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(Herald photo)

McLean's adoption work earns award

Herald Special
Don McLean of Georgetown has been awarded one of the two Canadian Division Community Service Awards presented each year by Manulife Insurance Company for his work as an adoption volunteer for the Halton Children's Aid Society.

Every year, Manulife shows its appreciation for its employees who are concerned with enhancing their community by their volunteer work by presenting these awards.

Mr. McLean and his wife Janet have been

working as a volunteer couple in the adoption department of the Children's Aid Society for the past three and a half years. During 1981, they spent over 685 man hours in their volunteer work, completing eight homestudies on potential adoptive couples and placing seven children.

For his effort, Manulife has presented Mr. McLean with a check for \$500 payable to the Halton Children's Aid Society, and a plaque recognizing his volunteer work. Mr. McLean presented the check to John Graham, president of the board of directors of the Halton CAS in a short ceremony during the

Society's May meeting. When asked why he and his wife spend so much time and effort in their volunteer work, Mr. McLean replied that it was their way of giving something back to the community, and particularly to the Adoption Department of the Children's Aid Society. They are adoptive parents themselves, and enjoy the chance to help other couples contemplating adoption. They also enjoy being part of a "pioneer effort", as Halton has the only "couple-oriented" volunteer adoption group in North America.

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Promoting 'showcase' aspect

Fall fair drive seeks exhibitors

By **BETTYANNE WELLSTEAD**
Fair board publicist
A drive to interest local businesses in exhibiting at the Georgetown fall fair is underway with many commercial and industrial firms being approached.

Stores and industries throughout Halton Hills are being invited to exhibit their products at the 1982 fair, as fair board directors conduct their spring drive to extend their boundaries beyond the usual agricultural exhibits.

Georgetown Agricultural Society president Joyce Gosling explains that one of the reasons for extending the annual fair to a

three-day event is to make the fair a "better showcase" for exhibitors. She hopes that more commercial and industrial businesses will decide to exhibit or take part in some other way in this year's fair being held Sept. 10, 11 and 12.

"We will be the first fair in the area this year," says Mrs. Gosling, "and hopefully with warmer weather in September, we will increase our numbers considerably. With a Saturday and Sunday fair, we feel exhibitors will find it more worthwhile to set up their displays."

"We would welcome any inquiries from potential exhibitors," says the president. "We feel the fair is

an ideal opportunity for promotion of many different products and businesses. Written inquiries should be directed to Agricultural Society secretary Paul Armstrong at P.O. Box 116 in Georgetown."

As in 1981, the fair board has asked the assistance and co-operation of local organizations in helping to put on the fair.

"Our group is small and the work load of a fair is large," says Mrs. Gosling. "We do need manpower. This year, the Optimists and Jaycees have both been kind enough to offer assistance and we will be talking to others, as well."

At a meeting of the fair's executive held at Exhibition Hall in Fairgrounds Park, various methods of promoting the fair were discussed.

At the moment, entertainers are being sought for the extended program and new ideas explored. The secretary reported that there had already been some inquiries about the fair. With the dates moved ahead to early in September, members were reminded that plans for fair days will have to be finalized early in the summer months.

Vice-president Ian McCallum reported that the Hunter Class, the largest horse event at the fair, will be held this year on both Saturday and Sunday.

Special parking bylaw?

If civil goodwill can't be relied upon to keep parking spaces for the handicapped available for the people who need them, the town may consider passing bylaws to keep non-handicapped persons out of the special parking spots. Usually found on municipal property close to building entrances, the parking spots are marked with a stylized wheelchair sign, but abuse of the privilege spurred the town's general committee last week into asking for a staff report on protecting the parking spaces through legislation. Meanwhile, Mayor Pete Pomeroy reported that the Norval Community Association, the group which sponsored Norval's "Festive Weekend", raised \$160 for the town's ActivVan transportation service for the physically disabled.

Budget summit

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A suggestion that councillors and chamber reps get together and discuss the board budget before it's struck appeals to Coun. Levy.

However, he said such get-togethers should take place before January.

"January to March is an awful time for us," he said. "I think the board needs to be reminded that those of us in municipal government interested in budgets are tackling our own budgets at that time."

"Working at it long before budget time comes up is a good thing," Mrs. Fisher agreed.

Halton Hills finance committee member Ross Knechtel said he was impressed that taxpayers had come to the meeting and spoken constructively.

OPEN MIND
He called the board members present "gracious" and told them they had listened with an open mind to the criticisms of their audience.

"I'd like to congratulate the board for turning down the computer program. They have no place in the schools," Coun. Knechtel told trustees. "The business world can do the rest if young people come out with a basic education. As a businessman I'm quite happy to teach them."

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz said the average taxpayer blames politicians for the cheques they have to make to the town. He said it is "very, very frustrating" to local politicians to be seen as the bad guys when the mill rate goes up just because they collect the taxes.

"We are getting a lot of concern from taxpayers that should be directed to you," Oakville Coun. Carol Gooding said. "It's

important to try to get your message across. We really need to develop better means of communication with our ratepayers."

Georgetown Chamber of Commerce president Doug Penrice said he came to get answers from the board and to offer to help them in the future.

Referring to the 15.3 per cent salary increase for teachers, Mr. Penrice said his own employees would be happy to merely keep up with the rate of inflation.

KEEP UP
"We're asking our employees not to keep up with the rate of inflation but to be more productive," he said. "That's

what business people are doing."

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett wanted to see the board reconsider its budget although it has passed already. He said people have to lower their expectations, and trustees and other elected officials have to take a hard line on this.

"We can't keep on this merry-go-round," Mayor Barrett said. "We have to take the flak and cut our programs. You know the ones that are going to do the least harm if they're cut out."

Mr. Priestner suggested if there were any further questions about the budget, that the public and elected officials "pick it apart with your trustee".

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