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The race is on

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The Herald

To date, none of the current Halton Hills councillors have publicly announced they will be running in the November municipal election. However, two challengers have taken the first steps towards running a campaign for the fall election.

Georgetown residents Arthur Trebbne and Tom Politi have submitted papers to the Town permitting them to solicit campaign contributions. Their candidacy won't become official until they submit their nomination forms to the Town between the required dates of Oct. 9 and Oct. 11.



Arthur Trebbne

Contacted Monday, Mr. Politi said he was still undecided if he would run in the election. He submitted the form to solicit campaign contributions so most of the paperwork would be done if he decided to run. If he does run, it will be in Ward 3.

The current Town councillors for Ward 3 are Pat McCarthy and Anne Currie. The Ward's Regional representative is Pam Johnston.

Mr. Trebbne, however, has decided he will run for one of the Town council seats in Ward 3.

Mr. Trebbne, who has no political experience, said Friday, development will be a major issue in his campaign.

"I'm pro-development," said the Georgetown National Real Estate Service agent.

Mr. Trebbne said he supports both industrial and residential development. The Town tax rate is high because the community lacks a solid industrial base, he said.

Asked how he would attract in-

dustry to Georgetown, Mr. Trebbne said success depends on going out and knocking on industry's doors.

"People might find it interesting but a lot of industry doesn't know where Georgetown is located," he said.

As for residential development, Mr. Trebbne would like to see it go to Georgetown South and the downtown area of Georgetown.

Mr. Trebbne's Ward includes the Maple Avenue property corresponding to the following addresses: 333, 337 and 339 Maple Avenue. This property is the centre of controversy between a condominium application and the neighboring resident's opposition to the idea.

Mr. Trebbne said, "I'd like to see the condo project go ahead."

Acknowledging his position may be unpopular, Mr. Trebbne said the project should go ahead because it will increase the property value of the surrounding houses. He knows this because of the condominiums relative high price.

Mr. Trebbne predicts his lack of political experience won't be a hindrance, in fact it may be a benefit. "As a rookie I don't know all the rules, so I'm not as likely to be afraid of changing them," he said.

Current Ward 3 Town Councillor Pat McCarthy said Friday he remains undecided if he will seek re-election.

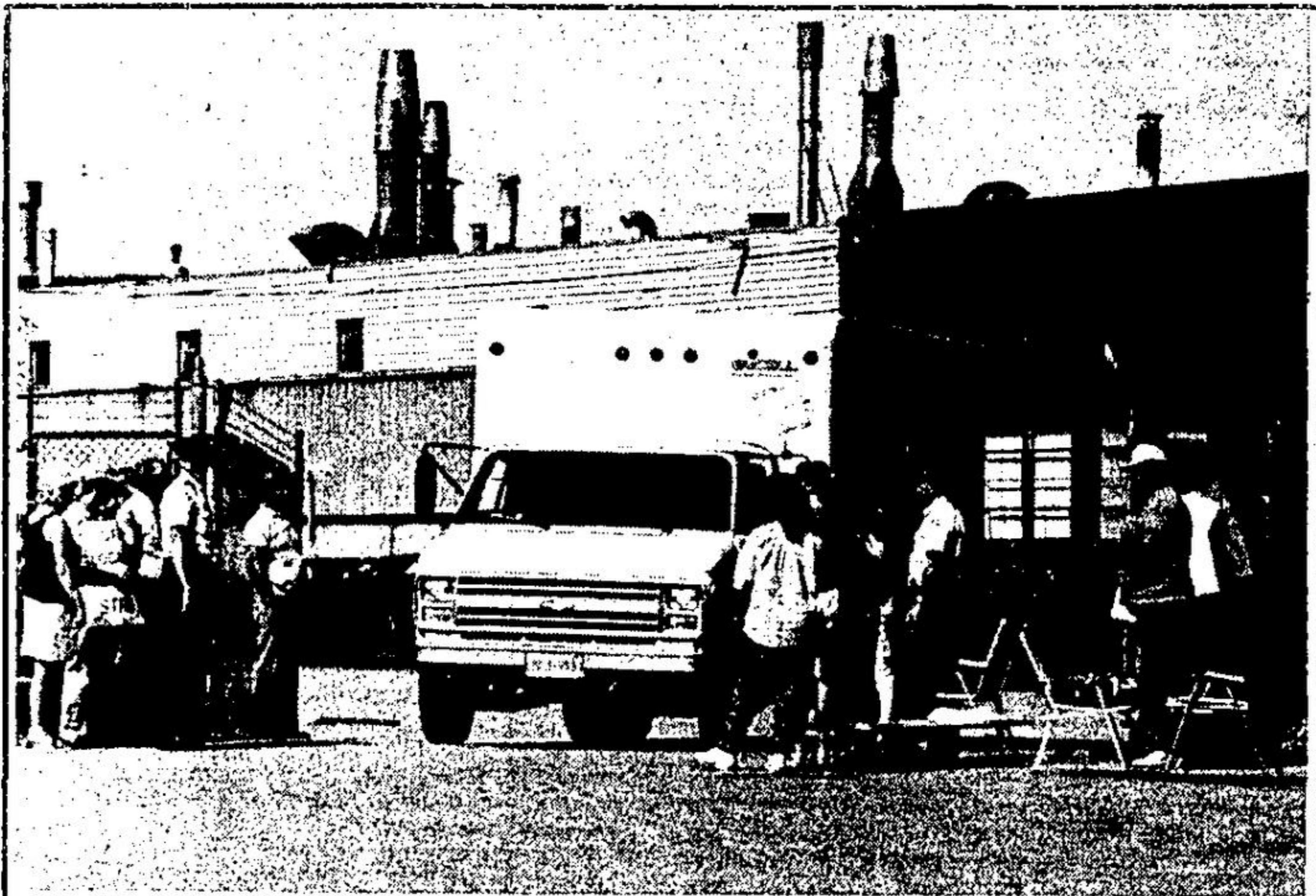
"Being on Town council is expensive in terms of family and missed business opportunities, but it is rewarding because you can help solve problems," he said.

"The question therefore comes down to where you are more helpful - focusing on your personal responsibilities or the Town," he suggested.

Another consideration, said Mr. McCarthy, is the possibility of running for the Region in Ward 3. "A number of people have encouraged me to go in that direction," he said.

He predicts the election will centre on the issues of development, municipal taxes and the Acton dump proposal.

Ward 3 Town Councillor Anne Currie could not be reached for comment at press time.



Police control strikers

Halton Regional Police officers hold back striking workers at the Eagle Dominion plant in Acton Monday to allow an Eagle Dominion truck to exit. Police officers have been called to the scene daily as strikers refuse to allow incoming and outgoing trucks and people through the gate. Officers have

also been investigating several reports of car vandalism to vehicles owned by workers crossing the picket line. So far, no charges have been laid against approximately 40 strikers who've been picketing since June 7 for higher wages. (Herald photo)

Seniors frustrated by inaction

After more than two-and-a-half years since the formation of the Georgetown and District Seniors Association, the group is still without a permanent residence for their operations. The association is now seeking temporary residence.

"We are not changing our focus of a permanent residence," states Les Mellish, President of the Seniors Association. "We may however have to offer services to our members on a temporary basis."

Mr. Mellish and the Georgetown and District Seniors Association have been led to believe a bylaw will be passed by the town this summer that will allow them to apply for provincial funding. Town of Halton Hills

Mayor Russell Miller confirmed this Monday morning, stating a meeting is planned in the near future with Councillor Gerald Rennie to discuss this issue.

Ross Bethel, vice president of the seniors association, explains that funding is not available for a permanent residence. He estimates that a permanent residence will not be available for the association for at least five years.

The seniors association recently turned down an offer for a temporary residence at Sacre-Coeur Church on Guelph Street. Mr. Mellish explains the main reason for the rejection was finances.

"If the town had come to us and provided funding for this offer, we would have gone for it," said Mr. Mellish.

He explains the possibilities at Sacre-Coeur were limited and that a fair amount of renovation would have been required. Also, he states there wasn't money available for a paid co-ordinator and that operations can't be done by volunteers.

Approaching a membership of 800, Georgetown and District Seniors Association is the only one in Halton that doesn't have a permanent residence.

"It's time we had a centre," says Mr. Bethel, who states a residence would give the association an image in town along with public relations advantages.

Mr. Mellish, who has been president of the senior association since its formation, says he

plans to continue fundraising this year and hopes to increase funds more rapidly. He explains this will make an impression in the community, perhaps enough so for others to start thinking about the problem.

Mr. Mellish and Mr. Bethel say they hope a temporary residence can be found within six months to a year.

Mr. Mellish explains they are seeking a residence that would offer activities and services the association originally proposed. A large room would be required for carpet bowling and social events along with smaller rooms for arts and crafts. He would also like to provide a small reading area, library and modest kitchen facilities.

"This would give us a presence in town," says Mr. Bethel. "It would be good ground work for a permanent residence. It would keep up the interest level."

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OMB APPEAL STORY CLARIFIED

On May 31, 1991, The Halton Hills Herald published a story about an appeal brought by Acton resident, Michael Armstrong, to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) over the Kingsmill development project in the River Drive area of Georgetown.

This article included statements made by the project's developer, Larry Law. These

statements were solely the opinions of Mr. Law and not the opinions of The Halton Hills Herald. We retract any suggestion in the article that Mr. Armstrong's appeal was brought for anything other than appropriate reasons.

We apologize to Mr. Armstrong and regret any embarrassment caused by the publication of this article.



Lucky 13th

Tom Flatley found the 13th hole to be a lucky one during the 15th Annual Bill Smith Golf Tournament on Monday when his hole in one earned him a pickup truck from Achilles Motors. Mel McElwain, service

manager of the dealership (left) and Bill Smith present Flatley with the key. This year's event raised \$25,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society. See B3 for more information. (Herald photo)