



Open for business at Georgetown Decorating Centre in 1968. Taking part in the annual Pioneer Days celebrations.



Georgetown Decorating Centre, located in the owner George Bergsma, his wife Shirley, and their Georgetown Market Place plaza, is celebrating its 20th children Jeff, Ariene, Doreen and Yvonne. Missing in anniversary. Standing in the newly renovated store are son Peter.

Georgetown Decorating celebrates 20th

Business changes with the times



Celebrating their first decade in business in 1978.

Autohaus Georgetown

New owners find 'best of both worlds'

Owners of European import cars will be happy to know there is a place in Georgetown that will attend to their service and restoration needs.

Conrad Buy and his wife, Shannon, now own and operate Georgetown Autohaus at the corner of Guelph Street and Mountainview Road, and are quickly whipping things into shape.

Mr. Buy has worked in the European import car market since 1972, and has been with a number of prominent dealerships in the Toronto area, in sales.

When the opportunity was presented for them to take the Volkswagen dealership in Georgetown, they gladly stepped in.

Mr. Buy met Basil Kutter about 10 years ago, when the two were involved with racing at Shannonville. He says the two of them "hit it off right away," and have kept in touch since.

Mr. Kutter operated both the Volkswagen and Honda dealerships, but called Mr. Buy in August to say he was selling the Volkswagen operation. The two were able to come to terms, and now operate independently, but as "close next door neighbors."

Georgetown Autohaus specializes in all-make leasing, with particular strength in the import market. To complement the full range of Volkswagen products on the lot now, Mr. Buy expects to bring their somewhat depleted supply of used cars up to a reasonable number in a short time.

Ken Law who has worked with the dealership for five years, remains its service department manager, while Norm Armstrong, who spent four years with Brampton Volkswagen is sales manager. Mrs. Buy handles accounting as the office manager.

Mr. Buy says they want to maintain a strong versatility in their service capabilities, particularly on import cars.

Currently, Mr. and Mrs. Buy and their two children live in Markham, but will move to Georgetown June 1.

Mr. Buy sees Georgetown as "the best of both worlds."

"I think there are two things we liked about Georgetown," he says. "On one side, it's a smaller town. I worked downtown (Toronto) for 10 years, and it was a grind down there. There's a much nicer work atmosphere here. But the potential for business down the road is tremendous, with such a good location."

Tourism group members named

Halton Region has set up an advisory committee to capitalize on what it calls Ontario's fastest growing industry - tourism.

The Region established the criteria for the committee in January and now 13 members have been appointed.

The committee will consist of one member from each of Halton's four municipalities as selected by local councils, seven tourist-oriented business representatives and two Regional councillors.

The seven members at large of the committee include Steve Dawkins of the Olde Hide House, Tom Chudleigh of Chudleigh's farm, Hillary Sadler, a consultant, Susan Malcolm of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Norm Richards of the Ministry of Natural Resources - provincial parks and recreational areas branch, David Nelson of the Holiday Inn and Murray Hanes of radio station Fm 108.

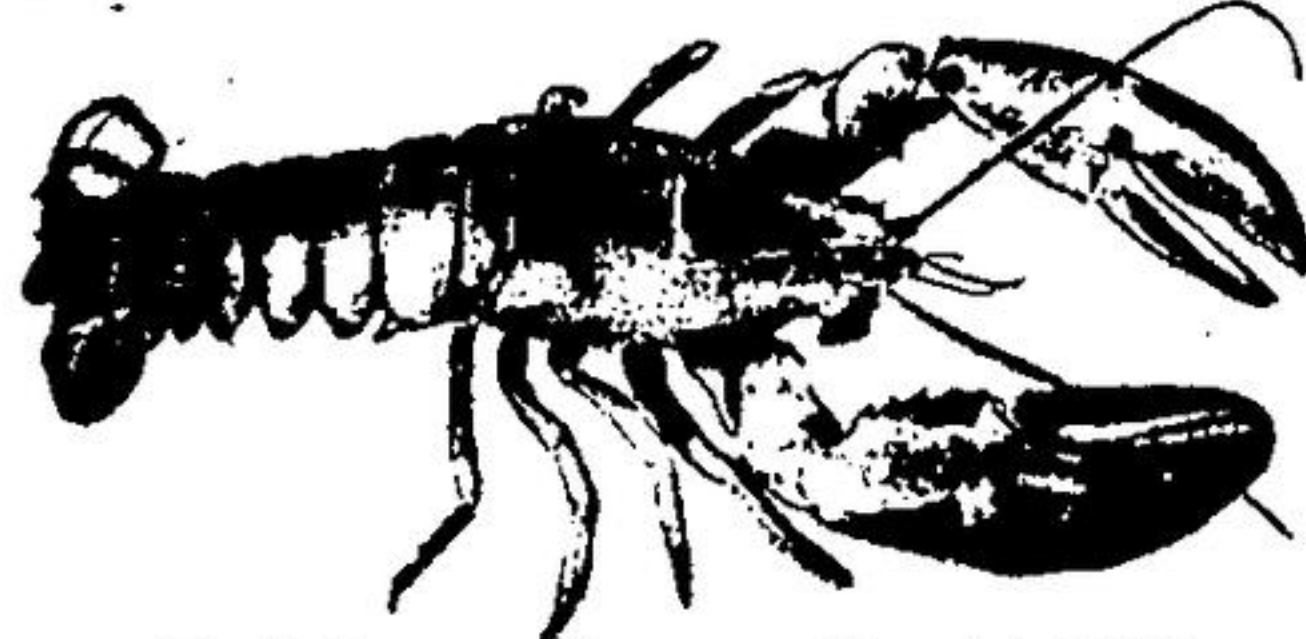
The town recently appointed Chamber of Commerce Secretary Doug Pearce as the Halton Hills representative on the committee.

Regional councillors Pam Sheldon and Milton's Brad Clements are the councillors on the committee.



Conrad and Shannon Buy are the owners of Georgetown Autohaus, which recently opened as the new Volkswagen dealership. (Herald photo)

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