

# Cadet officers honored by Canadian Armed Forces

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For their 12 years work in the Georgetown cadet corps two instructors will receive recognition from the Canadian Armed Forces tonight (Wednesday).

Captain John Hodskins and Lieutenant Frank Phillips of the 676 Lorne Scots Army Cadet Corps will receive the Canadian Declaration. The honor is given to anyone who serves 12 years in a branch of the Canadian Forces.

Capt. Hodskins and Lieut. Phillips

have been with the Georgetown cadets since they were last formed in 1974. The 676 Cadet Corps used to be the Georgetown high school cadet corps, Capt. Hodskins said.

"Every high school had a cadet corps. When the programs stopped at the schools many (cadet corps) died," Captain Hodskins said. The Georgetown corps was reborn in 1974.

During the 12 years Capt. Hodskins has been with the Georgetown corps, he has been the commanding officer for 8½ years, from May 1977 to Dec. 1983. Lieut. Phillips has served

as the corps supply officer since he joined the corps.

Tonight, commanding officer Captain Alex Reas will present them with their Canadian Declaration. The presentation is 7:30 p.m. in the Georgetown Armory.

Of his years with the cadets Capt. Hodskins said, "It's something that gets in your blood. I enjoy working with youth. Some come in as young rambles and go out as ladies and gentlemen."

Capt. Hodskins and Lieut. Phillips are from the Canadian Instructors

List Section of the Canadian Forces. Each is a member of the reserves. They are trained in youth work.

Both men are instructors in canoeing, winter living, skiing, repelling and range officiating. Capt. Hodskins also is a qualified tour leader.

Training for these courses is provided by the Canadian Forces. The Georgetown Optimist Club is the local sponsor for the cadets and provides them with anything they need that is not military issue, Mr. Hodskins said.

There are about 24 co-ed cadets in



Capt. Hodskins

the 676 corps. They meet every Wednesday and go on a monthly outing, Capt. Hodskins said. Some of those outings have been building

shelters, practising winter living and shooting at the range.

Capt. Hodskins became involved in the army cadets through his son who joined the group when the family moved to Georgetown. Mrs. Hodskins is also involved in the cadets. She is a civilian instructor and takes care of the corps administration.

The cadets program, to Capt. Hodskins, is about making the young "self-reliant people who are able to think on their feet." Those who join the cadets know what to expect from the armed forces, he said.

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## IN THE HILLS

### \$2.5 million for GDHS

The Halton Board of Education approved the \$2.5 million renovations to Georgetown and District High School Thursday night, Chairman Arlene Bruce said.

Renovations will begin in 1987, and include building a \$180,000 all-weather track. The school's library music department, computer area, dramatic arts facilities, art department and media department is included in the renovation plan.

Upgrading of these areas is expected to cost \$1.21 million. The other \$1.29 million will be spent on restoring the building. Windows, roofs, floors and more need improvements and replacing.

### Write to Santa

Santa Claus is looking for some pen pals.

Starting in next week's Herald, Santa will be writing replies to the children of Halton Hills who make up a list.

Each year The Herald prints all letters from children with a reply from Santa. Our deadline for receiving letters is Dec. 19 at 5 p.m.

Hurry now and don't delay. Letters are answered on a first come, first served basis. The Herald address is 45 Guelph Street, Georgetown, L7G 3Z6. Letters can also be dropped off at the front desk or through our mail slot during off-hours.

### Office closes early

The Herald will be closing its office at 4:30 p.m. this Friday, Dec. 5.

Normal office hours for the newspaper are from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

The Herald will resume its usual opening hours Dec. 8.

### Thieves rob town

An estimated \$11,000 in office equipment was stolen from the Town of Halton Hills Planning Department at 232 Guelph Street in Georgetown. Sometime between Nov. 28 and 30, thieves entered the department through an unlocked window on the south side of the building, police said.

The robbery was reported Monday morning. Missing is an IBM monitor, power director and printer. An Olivetti typewriter was also taken.

### Red is tops

The top selling children's book in Britain is a book written by a former Norval resident, Kathy Stinson. Kathy's book "Red is Best" came out three years ago and has not only caused a sensation in Canada but abroad. Mrs. Stinson now lives in Toronto.

### Kilometre of coin

The Georgetown Lioness Club is holding its "Kilometre of Coin" fundraising event Dec. 13 at the Georgetown Marketplace. Proceeds will go to Camp Dorest, which is a camp for children and adults on dialysis because of kidney problems.

### McCauley re-elected

Local Trustee Irene McCauley was re-elected vice-chairman of the Halton Roman Catholic School Board Nov. 26.

Trustee Bill Hawken was reinstated by fellow trustees as chairman of the Board for another year. Also elected at the Nov. 26 meeting were French Trustee Andre Paradis, the new chairman of French education, and his vice-chairman, French Trustee Gilbert McCraw.

### Looks for charity

A benefit performance of "Ten Little Indians" is to be held April 23, 1987 at the John Elliott Theatre. Xi Epsilon Chi sorority will be presenting the performance in cooperation with the Georgetown Little Theatre group.

All proceeds will be donated to a charitable organization. Any recipient wishing to apply, please send a letter stating the details of your charitable organization and charitable number to Suzanne Mucci, 4 Wright Avenue, Acton, L7J 2T8. All applications must be received before Dec. 12. Any inquiries, please call 853-3496.



### Downtown clowns

The weather was perfect Saturday for Georgetown's Santa Claus parade. It was sunny and just cold enough to remind the children that

soon it will be Christmas. There was no shortage of clowns in the parade. There were clowns for laughs, clowns for candy and even clowns

for music. These clowns led the parade. For more parade photos see the front page of the Family Section. (Herald photo by Sandy Campbell)

## Rural delivery threatened by Canada Post changes

By TONY ROCCHI  
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Confusion reigns supreme as Canada Post plans to axe rural post offices and mail routes.

Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid, postmasters and residents say they have no idea what will become of the post offices in Huttonville, Snelgrove and Norval and the rural routes. And along with the uncertainty goes a feeling that a way of life is coming to an end.

For Jean Royce of Huttonville, closing the Huttonville post office on Emblem Road, would end a 20-year ritual. Every day, she walks down the hill from her home to the post office in a store and picks up her mail and a newspaper.

"The mail is something you look forward to," Mrs. Royce says.

A Canada Post business plan - awaiting approval by the federal cabinet - calls for turning over 3,500 rural post offices to private contractors, closing many of the remaining 1,700 offices, eliminating rural route delivery in many areas and replacing the routes with group boxes.

Canada Post spokesman Ed Roworth said the cuts are necessary to help the corporation become self-sufficient. He said a different level of service will be worked out for each postal division over the next five years. Mr. Roworth said it's impossible to predict what will happen to rural delivery and rural post offices in Brampton.

"As Brampton grows, I expect the new subdivisions going in these areas, will have group boxes," Mr. Roworth said.



John McDermid

Mr. McDermid said he hasn't been told yet of any changes to rural mail delivery in the Brampton area.

"We were promised any changes we would be given plenty of notice," Mr. McDermid said. "I've seen absolutely nothing that would affect rural mail operation in Brampton-Georgetown. What happens in the future, who knows?"

Norval has had its post office for 150 years. Postmaster Joan Carter said she doesn't know what will happen to the post office where she's worked for 29 years.

"I wouldn't like to see it closed," Mrs. Carter said.

But Mrs. Carter added Canadians had better face some economic realities about Canada Post. Cuts are needed if the corporation is ever to meet its goal of self-sufficiency, she said.

"When it became a Crown corporation, they were told to make it self-sufficient," Mrs. Carter said. "How do they do it and where do they go?"

She said it's interesting to hear people complain about a hike of two cents for a stamp when they won't utter a peep when another item like a pack of cigarettes goes up 10 or 15 cents. Mrs. Carter said people should realize the three-cent stamp of years past was subsidized by the government.

Snelgrove has always had a post office at the corner of Mayfield Road and Highway 10, said former postmaster Robert Parkinson. Mr. Parkinson said he doubts Canada Post would shut down the Snelgrove office.

"I don't think it will close because the population here keeps growing," Mr. Parkinson said. "I'd miss the post office if it closed, but I can't see them doing it. And I feel corner boxes just wouldn't work here."

Lorna Freeman, postmaster in Huttonville, said she wouldn't be surprised if Canada Post closes the Huttonville post office. She and her husband Wayne have owned the

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## Grit happy with Turner 'charisma'

By ANI PEDERIAN  
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John Turner has come a long way from 1984 when he re-entered politics, says an Acton woman who was at the weekend federal Liberal party convention.

Kay Lawson of RR4 Acton said the Liberal party leader has more charisma now and he's a much better speaker than he used to be.

"I think a lot of people didn't like his abrupt style. He's smoother now," Mrs. Lawson, who went as an observer to the convention, said.

Mrs. Lawson is an old hand at conventions, having been to many. But this convention was a bit more exciting than the rest, she said. She was especially pleased that Mr. Turner got such a strong vote of confidence from his party, 76.3 per cent support.

"I think he deserved another chance. I feel if he loses the next election he'll step down, but I don't like what the Conservatives did to Joe Clark, for instance. I felt he deserved another chance," Mrs. Lawson said.

The Young Liberals were selling white scarves with "Turner" in red on them at the convention, and everywhere you looked you'd see one of these scarves, Mrs. Lawson said. That was one of the biggest clues that Mr. Turner would do well.

"Our Halton people had dinner together Saturday night and everybody was saying what they thought it would be. Everybody was forecasting from 70 to 80 per cent," Mrs. Lawson said of the vote against a leadership review.

Mr. Turner's speech Saturday night was very good and helped him win more support, Mrs. Lawson said.

"It was quite exciting and everybody was in a jovial mood, especially after Mr. Turner spoke on Saturday," she said.

Mrs. Lawson drove to Ottawa for the convention with her daughter Carol Lawson, who was a delegate. She declined to speak to The Herald.

For Angelo Serafini, the Halton Liberal Association president, attending the convention was like being a part of history.

"I came away feeling we'd somehow made history, or been involved in something historic, something that would be written about years from now, and we'd look at this as a turning point," Mr. Serafini, an Oakville lawyer, said.

The Association president said he went to the convention supporting Turner, and while there, was even more impressed with the Liberal party leader.

"What happened in 1984 I consider an aberration. When he ran, he did all the wrong things and ran against a shrewd swift campaign by

Mulroney," Mr. Serafini said. He said Mr. Turner's weekend speeches "were galvanizing. He's really a good speaker now."

Mr. Serafini was impressed at how Mr. Turner stood in front of 4,000 people and answered questions in both English and French very candidly.

"He's a humble man. He admitted he made errors and said they wouldn't happen again, like the bum patting," Mr. Serafini said.

"It was a great time to be a



John Turner (right) silenced his opponents who wanted a leadership review which could have brought Jean Chretien (left) back into the political arena.

Liberal, a very uplifting thing," Mr. Serafini said.

The president of the Brampton-Georgetown Federal Liberal Association said she came out the convention feeling the party is solidly behind Mr. Turner.

"The chemistry is right for the leader. He's confident and poised," Lorna Milne of Brampton said. "I think, after his retirement from politics it's taken him awhile to get back to dealing with the media scrum. He handles it so much better now."

For Mrs. Milne, the weekend convention was a much more joyful experience than even the leadership convention two years ago. Her husband, Ross Milne, Brampton-Georgetown's 1984 Liberal candidate, was elected chairman of the Liberal party organization. That means he'll be looking after the details leading up to the next election. It's a volunteer position.

Halton-Burlington MPP Don Knight was also a delegate at the convention. He said he was delighted with the results.

"I think now everybody will get behind Turner and the party and work on the next election," Mr. Knight said.

The undercurrent of lobbying for Turner at the convention made it highly electric at times, the MPP said. Mr. Turner's speech after the results of the vote were announced drew on the emotions of the audience and was well received.

"Let's be very honest, he doesn't

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## Our town's 'enforcer' Jack Lusty steps down

Ultimatums don't work, says the town's bylaw enforcement officer who retired Friday.

Bylaw enforcement officer for Halton Hills over the past six years, Jack Lusty said he always tried to see the other fellow's point of view.

"You can't enforce a bylaw by saying 'You do this, or else,'" Mr. Lusty said. "If given an ultimatum, the majority of people won't do it. But if you explain why and give a reasonable amount of time for them to make the changes, they get done."

At 65, Mr. Lusty is a much mellowed man. He says so himself. He was only 17, a fresh young face out of high school, when he joined the army.

After six and a half years with the army, including the war years, Mr. Lusty got into police work. It was this line of work that led him eventually to his current job in December 1980.

"It helps to have cop background to do this job. I don't think anybody just off the street can come and do it," Mr. Lusty said. Predictably enough, another police officer is taking over. He's Bob Ustrycki, formerly crime prevention officer with Halton Regional Police.

In 1980, Peter Pomeroy was mayor of Halton Hills, and Ken Richardson was the clerk administrator for the town. The position of bylaw enforcement officer was a newly created one.

Today, Mr. Pomeroy is Regional Chairman and Mr. Richardson has left the town for an administrative position with a construction firm in Brampton.

When Mr. Lusty came to the job, he thought it was time for a change. He'd been a cop with the City of Cambridge for nearly eight years, a city he still lives in.

Although he says there are similarities between policing and bylaw enforcement work, they can't be compared, Mr. Lusty said.

Bylaw enforcement officers don't carry guns or enforce the criminal code, but they do know what they can and can't do legally, just like cops.

Over the past six years, new bylaws have been created, old ones dropped or updated.

"These things are an indication that the municipality is progressing towards a more orderly society," Mr. Lusty said. "You've got to make rules that are enforceable, reasonable and take into considera-

tion the rights of the individual." When he came to Halton Hills, there were bylaws that couldn't be enforced, were antiquated and not dealing with the concerns people had, Mr. Lusty said.

Licensing of local wrecking yards was made mandatory, following complaints about them. Lottery licences were tightened up, and today, councillors are looking at a "poop and scoop" bylaw.

Eventually, things happen, Mr. Lusty said. "Slow and steady wins the race" is his motto, he said. In his work, he always tried to see the other side of the bylaw and consider the rights of the individual.

Married for 41 years, Mr. Lusty has one daughter, three sons and several grandchildren he anticipates spending more time with.

FOND FAREWELL—Fire chief Bill Cunningham had a lengthy farewell speech prepared for bylaw enforcement officer Jack Lusty. A retirement party and "roast" took place at the Cedar Springs Motel last Wednesday. Many of Chief Cunningham's gifts to Mr. Lusty brought laughs from the audience, including this pair of old firefighter boots, suitable for a hip-wading fisherman.

