



Georgetown's citizens of the year Joyce and Irwin Noble pose with their children Phillip (left), Peter (right) and Anne Lorraine Thlessen following the presentation of various symbols of recognition at the Lions' Club banquet Friday evening.

Citizens of the Year honored

Photo and Story
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Georgetown Citizens of the Year, Irwin and Joyce Noble, received their various symbols of recognition at a dinner in their honour at the Lions' Den Friday evening.

Halton Hills mayor Pete Pomeroy, Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed and Peel-Dufferin-Simcoe MP Ross Milne each presented the couple with a token of recognition while a letter of congratulations from staff at the transportation department of Princess Margaret Hospital was also read.

In expressing her thanks to the community Mrs. Noble joked about how she and her husband had tried to puzzle

out the reason behind Lion Ernie Sykes proposed visit when he announced their choice as citizens of the year and said they had decided he was hoping to sell them a lottery ticket.

She said the sharing and idea of helping others was part of the community spirit in her home town of Rothsay (near Mount Forest) and therefore it has come naturally to her all her life.

DESERVING CITIZENS
Mr. Noble said he felt there were many citizens in Georgetown as deserving of the award as he and his wife and sincerely thanked "those who have been so good" to them.

He gave his wife credit for a great deal of his personal success and pointed out that

1979 is a year of milestones for him. This year marks 30 years of living in Georgetown for him. He will also celebrate 35 years of marriage this year and turn 65 too.

He said that people should make friends as they climb the ladder of success because they're nice to have on the way back down.

The Nobles were chosen Citizens of the Year because of their volunteer work with the Canadian Cancer Society but are also heavily involved in a number of other community organizations, Mr. Sykes said in presenting the award.

Mrs. Noble is on the board of directors of the Halton branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses and an active member of the Verdun Hob-

ekah Lodge while her husband belongs to the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, the Shriners Club and the Masons. The couple are founding members of the North Halton Golf and Country Club and active members of the congregation at St. George's Anglican Church. Mr. Noble also served on council for the old town of Georgetown. The couple ran the Georgetown Dairy and the Dairy Bar for over 30 years.

The Nobles are Georgetown's seventh award winners following Peggy Treahy, Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department, Peter Barrow, Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Brigade, Connie Niculiof and Walter Gray.

Town to appeal OMB decision

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the involvement of the ICG in the ongoing corridor dispute, with Mayor Pomeroy indicating that there has been no notice of further appeals being launched by the citizens.

He expressed hope that council that would choose one of the three alternative appeal routes described by Mr. Steele keeping the town's "fiscal restraint" in mind. He acknowledged that there is a "possibility" the town may be successful in its appeal and agreed with Coun. Miller that "a great disservice" would be done if the appeal were rejected.

"I think we've gone far enough on this case," Coun. Biehn argued, "and we've spent a lot of money. We started out intending simply support the ICG, but this would be like throwing money in a well."

SCRAP PROJECT
Coun. Biehn speculated that Hydro's recent admission that load forecasts were over-estimated may prompt the crown corporation itself to scrap the corridor project.

"We did our responsibility supporting the ICG," Coun. Duby agreed, "and I don't

think we've been very successful at it."

Coun. Booth recalled that his initial reaction to the suggestion the town should join in the corridor battle was to oppose a \$1,500 grant application from the ICG. He suggested instead at the time that the town's solicitors should be directed to assist the ICG.

"I personally think we've lost all perspective on this thing," he contended. "I hope no one around this table is naive enough to think you're going to get a reversal of the OMB decision. It's gone too far down the pike. We fought the good fight, but we're no longer just assisting the ICG; we're doing their job for them."

Coun. Patterson countered that the solicitor had agreed the appeal "might be effective" and contended that council should protect its zoning bylaw against circumvention by the OMB and Hydro.

RURAL RESIDENTS
Coun. Miller pointed out that the town's appeals would be launched on behalf of the approximately 60 residents who would be directly affected by the corridor, and not specif-

ically for the ICG.

"We should never have started this if we're not going to finish it," Mayor Pomeroy commented. "We can't just leave these people hanging. All they wanted from the start was an independent study (of possible alternative corridor routes), but the province was not willing to admit that its route choice was wrong, and there's no question that it was."

The mayor noted that Hydro's original application to cross Halton Hills would have brought several parallel lines through the municipality, but for a public outcry that prompted a reduction in scale of the project.

Coun. Patterson responded by pointing out that the three consecutive ministers of energy were "bumped" from their jobs because of the corridor's political aspects.

"I've been a good Tory up to the last election or two but we're not getting anywhere with this government," he said.

Coun. Maltby reminded council that he and the other Ward 2 representatives have supported the town's battle against development proposals by Focal Properties Ltd., even though it "had no bearing" upon his constituents in the rural areas. The residents of Ward 2 are now looking for the support of Halton Hills urban citizens, he said, to help them oppose a project that

would constitute "a far greater disruption of rural life than Focal ever would have in Georgetown."

The vote was identical Monday night when council reconvened for its regular session and approved a bylaw to handle its stated intentions. Coun. Booth attempted again to sway council's opinion.

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Regional police need leadership

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notwithstanding".
In order to streamline the field operation of uniformed personnel, the OPC team suggested that "drastic surgery" would be necessary to correct organizational problems which make the force's operation more cumbersome.

SEPARATE FORCE
"Each district is equipped with the 'trappings' of a separate police force," the report said. "It is top heavy with senior police officers and the only 'common service' on the operations side is Communications and Identification."

"The plan already under consideration by the board, to close the two so-called 'precinct' stations in District 3 (Burlington) and operate out of a single facility will contribute to the 'streamlining' of field operations," the report continues. "Close analysis of the results of the workload study, with a consequent redefining of patrol zones, may reveal a similar move to be possible in District 1 (Georgetown, Milton and Acton)."

The report concluded that a morale problem exists, but said that a more accurate term might be a sense of frustration. Part of this might be attributed to problems with career advancement. The OPC team said the "career path" must be "plainly visible."

"The absence of a cohesive policy and procedure for promotion creates frustration," the report said. "The cornerstones of career development program are training, evaluation and counselling."

FREQUENT VISITS
The OPC recommended that Chief Ken Skerrett make more frequent visits to the districts. In order to add a psychological boost to the integration of the force, the team also recommended "regular staff meetings of supervisors and commanders with common tasks and problems, and the judicious transfer, between districts, of personnel at all levels of the force."

The study recommended centralization of records, planning, criminal investigation,

and uniform services, in order to more effectively deploy manpower and make information available across the region.

"The goal... is to centralize all of those controls and functions which support integration, reduce the amount of paper flow and streamline the chain of command," the report said.

In regard to the complaints of the Crown Attorney that "inexperienced police officers are being given the responsibility for investigating serious criminal offenses," the study team suggested that this was due to the existing policy of transferring officers out of Criminal Investigations Services after about two years' service. While those officers who would like to serve in criminal investigations should be given the opportunity to do so, the two-year policy should be amended, the report said.

DIFFICULT TASK
"The re-organization of the Force, if these recommendations are accepted, will be a difficult task. It will require an understanding of the need for change and a desire to turn from the present fragmented operation to a well-operated single police force," the report said.

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About the Hills

Easter Seals coming

Georgetown area residents will be receiving their Easter Seals any day now courtesy of the Georgetown Rotary Club. Bud Bishop, chairman for the 1979 campaign, says the target this year is \$4,500. The campaign will run from March 5 to April 15. Funds raised during the campaign help parents of physically handicapped children with the cost of wheelchairs, braces, artificial limbs, summer camping, transportation and special rehabilitation programs for their youngsters. Anyone missed during the campaign is urged to forward their tax deductible donation to the Easter Seal Campaign, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 82 Main St. S., Georgetown.

Georgetown BIA budget

A \$38,500 budget for Georgetown's central Business Improvement Area (BIA) has been submitted to town council for consideration this month. Primary funding is proposed in the form of a \$25,000 business tax levy to be paid by the BIA merchants and property owners themselves, with an additional \$13,000 in reserves carried over from 1978. For 1979, \$31,000 has been suggested for street improvements and another \$7,000 for promotion.

January fire report

The value of damages resulting from fires in Halton Hills during January, 1979, exceeded totals for the same period last year by nearly \$40,000.

In its monthly report to town council, the Halton Hills Fire Department listed 15 calls in Georgetown and eight in Acton for the month of January, resulting in estimated damages that totalled \$127,717. By comparison, fire calls during January, 1978, resulted in only \$89,000 worth of damages.

Causes of the fires were listed as negligence in six of the 23 cases recorded thus far this year. A total of 14 calls were reported for the same period last year.

Dance for youth

The local chapter of Red Cross Youth is holding a dance March 10 at Knox Presbyterian Church from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. The disc jockeys will be Craig Teeter and Mike Dine. Admission is \$1.50 per person and \$2.50 per couple, with a variety of prizes.

Correction

A Herald story last week incorrectly stated that the Georgetown YM-YWCA ended their year \$433 in the black. What it should have said was that the organization was only \$433 in the red.

Plan rest home for Chapel school

The old Chapel Street school building in Georgetown may become a senior citizens' rest home, complete with 100 beds and a three-storey elevator, if a proposal outlined for the town planning board last Tuesday wins approval.

Currently vacant, the school was sold last year by the Halton Board of Education to Chateau Belair Developments Ltd. and Reid Cooper Ltd. After town council decline an offer to purchase the building and its 1.8-acre site on Chapel Street West at Victoria Avenue.

Magnus Paulson and Wayne Weller, appearing on behalf of the development companies, asked the planning board last week to consider a slight revision in the site's zoning to allow for special residential use. Their proposal was referred to the planning department for a report.

REST HOMES
Explaining that rest homes are designed to accommodate those who can generally care for themselves, as opposed to licensed nursing homes where all services are provided, Mr. Paulson outlined the extensive renovations proposed that would upgrade the historic building to meet modern health and housing standards.

Along with interior room soundproofing and the installation of special windows, he said, the owners hope to chemically treat or sandblast the exterior brick walls to clear dirt and ivy and to landscape the grounds. Inside and out, he added, the renovations would be made so that the site's final appearance would be in keeping with the rest home concept.

According to Mr. Paulson, the proposal calls for 42 bedroom units to be built on each

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