



'New Kids' fans

Good friends, Sheri Pearson (left) and Sharon McDonald heard about the "New Kids on The Block" contest being run by the Herald and local sponsors and were up bright and early Wednesday morning to find out all the details. Both Sheri and Sharon have the same favorite "New Kid", Joe McIntyre. According to Sharon, "He's a babe!" For more information on the "New Kids on The Block" contest, please turn to page 16. The contest runs through July 28. (Herald photo)

FCP office opens doors

The Family Party Coalition Party of Ontario (FCP), candidate for the riding of Halton-North, Giuseppe Gori, will be on hand to explain the FCP strategy for the expected fall provincial election, Saturday, July 28.

Mr. Gori will hold court at the grand opening of the FCP riding office at 164 Guelph Street in Georgetown starting at 11 a.m.

The FCP party, which is an outspoken supporter of the pro-life movement, will have representatives in 100 of the 130 ridings across Ontario by election time, according to an FCP press release.

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Georgetown - history Goodlet store dates back to 1848

By ELAINE ROBINSON-BERTRAND
Herald Special

On September 13, 1848, James Young, a Georgetown merchant, purchased six lots from Joseph and Sarah Pratt on Nelson Township for 82 pounds and 10 pence. Three of these lots faced Main Street and the remaining three were directly behind them facing what is now Market Street. The northern limit was Mill Street (at one time named Young Street in honour of James Young) and the south limit was the remaining two lots of the block on Church Street which were owned by George Kennedy.

On the six lot site, Mr. Young built his home, a general store and a hardware store. The remainder of the property was orchard and garden. One of Young's employees in the hardware store was a young immigrant from Caithnessshire, Scotland, named Dougal Reid. There is evidence that Reid was employed as a clerk in Georgetown in 1857. His employer is not known. However, by 1861, Reid was working for James Young as a clerk/bookkeeper.

Reid apparently learned the business well, because in 1864, at age 26, he opened his own hardware store further up the street.

On May 23, 1878, James Young, no longer a resident of Georgetown, sold half of lot 3 to Dougal Reid for \$1,050.00 and the other half to William McLeod for

\$350.00. This suggests there was likely a substantial building on the Reid side of lot three.

On this parcel, in 1879, Dougal Reid built the three storey building which stands today. Next door, to the north, was an identical building, and on the corner, William McLeod built a three storey structure of the same stone, for his "Mammoth House", a dry goods business which had been located across the street for many years. Both of these buildings were razed by the Bank of Commerce in 1970 in order to erect the present structure.

Dougal Reid operated his hardware store until his death in 1903. In addition to selling hardware, an 1886 directory reports that he had a special department for dealing in coal, to the rear of the building. There is an unsubstantiated story that this area was used as a blacksmith shop around the turn of the century.

Upon Dougal Reid's death, his son Laird took over the business.

When Laird died in 1935 at the relatively young age of 49, his younger brother John P. (Jack) carried on. Jack and his family lived in a second floor apartment above the store. In 1945 Jack Reid retired and the sale of the store to James Goodlet Sr. ended seventy-one years of Reid's Hardware in Georgetown.

James Goodlet was born in Scotland, but had come to Canada as a child. In 1937, he moved to Georgetown and purchased Budget Groceries which he gutted. The building, at 90 Main Street South, had been used as a post office.

In 1971, Jim Goodlet Sr. retired and the business was purchased by his sons Brian and Jim, who were joined 5 years later by brother Doug. Although the business now deals mainly in appliances and furniture, there is still a supply of hardware merchandise in the area which had been Dougal Reid's coal/blacksmith shop. The store today (1989) is known simply as Goodlet's.

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