



**CITIZENS OF YEAR: JOYCE AND IRWIN NOBLE**

# Nobles named citizens of year, honored for community work

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several times a month year round cancer patients who are not permitted to drive because of their treatment must be taken to Toronto and returned the same day.

The couple is perhaps best known locally, however, as the former proprietors of the Georgetown Dairy Bar which operated at two locations in town between 1949 and 1970. After selling the business nine years ago, Mr. Noble sold real estate for four years before retiring.

Retirement for the Nobles has been anything but a time of inactivity. Their membership and affiliations in a variety of local and regional organizations have, in fact, left few spare hours.

Mrs. Noble is a long-time member of the Victorian Order of Nurses and serves on the board of directors for the Halton branch. She is a Past Noble Grand and still active in the local chapter of the Verdun Rebekah Lodge and received that order's highest honor, the Decoration of Chivalry, in 1977.

As well as having served on municipal council for the former town of Georgetown, Mr. Noble is a past president and current member of the community's Chamber of Commerce, has been a member of the Shriner's Club for the past 25 years and is a highly-active member of the Masonic Lodge.

**NEW CHAPTER**  
In the latter organization, Mr. Noble has served as master of the Credit Lodge and District Deputy Grand Master of the Wellington District Grand Lodge, as well as principle, grand superintendent and secretary of the Royal Arch Masons. He and other colleagues are in the process of founding a new local chapter of the Masons known as the Friendship Lodge.

He is a member of the Canadian Club, a Toronto-based businessmen's organization, the Welland Canal Mission Board, which arranges for clergymen to visit the crewmen of boats during their seven-hour passage through the canal, and is a founding member of the North Halton Golf and Country Club, where he and his wife continue to play golf and curl after 20 years' membership.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble are also members of the congregation at St. George's Anglican Church, where Mr. Noble has served as church warden and president of the church men's club.

Mr. Noble was a member of Georgetown council during the mid-1950s, perhaps the community's most progressive era to date, when developer Rex Heslop was unveiling plans for residential subdivisions that were soon to extend Georgetown's boundaries south from Normandy Boulevard and Edward Street.

In reviewing the subdivision plans, the council of the day selected street names that today bear testimony to the

efforts of the town's busiest planners. Noble Court was among the residential streets designated on maps at the time, but it was not until 1971 that most of the homes there were built.

**HEARS NAME**  
Coincidentally, the Noble Court homes were just becoming available at the same time Mr. and Mrs. Noble

were ready to leave their own home on the second floor of the Georgetown Dairy Bar. They promptly became residents of the street that bears their name.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble knew one another in their hometown of Rithsay, north of Guelph, before meeting again in Toronto during the war years, when Mr. Noble was a member

of the Royal Canadian Air Force and Mrs. Noble was a nurse. They were married in 1944 and settled for several years in Hanover, where Mr. Noble worked for Swift's Foods.

In 1949, the couple moved to Georgetown and purchased what was then the community's own dairy operation, located on Main Street where the Canada Trust bank now stands. In 1956, the dairy bar moved to the corner of Maple Avenue and Guelph Street and occupied the same building now used by G.R. Muckart Plumbing and Heating and Photorama.

The sale of the Georgetown Dairy Bar in 1970 marked the end of a 40-year career in the dairy business for Mr. Noble.

The couple have three children. Ann Lorraine, now Thiesen, is 33, lives in Burlington, and works for the Halton Children's Aid Society; Peter, 24, studied at the University of Waterloo and is an insurance actuary; and Phil, 23, who played football for the University of Western Ontario, is a salesman in Kitchener.

## Emergency use number proposed

Halton region may soon follow the example of neighboring municipalities in adopting a three-figure emergency telephone number by which residents could contact a variety of special services.

The region's public works and administration committees recently endorsed a recommendation by Oakville Coun. Ron Planché directing regional staff to investigate the feasibility of adopting a single phone number for all emergency calls, as has been done recently in London, Hamilton-Wentworth and Kitchener-Waterloo.

**ALL-PURPOSE**  
Coun. Planché reported in a letter to the two committees that the city of Oakville passed a resolution Jan. 15 designating 911 as an all-purpose emergency phone number for that municipality. He pointed out that public pay phones throughout the area can be made free of charge. Such brief phone numbers, he added, are much more easily remembered

by children and adults alike.

By dialing 911, Oakville residents can immediately contact police, firefighters, rescue crews, ambulance dispatchers, public works employees and other emergency agencies.

Coun. Planché further advised the committees that he is writing to Halton's three other area municipalities to request that they consult Bell Canada about the possibility of developing the service in their own districts.

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## About the Hills

### Local hockey breakfasts

Hockey parents needn't go to their children's games hungry. The Lions Club are still running their program of hockey breakfasts every Saturday morning from 7-10 a.m. at the Lion's Hall, behind the Memorial Arena.

### L'école Sacré-Coeur

L'école Sacré-Coeur de Georgetown, école séparée de langue française, existe depuis 1960. Elle offre toute la gamme de cours à partir du jardin jusqu'à la 8e année. Elle est la seule école primaire dans la région où les élèves peuvent perfectionner leur anglais et leur français simultanément. L'école se trouve au 222 est, avenue Maple. Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec la directrice, Mme Paulette Norman, au 877-5056.

Ecole Sacré-Coeur, a French language separate school, exists since 1960. The school offers the full range of courses from kindergarten to grade 8. It is the only school in the region where students can learn and perfect both French and English. It is situated at 222 Maple Avenue East. For further details, please contact the principal, Mme Paulette Norman, at 877-5056.

### Fashion Show

Home sewers are invited to a spring and summer fashion show in St. Andrew's United Church on March 6 at 8 p.m. Fashions will be presented by Stretch and Sew of Lakeshore Rd. W., Mississauga for the 5th Georgetown Guide Company auxiliary. Tickets are available from Iris Blendell, (877-3165), Carol Thompson (877-1674) and Joan Lovegrove (877-8032) or other members of the auxiliary.

### PC Youth Sno-Fest

The Brampton-Georgetown Progressive Conservative Youth Federation is holding a Snow-Fest at 2 p.m. Sunday jointly at the Baines home and the North Halton Golf and Country Club. Anyone in the 14 to 30 age group who is interested in the party will be welcome. The group is also planning a trip to Ottawa from March 29, to April 1 to see the high points of the city as well as watch the House of Parliament in session.

### Red Cross Youth dance

Georgetown's Red Cross Youth will be sponsoring a St. Valentine's Day dance this Saturday for the community's younger set, featuring live entertainment by Craig Teeter and his fellow musicians. A door prize and spot dance prizes will be awarded at the dance, scheduled to take place between 8 p.m. and midnight at the Knox Presbyterian Church hall. Both the hall and the music have been donated. Red Cross Youth are also sponsoring a bake sale Saturday morning between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Zeller's in the Delrex Market. Aimed at raising funds for needy children, the sale will feature heart-shaped cakes for \$2.50 and a variety of cupcakes and cookies.

### Volunteers needed

The Halton Hills fire department is looking for volunteers in the Georgetown area to fill vacancies left by three recent retirements. A major factor in the decision to accept or reject an applicant is his ability to respond quickly to fire calls day or night, at home or at work. Volunteer firefighters are paid on the basis of their attendance at emergency calls, training sessions and meetings. Applicants must be 21 or over, and pass a medical examination. The deadline for applications is February 8, and forms can be picked up from the town office on Main Street South in Georgetown.

### Contract awarded

Bailey Consulting Associates Ltd., in co-operation with Keith Wagland, architect, has been awarded a \$10,000 contract to conduct a feasibility study into the need and possible locations for a cultural and recreational facility in Halton Hills. Council Monday night accepted the firm's tender as recommended by recreation director Glen Gray. One other firm submitted a bid of identical value. The town will contribute \$5,000 toward the study's cost, while the remainder will come in the form of a Wintario grant applied for by the Arts Plus committee that is handling the cultural centre proposal.

### Austin appointed

Town engineer Bob Austin has been appointed by council to represent Halton Hills on the Solid Waste Management Committee set up by Halton regional council last month. The committee will examine resource recovery alternatives as a long-term solution to landfilling, as well as means of cutting back on refuse at source, such as the Divide and Conquer program underway in this municipality.

## Morrow acts as local mediator

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nes that the subdivision can be developed in a way that is beneficial to the community and costs taxpayers nothing, he would change his mind, he said.

"In discussion with Mr. McLaughlin... I explained that in my opinion council had a number of reasons for opposing Focal but that these objections could be overcome by a common-sense and practical approach," Mr. Morrow told council. "I mentioned that there is a more logical approach to dealing with development and that would be to conduct a comprehensive study to determine the thrust of development in the Georgetown area in a manner which would be of benefit to the town and its taxpayers."

"I stated that, if Focal was prepared to defer present legal action and approach the municipality on such a concept, then and only then, would I be prepared to work on its behalf."

Mr. Morrow related his "understanding" that Focal is willing to fund the study, but would "welcome financial participation" from Paramount Developments Corporation Ltd. and the town. He added that Paramount, another company that has extensive land interest in the Georgetown area, "may be willing" to contribute towards the study costs.

**BOTH FIRMS**  
Indicating that both firms would "prefer" to see the town's new official plan delayed until the study is completed, Mr. Morrow explained that Focal's lawyers would be instructed to defer action on a \$27 million lawsuit filed by the company against the town in late 1977.

Mr. Morrow suggested that the results of the study would also provide answers to other current problems involving the need for new library facilities and a theatre arts complex.

"If all goes well, Georgetown could find itself with employment opportunities and assessment growth, with associated tax stabilization, at a time when the general Canadian economy is weak," he said.

Council's only other alternative to the study, Mr. Morrow contended, is a court confrontation in which "the only lawyers will be the lawyers."

Mr. Morrow underlined Mr. McLaughlin's willingness to cooperate with the town in resolving their dispute, despite his "strong legal stand" and confidence that the courts would rule in Focal's favor, if such a confrontation took place.

Mr. Morrow could not assure council, however, that Focal will abandon legal proceedings altogether, regardless of the outcome of the proposed study.

**DIFFICULT ENOUGH**  
"It was difficult enough to convince Mr. McLaughlin to take this approach," he said. "He's certainly not willing to promise to drop the legal proceedings. Focal won't relinquish its very strong legal position."

"That sounds to me like it's all for McLaughlin and none for the town," Coun. Blehn complained. "If the study says we shouldn't approve the subdivision, there are are back in court again."

Following Mr. Morrow's presentation, Mayor Pomeroy cited a recommendation prepared for the current council by the town's 1977-78 planning board. The resolution advises council to consider "comprehensive studies" on the development of lands south of Silver Creek, much of which is owned by Focal, as "priority items."

"This town has a cancer growing on it that's been hanging around for some time," Mayor Pomeroy commented. "Industry is just not interested in Halton Hills and it's time we took some positive action."

Coun. Knechtel, for one, acknowledged that the past planning board's recommendation was enough to warrant his vote in favor of the study proposed by Mr. Morrow.

"I'm impressed by the fact you're here tonight," Coun. Levy told Mr. Morrow. "I'm impressed by your courage. I'd like some assurance, though, that if this council approves the study, it doesn't have to mean that we must approve of the results."

**STUDY PROPOSAL**  
Coun. Booth contended that the results would indeed have to be accepted by the town. He pointed out that, if the study determines that the Focal subdivision should not proceed the developer will have, in effect, funded council's defence against the proposal.

Coun. Serjeantson suggested that Mr. Morrow's study proposal should be outlined for the town planning department's appraisal before council makes a commitment. Mayor Pomeroy assured her, though, that the department will be actively involved in the work of the special committee he is to appoint.

Coun. Levy claimed that the Focal subdivision proposal has already been the subject of three different studies, undertaken by the company itself, the town and the Georgetown Ratepayers Association.

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