

Lena Johnston honored as 1991 Citizen of the Year

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When Lena Johnston moved to town back in 1946, the residents of Georgetown had no idea how significant that move would be. But more than 45 years later, nearly 120 people gathered at the Lions' Hall, Tuesday night to honor Lena as Georgetown's 1991 Citizen of the Year in recognition of her volunteer work during those years. "I doubt there is any family in Georgetown," said Lion Carl Hansen, "who hasn't been affected either directly or indirectly by Lena Johnston's service. She is truly a

remarkable person." Hansen, chairman of the Lions' selection committee, listed Lena's many accomplishments over those years, from her involvement as a founding member of the Georgetown Hospital Auxiliary to driving patients to Toronto for doctors' appointments. He explained how she with her first husband Ernie Rawson, opened their radio and electric business on Mill St. (near the old Roxy Theatre) and told of the business being destroyed in the Roxy fire. After Ernie's death, Lena married Leigh Johnston in 1968. He died in 1979. Lena has had a 40 year involve-

ment with the Verdun Rebekah Lodge and was awarded their highest honor, the Degree of Chivalry. Lena has held several offices within the lodge as well as St. George's Anglican Church. "She also has a number of senior friends who she calls at night," explained Hansen, "Just to check on them. And if they have any problems, Lena just hops in the car and drives over, late at night, to help out. That's how much this woman cares." Lena is also very involved in various seniors' groups including past president of the Belles and Beaus, and the United Seniors of Ontario. She has also spent more

than 20 years volunteering for the Red Cross plus a host of other accomplishments over the years. "This is your night, Lena" he concluded, "And your friends- not just the Lions Club- are all here to honor you tonight." Hansen presented Lena with the plaque as Citizen of the Year, followed by his wife Dorothy, who presented her with a dozen red roses. Presentations followed from MP Garth Turner for the Prime Minister, Norma Peterson, acting for MPP Noel Duignan and the Province of Ontario, Mayor Russ Miller, Halton regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy, and David Page, president of Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce.



Georgetown's 20th Citizen of the Year, Lena Johnston is joined by daughter Mary Sanderson following the annual dinner at the Lions' Hall, Tuesday night.

Greetings and words of congratulations and love were read from Lena's son David and his wife Gina from Thunder Bay, along with letters from her grandchildren. Lena's daughter, Mary Sanderson of Brampton, accompanied her to the dinner. "I would just like to thank everyone for everything," said Lena in her reply, "But this recognition is really beyond my imagination. "When we moved here in 1946," she smiled, "It was to be for about three months but somehow it lasted all these years. "But I love Georgetown and all the people- they've been so good to me in all aspects. I didn't do all those things to be recognized, I did

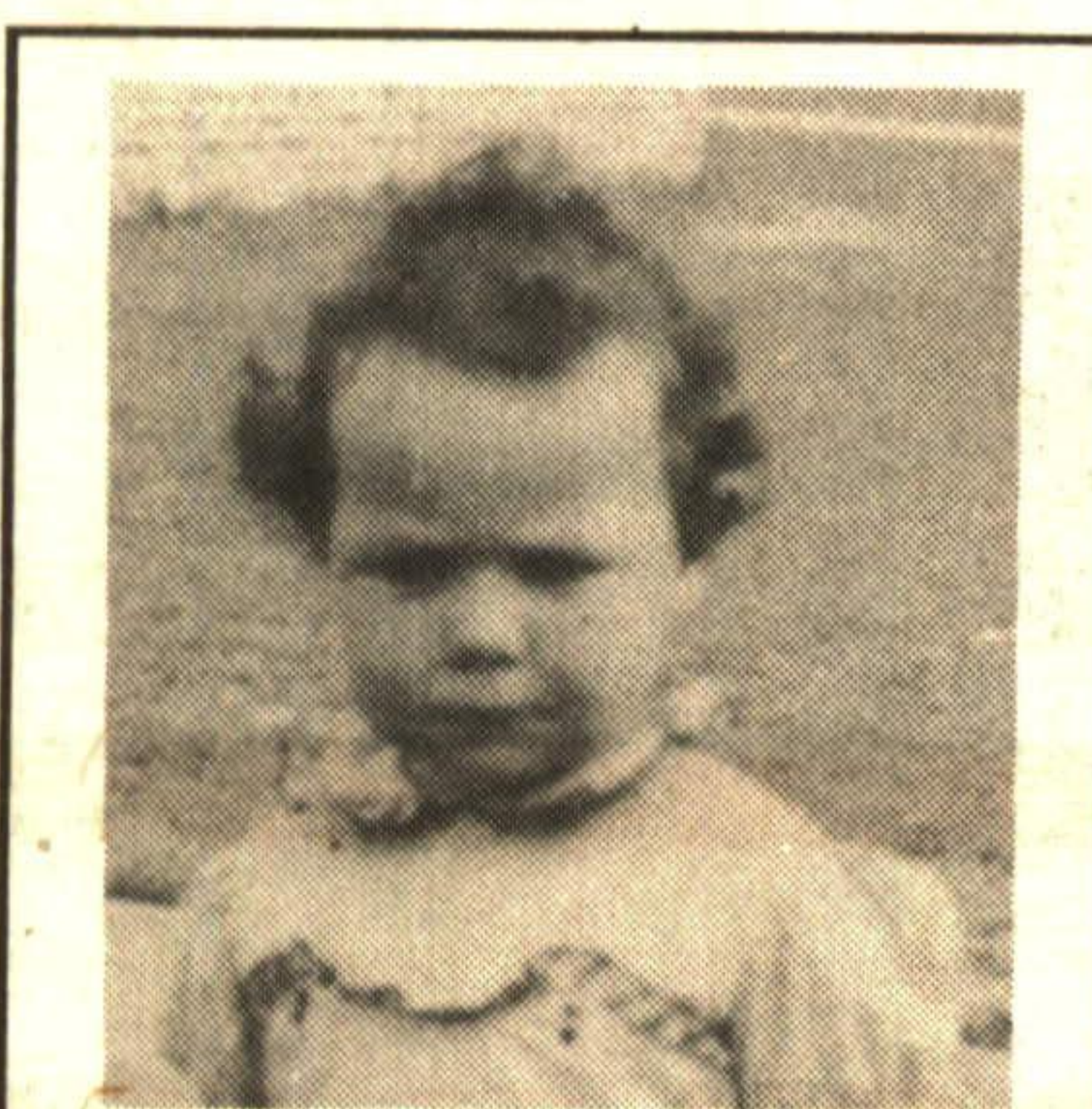
them because I enjoyed very minute of it. You know, driving people to Toronto was no great thing- I lived there for awhile and knew how to get around down there. "And if anyone needs a ride to a doctor's appointment," she concluded, "Just give me a call, I'll be glad to take you." Lena is the 20th recipient of Georgetown Citizen of the Year, and a number of past Citizens of the Year were in attendance, including the first, Peggy Treahy, now living in Fergus. Other former recipients on hand included Irwin and Joy Noble, Ted Gorth, Tom Ramautarsingh, Jessie Hayes and last year's Citizen, Siena Van Hoekelen.

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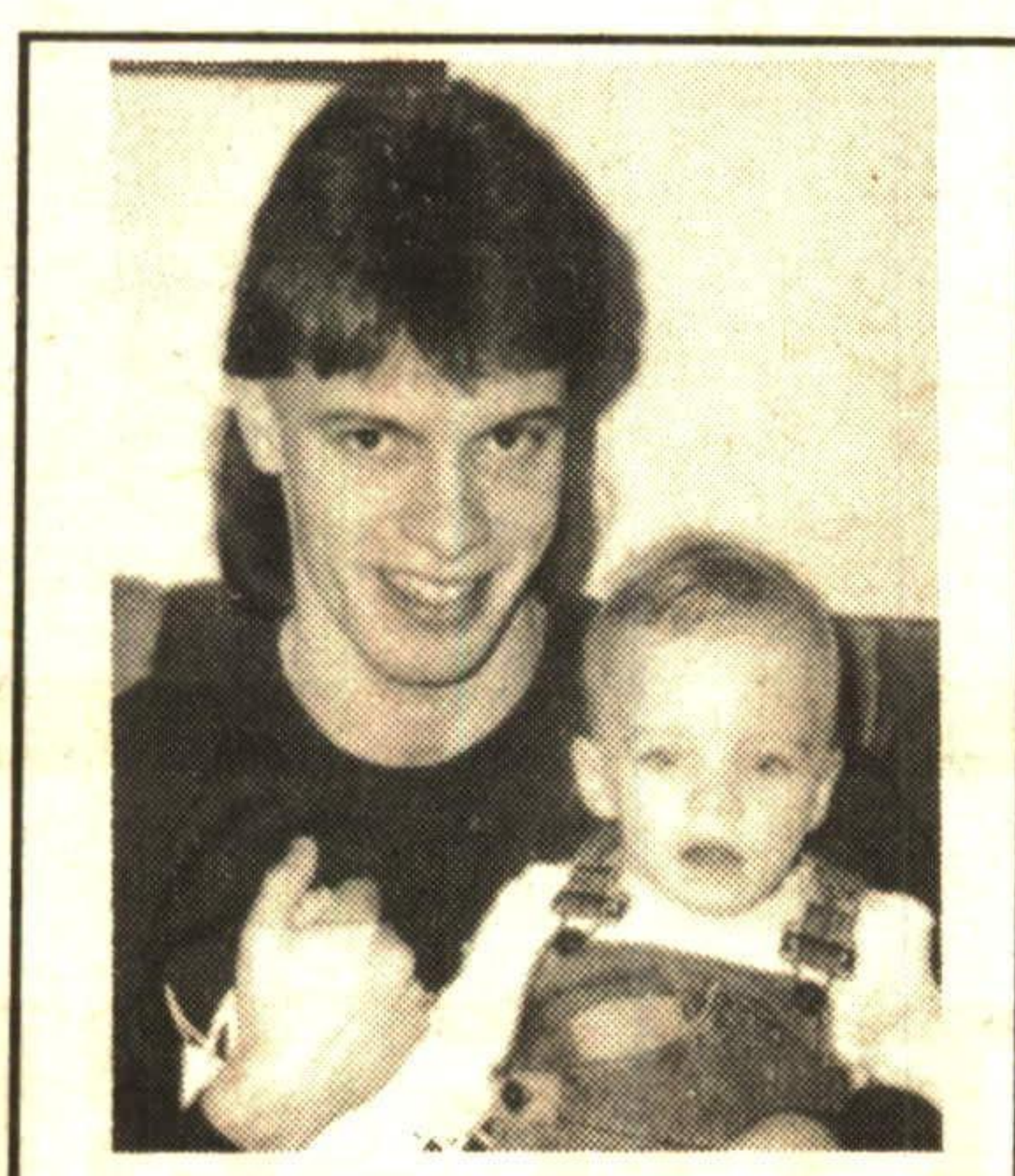
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Third Line issue debated

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Landry said. "Should the new site plan be approved within the next two weeks, council will have lost the opportunity to avoid the amending procedure...Enforcing the Third Line agreement at this point then becomes increasingly more difficult."

longer feels comfortable with the (town's) legal advice" now that Landry has presented different arguments. "This is a challenging situation - why did we spend all of this money on legal advice?—will be the big question if we lose (a hearing on the landfill proposal)," he said.

In 1974, a contract between former quarry owners Indusmin and the town stated that once the area is completely mined, the Third Line will be put back in its original position at the request of the municipality. The road currently skirts around the lip of the quarry. Landry agrees with FOAD's position that the replacement of the Third Line through the quarry will stymie the landfill proposal, but the town doesn't believe the situation to be as cut and dry as that. "I have also been in contact with the MNR, and the ministry has committed themselves to let the town review the site plans before they are approved," Administrator Dan Costea replied. "I am assured that this commitment is going to be upheld...We do have legal advice on this whole issue, and that situation has not changed. So I strongly recommend that council not follow Mr. Landry's recommendation." However, councillors Anne Currie and Bill Robson insisted that Landry's suggestions be immediately sent to the town's lawyer for his opinion, and asked for a special council meeting to discuss it before week's end. But, councillor Rob Heaton, waving the MNR letter in his hand, angrily shot back that he "no

Severance deferred
A revised application by Glenn and Gillian Scott to sever just shy of an acre from their land on 22 Sdrd. west of Winston Churchill Blvd. has been deferred at their own request. The region's land division committee (LDC) was set to review the Scott application Thursday, but some "outstanding issues" still need to be resolved, according to LDC spokesperson Paula Kobil. The original application was turned down by the LDC, but that decision was appealed by the Scotts, which resulted in the revised request. The Scotts hope to sever the parcel for a residential lot.

Correction

In the Wednesday edition of the Independent/Free Press, Feb. 26, the address of the newly moved Cranfield Chiropractic Clinic was incorrect. The clinic has re-opened into their own building in Norval at 518 Guelph St. This newspaper apologizes for the error and regrets any inconvenience it may have caused.

Severance approved
Despite Halton regional staff's objections, the land division committee (LDC) approved a retirement lot severance in Nassagaweya last week. Ernest and Frances Pierce applied to sever approximately five acres from their 10-acre parcel located on Milton's Sixth Line, south of 25 Sdrd. as a retirement lot. Although the Town of Milton and most other agencies okayed the application, regional staff were against it because the couple are not bona fide farmers. Under rural severance policies, retirement lots should only be granted to those who have farmed the land for at least 10 years, which the Pierces have not done.

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