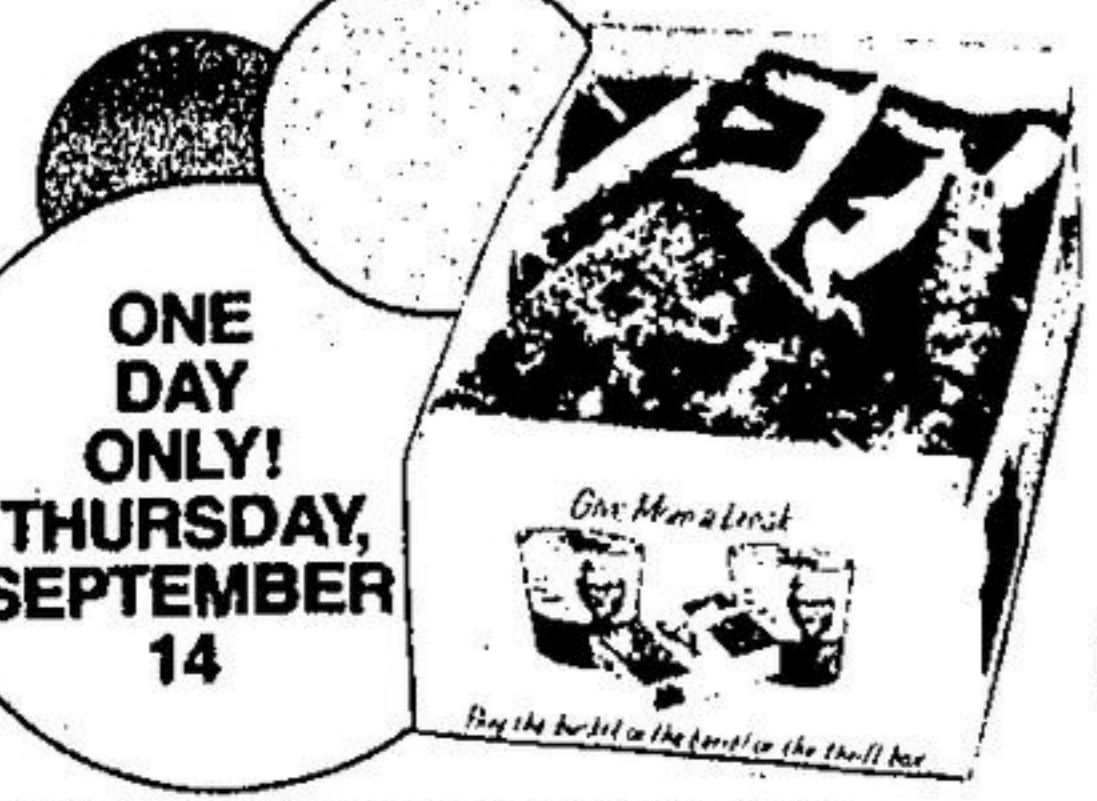
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