

Georgetown has a Reform MP

By Colin Gibson

Dick MacDuffee, the Reform Party candidate, finished a relatively close third in Halton-Peel behind incumbent Garth Turner and newly-elected Liberal Julian Reed in last Monday's federal election.

The Reform Party's strong showing locally surprised a lot of people, but not lifelong resident John Cummins Sr.

The reason? His son, John Jr., who was born in Georgetown, has been elected as the Reform Party Member of Parliament for the federal riding of Delta in British Columbia.

The younger Cummins, 51, attended the old Chapel St. public school in Georgetown and is a Georgetown District High School graduate.

He attained his BA from the University of Western

Ontario in London and his MA from the University of British Columbia.

As a youth growing up in Georgetown, John Jr. earned money during the summer working on area farms and in his later teens, worked at Domtar in Georgetown.

An important part of his campaign platform was representative government. "The Reform Party believes that MPs are elected to serve," he stressed in his campaign literature, "Reform does not believe in elected dictatorship."



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The just-elected Reform MP with the Georgetown roots, headed west 15 years ago and worked in the Alberta oil fields and in the construction of the Bennett hydro-electric dam in Northern British Columbia.

He also taught in the Northwest Territories and the Peace River district of northern Alberta.

A veritable jack-of-all trades, he is also a commercial fisherman and notes this has made him especially aware of the need to conserve fisheries resources and protect the environment. He is also sensitive to the concerns of native Canadians.

He and his wife Sue have four children.

Rather ironic that the Reform surge in Halton-Peel is reflected in the election of a former Georgetown resident in Delta, British Columbia.



The gravel truck, driven by 36-year-old Brampton resident Henley McLeod, and the wrecked Oldsmobile involved in the fatal accident, on Hwy. 7 just north of Georgetown Tuesday, bear mute testimony to the violence of the collision that claimed the life of 45-year-old Margaret Boynton of Orton, a passenger in the Oldsmobile. According to a police report, a car, driven by 58-year-old Bill Spielvogel, was behind the Oldsmobile, waiting to turn left. Spielvogel then turned right, cutting off McLeod who was passing in the right-hand lane. McLeod swerved left, hitting the Oldsmobile and a pick-up truck which was heading west on Hwy. 7. The accident is still under investigation.
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Dr. Nigel Phipps learned Wednesday that even putting on a sock can be a challenge for wheelchair-restricted people. Phipps was one of many Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital staffers who attended the second annual wheelchair obstacle course, organized by the Occupational Therapy (OT) department.

photo by Simon Wilson/HHTW

Truck ban on Maple Ave. a possibility

By Oksana Buhel

Petitions and presentations before Town of Halton Hills and Halton Regional councillors may result in the banning of trucks on Maple Ave. in Georgetown.

Ken Thorn, executive member of R.A.I.D.D. (Residents Active in Development Decisions) made a presentation at Monday's Town of Halton Hills council meeting and one at Wednesday's Halton Region Planning and Public Works committee meeting and presented councillors with a petition signed by 150 area residents.

He asked councillors to ban heavy gravel trucks from the road on the basis of safety and noise. "There are school children who walk along the road, two churches and many residents who are concerned about safety," he pointed out.

Thorn informed councillors the drivers were not observing the speed limit and occasionally running red lights because of their inability to stop quickly and reluctance to lose the momentum which would get them to the top of the hill.

Thorn also complained about the noise the trucks made "bouncing along the road," - noise which began "as early as 5:15 a.m. and continued until well after 6 p.m."

Thorn listed three available options - posting a new speed limit, which "is futile because they don't even observe this one," having a police cruiser monitor speeds, which "is a temporary measure because as soon as the cruiser is gone, the same thing will happen," or asking regional councillors to ban heavy traffic on Maple Ave. (a regional road).

Regional councillors gave direction to staff to prepare an updated traffic study of Maple Ave., focusing specifically on potential alternate routes. The report should be ready in two months. In the meantime, police patrols will be stepped up in the area. Councillors also indicated they will be in contact with aggregate companies, informing them of resident complaints.

Thorn was pleased with the results. "It (planning and public works meeting) went quite well," he said. "We got as much as we expected."

Internal theft

A two-week investigation of internal thefts at Zellers Department Store in the Georgetown Marketplace resulted in the arrest of three members of the cleaning crew Thursday morning.

Security staff in the store grew suspicious as small items, such as dishes, clothing, and household goods, kept disappearing. Security

discovered the three men were often walking out of the store with merchandise on their body.

Three men from the Hamilton area were charged on two counts each of theft under \$1,000. They will appear in Ontario Court, Provincial Division in Milton Division Nov. 22 to face charges.

Careless crook

A careless thief left almost every indication of his identity when he attempted to rob Daddy's Chicken and Cafe on Guelph St. in Georgetown early Monday morning.

The man entered through the rear door and began stacking up furniture, paintings, soda pop dispensers, dishes and various other items in the back room. The man was apparently planning to move the items out of the premises because a telephone directory was left open with a moving company telephone number circled and the hour of arrival was written down.

Evidently the man was

frightened off since nothing was transported out of the restaurant.

The owner of the company, which leased the tables to the restaurant, was also called at 5:30 a.m. and a message was left offering to sell the tables back.

Burn marks and bleach stains were left on the carpet.

Damage was valued at \$6,000.

Police arrested 23-year-old Anthony Maan of Brantford a former partner of Daddy's and charged him with break and enter, and theft. Maan will be appearing in Ontario Court, provincial division in Milton, Nov. 22

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