



Fly Fishing of Canada member Jack Simpson presented mayor Russ Miller and the town with a print of a brown trout in the Credit River, in honor of the late George Hoare. George, a conservationist, writer and avid fisherman, passed away two years ago. The print's original was painted by Georgetown resident, and close friend of George, John Harrington.

Special presentation

George Hoare remembered

By **STUART JOHNSTON**
Staff writer

The late George Hoare will always be remembered by this community as a dedicated conservationist above all other things, family and friends said at a special reception in his honor Monday night.

Representatives from Fly Fishing Canada and the Outdoor

Writers of Canada gathered with George's many friends and family at the Civic Centre to unveil a framed print dedicated in his honor.

The print, originally painted by Georgetown resident and George's close friend, John Harrington, depicts a brown trout at the Forks of the Credit being enticed by a fisherman's fly. Mounted at each bottom corner of the print is a special fly that was tied by none other than George himself.

"The painting is in appreciation by all conservationists dedicated to restore life back into the Credit (River)," Fly Fishing Canada rep Jack Simpson said. "Seventeen years ago you couldn't see a pebble at the bottom of the river. But, today, as you can see in the painting, it's crystal clear."

Simpson recalled a "little known fact" that George was instrumental in getting brown trout back into the Credit.

It was he, Simpson said, that convinced the ministry of natural resources to put the fish by the dam at Norval.

"It may have even been the first browns in all of the Credit," he added.

Simpson also "brought high respect" from the Outdoor Writers of Canada. Prior to his passing away two years ago, George wrote for many publications, most notably a outdoors column for the Independent/Free Press for over 15 years.

Mayor Russ Miller called George "a unique person," adding he "always enjoyed" spending time with him.

"We didn't have a lot in common as far as fishing was concerned, but he was a real conservationist, so contributed a lot to the community," he said. "He was always very concerned about the environment, and I think that's what he'll always be remembered for."

Miller promised to place Harrington's painting "in a prominent" place at the Civic Centre.



GEORGE HOARE

School-based daycare topic of discussion

By **ROB KELLY**
Special to the Independent/Free Press

Oakville regional councillor Bill Logan wants to know who will pay the tab if child daycare becomes more closely linked to the school system.

Last week consultant Nancy Draper told Halton's health and social services committee that parents polled in a recent regional child care study "look at schools as the hub of the neighborhood" and believe "schools should probably be the location of child care for school age children."

The \$50,000 study done by Halton was funded by the provincial government. According to Halton's acting social services director, Karen Chan, provincial authorities will examine the work to see how it can be used to plan on a larger scale.

Councillor Logan succeeded in getting committee approval to fire off a warning flare to the province; the committee accepted the study, but added a rider cautioning that there are concerns about how it will be funded, especially if it involves property tax dollars.

Since more than half of area property taxes go to school system funding, councillor Logan is worried that the responsibility for underwriting a school-oriented day care system will fall on local ratepayers.

Draper said the aim of the study was not to indicate that "education will fund this." Instead it was just to examine more of a "collaborative effort" in child care.

"I find it curious," councillor Logan replied. "We are, it looks like, entangling child care and education. If the boards of education are going to become in any way responsible (for child care) we should know who is going to pay for it."

Chan said study proposals were meant to be general options for changing the way child care is delivered, not for deciding who has to foot the bill.

Logan remained unconvinced. "I want it noted that this report does not address funding," he stressed, proposing his amendment to formally state Halton's concerns.

Oakville mayor Ann Mulvale backed him up, indicating that approving the report is one thing, but budgeting should be a separate issue. "How the funds flow is a whole new ball game."

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