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Sugar bush tour

Get out your galoshes, it's almost time to test the sap.
Beginning March 9 you can ride a horse-drawn wagon to the sugar bush at Mountsberg Wildlife Centre near Campbellville.
There's a candy house where maple syrup candy is made and pancakes are available for all to enjoy.
For more information call 878-4131 (week-days).

'Y' spring programs

The Acton YMCA will be holding their spring registration next week.
To sign up for courses come to their Mill Street office March 12, 14 and 16. The office will be open for registration between 10 - 2 p.m. for all three days.
For more information call 853-1070.

Family asthma program

The family asthma program in Georgetown will be re-opening soon, says a spokesman for the Halton Lung Association.
All children with asthma and their families are invited to attend the exercise, gym and educational program at the Georgetown District High School.
The course is conducted by physiotherapist Jayne Cavasin of the Halton Lung Association and is under the medical supervision of Dr. R.W.T. Haddon.
For registration forms or information call 632-8499.

Tapestry winner

E. Harris of Durham Street was the happy winner of a Peruvian tapestry thanks to her holding a winning ticket for the Georgetown Y's multicultural evening raffle.
The draw was held Friday at St. Andrews Church Hall, site of the multicultural evening.
Bobbie Hrensberg from Oakville won second prize which was a poncho. R. Scott of Bramalea won a Y course.

Library tax clinic

The CBC (Coffee, Books and Conversation) will be gathering as usual on Friday afternoon, March 15th on the lower level of the Georgetown Library.
At 1:30 a representative from Revenue Canada will be on hand to offer Tax Assistance. The assistance given will be of particular interest to those who are elderly, disabled or have immigrated from England.
Enjoy refreshments while you take advantage of this free programme. Everyone is welcome.

The abundant life

The Abundant Life is the theme of a three day focus on Christian Living guided by Brother William Sibley of the Order of the Holy Cross.
The mission will take place at St. Alban's Anglican Church, Glen Williams beginning on Sunday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. and continuing on the Monday and Tuesday evenings at the same time. Everyone welcome to attend.
For more information 873-1234 or 877-4933.

Aquatic registration

Registration for spring swimming lessons begins March 18 at both the Acton and Georgetown swimming pools. Lessons begin the first week of April. Please refer to the spring and summer brochure for class days and times.

'Y' art auction

The Georgetown Y have a special treat planned for art lovers.
April 12 has been set aside for their annual art auction presented by Beaux Arts of Toronto.
A variety of paintings, sketches and sculptures will be offered at prices substantially below gallery prices.
The location for the auction is Holy Cross Auditorium and the initial viewing begins at 7 p.m.
For more information call 877-6163.

Red Cross month

Did you know March is Red Cross Month? The Red Cross is helping the elderly and aged live a full life in many different ways. Operating Meals on Wheels, visiting hospital patients, teaching fitness and exercise classes, and arts and crafts programs are just some of them.
Help the Red Cross help. Give generously when your Red Cross vanasser calls.

Time for holidays

By MRS. JOHN BELLBODDY
Herald Correspondent
ASHGROVE - Mr. and Mrs. Ford Wickson enjoyed two weeks in the Barbados and acquired a nice tan.
Mr. and Mrs. John McNabb flew to Fort Lauderdale in Florida for a week, while Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson and friends spent two weeks in California.
Mr. and Mrs. Jim McPhail attended the Fair Board convention at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto for a couple of days last week.

PSYCHIC RESPONSE
Carole Matthews
Dear Carole,
We have recently moved to Georgetown and are settling now. Our future looks good to me but I am just writing for confirmation. I read your column all the time.
Thank you, Barb
Dear Barb,
You are right; you are settling in very nicely. You have a good future and your business will do much better now.
Relax and enjoy.
Carole

The "Goldham" era of hockey

— Honoring a former NHL idol



Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council winner Bob Goldham (middle) stands proudly with his family. Goldham and his family posed for photos after the Heritage council presented Goldham's family with a present. Along with wife Ellie (left), Goldham stands with daughters Pat, Barb and Susan.

Bob remembers local roots

By DAN RALPH
Herald Sports Editor
So often when a youngster leaves a small community and makes it big, he forgets from where he originated. Such is not the case with Bob Goldham.

The Georgetown native left this community to play hockey in the 1940s, and played on five Stanley Cup winners in his National Hockey League (NHL) career (two with Toronto Maple Leafs and three with Detroit Red Wings). However, he still remembers his home town and those people who helped him along in his developing years.

"I've always said this is my home," Goldham said after being honored as the eighth recipient of the Hockey Heritage Award Monday night. "This is where it all starts."

As a youngster growing up in Georgetown, Goldham said he had many idols, but only had two real heroes: his father and the late Gordon Alcott. "Those two got me started on the right track and hopefully kept me on that path. My dad was the one who told me of you really wanted something bad enough you could have it," he said.

The evening was special for Goldham in many ways. It allowed him a chance to renew old hockey acquaintances, and also was an opportunity to have his family together once again. Goldham has three daughters, one of which lives in Halifax, and she made the trip to Georgetown for her father's award presentation.

"Having all my family together really makes me feel good," Goldham said. "I have a soft spot in my heart for my girls and when I get all three together it is really quite special."

Over 300 people attended Monday's event, which was a surprise to the man being honored.

"I figured 75 guys I know would turn out and we would sit around and talk about old times. But when your peers do something like this for you it is really something."

"Even though I don't get to see some of these guys (former teammates) for three to four years, it is just like yesterday the last time we met."

"It's hard to explain the relationship we had. I remember after the 1979 World Series, Pittsburgh's Willie Stargell said his team was like a family, and that is what we have now."

"It's a funny thing to have a guy say he loves another, but we all loved each other, and the worst thing we could do wasn't to lose a hockey game, it was to make a mistake that could hurt the other 17," Goldham said.

At the end of the 1964-65 season, Goldham was selected as the Most Valuable Player for the Detroit club. It was an honor he cherished very much. However Monday's honor means just as much to the 62-year-old now.

"That year I played on a team that had guys like Gordie Howe and Tarry Sawchuk and I was named MVP. That was the biggest thing that happened and tonight is on that level."

"Small towns are what makes it, and you can't forget who you are."
This comes from a man who, obviously hasn't.

Detroit Red Wings praise former star

By DAN RALPH
Herald Sports Editor
Georgetown residents came out to honor one of their own Monday night.
Former Toronto Maple Leaf-Chicago Black Hawk and Detroit Red Wing Bob Goldham was presented with the 1985 Hockey Heritage award.
The event was held at Holy Cross Church and attracted over 300 people despite the poor weather conditions.

The 62-year-old Georgetown native played on five Stanley Cup winning teams in his career (two with Toronto and three with Detroit) and was joined at the head table by the likes of former Red Wings Ted Lindsay, Marcel Pronovost, and Tom Gadsby. Hockey Night in Canada commentator Brian McFarlane was the guest MC.

Another hockey celebrity in the audience was 82-year-old Toronto Maple Leaf vice-president King Clancy.

The members of the head table were piped in by a bag piper, and after a prayer Heritage Dinner chairman Murray Ezeard handed the mike over to McFarlane, who in turn presented Bob Hooper as the first speaker.

Hooper introduced the Heritage council members, as well as the event sponsors. After, all sponsors were presented with souvenir paper weights of the event.

After Hooper named the seven previous winners, McFarlane took over and provided the necessary humor. Some of his jokes included:

"Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller told his wife he was re-elected, and his wife said, 'Honestly?' Miller said, 'Why bring that up?'"

"Harold Ballard does not like me. He said I'm as sincere as Elizabeth Taylor is saying 'ouch on her honeymoon.'"

"There were a lot of people outside Harold Ballard's office like Frank Miller, Brian Mulroney and The Pope. Mr. Ballard said, 'Send in the Pope, I've only got to kiss his hand.'"

After Goldham began to receive the awards and tokens from event sponsors and teammates.

McFarlane then read a fictitious letter supposedly sent to him by Goldham outlining some background on the award winner. Some of the contents were:

"When my dad taught me how to swim, he took me and threw me off the pier into 40 feet of water. Swimming back was the easy part. Getting out of the bag was the hard part."

"I didn't know much about sex while growing up. I only knew one thing: that I was going to go blind any minute."

"My most embarrassing moment came during heart month and Buffalo Sabres coach Scotty Bowman had a heart button one and on coast-to-coast I said, 'Look, Bowman has a heart on.'"

King Clancy then came up to say a few things, and had nothing but praise for Goldham. "He is one of the finest players. He was the only one who never gave me trouble when I was an official. Alex Delvecchio was a class guy who never swore at me. He'd say words I had never heard of before."

Clancy finished his speech on an inviting note.

"Next year if you want to come and see me, I'll be at Notre Dame. That is a cemetery in Ottawa."

Finally, the honored Goldham had a chance to say a few words.

"I never expected anything quite like this," he said. "This completely devastates me."

Goldham outlined how he started out playing for the old John Street Gang, and how he worked his way up to the National Hockey League. He talked about the relationship he had with Maple Leaf great Bucko MacDonald who Goldham referred to "as my second father."

He also offered his theory of playing defence.

"I wanted the guy I played with to play both corners, and I would take care of the middle. I had to have a young guy who believed all of that though," he said.

The three years Goldham was in Chicago the team struggled, but he said there were a few advantages to not making the playoffs.

"We were off first in the spring and got all the jobs," he said.

When Goldham finished his speech, Ezeard offered his reason why he felt the night was a success.

"What makes it worth it is when these people didn't ask for anything and paid their own way. That is what I call dedication."

The festivities were then drawn to a close, and another heritage dinner had finished.

NOTES-The weather resulted in a few no-shows. Gordie Howe, Frank Selke, Brian O'Neill and Red Storey were just a few who couldn't make the event.



Hockey Night in Canada commentator Brian McFarlane (left) holds the mike for Toronto Maple Leaf's Vice-President King Clancy (right) during Clancy's speech.



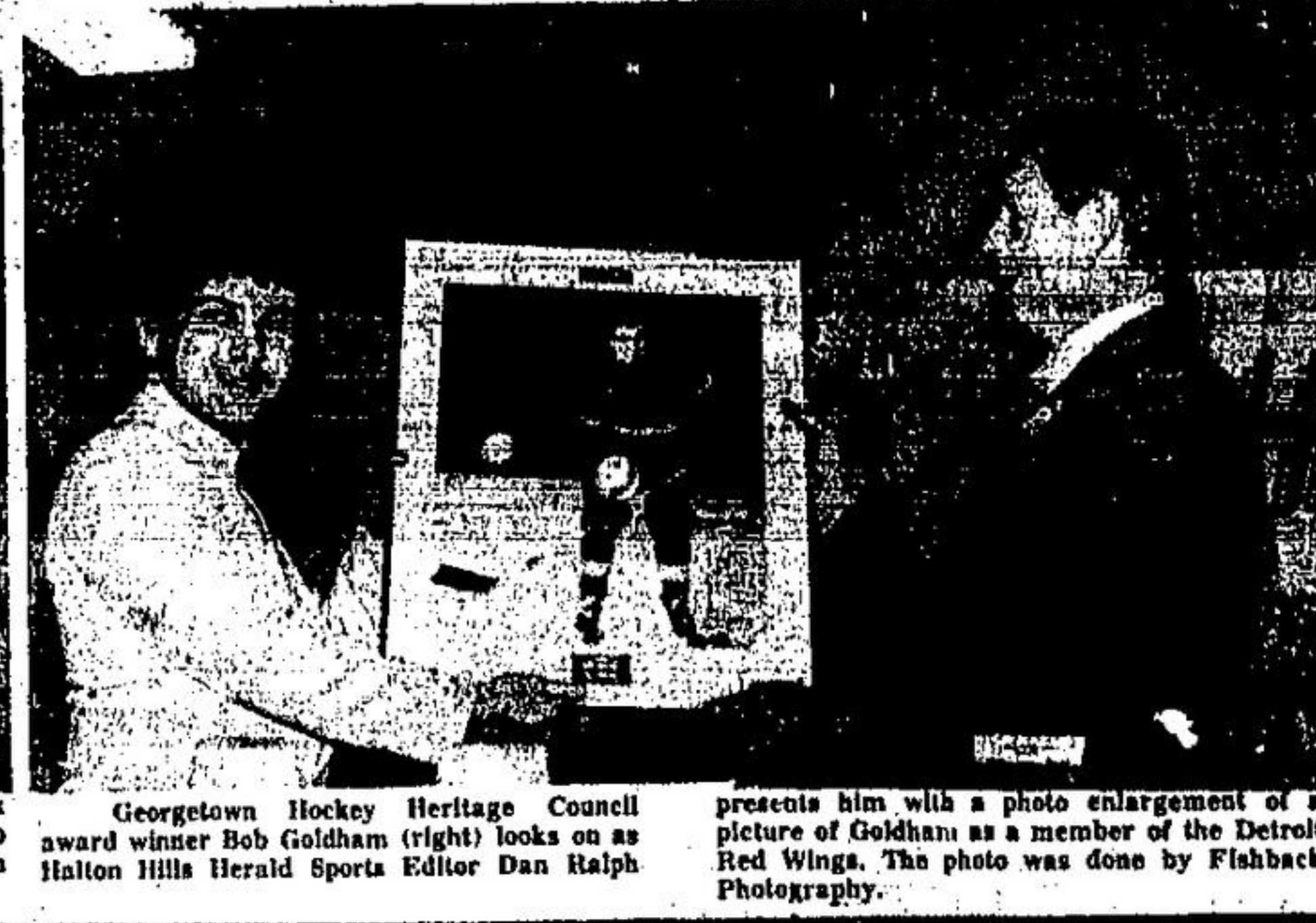
Some members of the head table give Bob Goldham a standing ovation when the Georgetown native's turn to speak came up. Those applauding are Leo Reise, Ted Lindsay, Bill Gadsby and Larry Wilson, all former teammates of Goldham's.



Georgetown Businessman of the Year Barry Whitworth (left) and former Detroit Red Wing Alex Delvecchio (right) share a cigar during an intermission in the program.



Georgetown's Bridget McCauley (left) receives a little peck on the cheek from Jim Gregory, the head of Central Scouting. McCauley had gone up to Gregory for an autograph when he leaned over and gave the Georgetown youth the kiss.



Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council award winner Bob Goldham (right) looks on as Halton Hills Herald Sports Editor Dan Ralph presents him with a photo enlargement of a picture of Goldham as a member of the Detroit Red Wings. The photo was done by Fishback Photography.