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Our man in OPP

Provincial Constable (probationary) **MICHAEL THOMAS LANDRY**, son of Albert and Victoria Landry of Gibbons Place in Georgetown, recently graduated from the Ontario Provincial Police training and development centre in Toronto after successfully completing his Recruit Orientation Course. The 23-year old officer has been posted to the OPP's Bracebridge detachment in Barrie. A graduate of GDHS and Seneca College, Michael is the brother-in-law of Constable Alec Ovenden, another Georgetownian now posted with the Barrie OPP, and is the brother of Georgetown physician Dr. Leonard Landry and Herald cartoonist Greg Landry.



Law firm secretary

JULIE ARMSTRONG, daughter of Charles and Jean Armstrong of Georgetown, graduated with honors in the Legal Secretarial Program at Sheridan College in Brampton June 4. Julie has accepted a position with Sikeman and Elliot in Toronto.



Commerce degree

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dickson of Stockman Crescent in Georgetown are proud to announce that their son **IAN DICKSON** graduated from the University of Windsor June 5. Ian received an Honors Bachelor of Commerce Degree. Ian also graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 1966 and received an Honors Bachelor of Economics and Business Administrative Studies Degree.

Begins articling

CLIVE OWEN LLEWELLYN received the degree of Bachelor of



Chief Warrant Officer **John Harrison CD** of Georgetown has taken over the position of Area Chief Warrant Officer of Army Reserves in Ontario. The former regimental sergeant major of the Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment) has over 30 years of military experience, and assumed his new position last month amid honors that included a parade at CFB Toronto.

Parade honors John Harrison

It was quite an occasion for Central Militia Area Headquarters in Toronto when John Harrison of Georgetown became Area Chief Warrant Officer May 18.

A formal parade at Canadian Forces Base Toronto, inspected by Brigadier-General W.J. Patterson, commander of the Central Militia Area, highlighted the handover of the appointment from Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Robert Pollitt.

Assuming the position of Area CWO of Army Reserves in Ontario is a new pinnacle for CWO Harrison, a native of Yorkshire, England, who spent five years in the British Army before emigrating to Canada.

CWO Harrison joined the Royal Canadian Artillery (Militia) in Peterborough in 1957, transferring to the Lorne Scots regiment of Peel, Dufferin and Halton four years later. In 1973, he was appointed Regimental Sergeant Major and in 1978 District Sergeant Major of Hamilton Militia District. He joins Central Militia Area HQ with 30 years of service.

CWO Harrison replaces CWO Pollitt, who has returned to the Princess of Wales' Own Regiment as Regimental Sergeant Major, a post he vacated in the early 1960s after almost two decades' service.

Laws from the University of Western Ontario in the spring convocation June 7.

He will be articling with the Calgary law firm of Howard, Mackie.

Clive was a student at Howard Wrigglesworth School and an Ontario Scholar graduate of Georgetown District High School.

He received an Honors B.A. in Economics at the University of Western Ontario in 1975 and his Masters degree in Economics at Lakehead University in 1977.

Prior to returning to university to study law, he was employed in Toronto with the Ontario Economic Council.

Clive is the son of Don and Margaret Llewellyn of Georgetown.



Vet in Aldershot

LINDA PALICHUK, daughter of Steve and Nina Palichuk of RR2 Acton, formerly of Georgetown, received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at the University of Guelph convocation ceremonies June 3. Linda received her Bachelor of Science degree in 1979. Dr. Palichuk has taken an associate position with the Aldershot Animal Hospital.

Acton's Fred Babbidge a centenarian

Builder looks back on years

By **MAGGIE HANNAH**
Herald Special

Guelph called him in 1914 but Fred Babbidge wasn't listening. He was too busy building houses in Hamilton to accept the invitation.

Today that letter signed by the town's industrial commissioner, R. McDonald, along with a pamphlet describing the beauties and advantages of the then-community of 18,500 are among Fred Babbidge's souvenirs.

He's got a lot of souvenirs of his own life and more belonging to his father. In the 100 years since his birth in Oswestry, Shropshire, England, Mr. Babbidge has collected a lot of souvenirs.

His bedroom is decorated with licence plates of his first cars dating back to 1913. He has pictures of his family and some of their books and papers. He

has plaques in recognition of his 60th wedding anniversary and now his 100th birthday. The one thing missing is recognition from the Prime Minister Trudeau of Tuesday's birthday.

"Someone must have told him Dad's Conservative," jokes Mr. Babbidge's daughter, Blodwyn Morris, of Elmore Drive.

The omission does seem strange considering everyone else from the mayor of Halton Hills to the Queen of England, including opposition leader Joe Clark managed to send some sort of congratulatory recognition.

The oversight isn't dampening Mr. Babbidge's sense of humor. He may need glasses and have a problem hearing but he still has a wealth of stories to tell.

When he came to Cana-

da in 1907, he travelled without his wife. She arrived after their child was born and joined her husband in Hamilton where they lived for 70 years. Mr. Babbidge only moved to Acton six years ago, some time after his wife died.

Apprentice to a builder, Mr. Babbidge decided there was no future for him in England and chose Hamilton from a map because it was described as the Birmingham of Canada because of its steel industry. An industrial centre should need a builder, he reasoned, and he said he never once regretted his move.

He started building surveys, or subdivisions as modern developers call them, in 1918. He never used an architect, he drew his own plans. His developments were on the Hamilton Mountain. In the beginning that was still

farmland with only a handful of cottages on it, he said. He saw it grow from an area with less than 100 people in 1907 to the present with a population of roughly 150,000.

With a father who had an education and served as teacher, lawyer, clerk and assorted other community professionals in a day when the ability to read and write was rare, Mr. Babbidge and his brothers were all educated in a church school.

While he firmly believes in education, he also believes in apprenticeships and trades. Every-

one can't benefit from extensive education to become a boss. Somebody has to work and the sooner young people learn to be industrious instead of aiming for chiefs, the better, he said.

Travelling has been one of Mr. Babbidge's loves. He's crossed the ocean numerous times and celebrated his golden wedding anniversary by buying a new car for an 8,500 mile trip to Florida and California. He drove a touring car more - really a convertible - to Florida in 1923 where there were no paved roads. Among the adventures of that trip was stopping to lift the car out

of ruts when the logs in corduroy roads through the Cypress Swamp dropped.

He's very proud to be a nephew of Charles Babbage, the inventor of the computer. The difference in the way the name is spelled, however, requires explanation.

Mr. Babbidge's father was so greatly offended when Mr. Babbidge's grandfather disappeared and deserted his family, that he changed the spelling of the name because he didn't want to be associated with him.

—Courtesy Guelph Mercury

Drama filling up so don't miss out

Herald Special
Response to the town recreation department's new Summer Dramatic Arts program has been very good so far. Organizers say it is gratifying to know that there are so

many young people in Halton Hills interested in learning more about creative drama. Registration is filling up steadily.

The town urges you not to let your child miss out on this opportunity to take part in the excitement of performing on the new stage, on cable television and around the community. Creative drama workshops during the weekly sessions will develop his skills in self-expression. Other workshops teach skills in puppetry, mime and movement, vocal expression, characterization

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