

May - Region chairman Pomeroy charged by Project 80 investigators

Project 80 investigators charged Halton Region Chairman Peter Pomeroy, 54, with two counts of Breach of Trust and two counts of Accept a Secret Commission; Pomeroy's wife Patricia Crimmins, 51, the Region's Deputy Clerk, was charged with one count of Offer a Secret Commission; prominent Georgetown lawyer (and Pomeroy's former counsel) Herbert (Bert) Arnold, 42, was charged with one count of Offer a Secret Commission and former developer Albert (Ab)

Tennant, 65, - now a resident of Dundalk - was charged with one count of Offer a Secret Commission. The charges were laid, said Inspector Vaughan O'Toole, head of Project 80, after a "1 1/2-year investigation into allegations of impropriety." Project 80 is a joint force comprising members of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force, the Ontario Provincial Police and the York Regional Police Force created to conduct investigations relevant to alleged criminal improprieties of elected and non-

elected public officials in Halton Region. O'Toole told reporters the present charges relate to the obtaining of properties in both Georgetown and Sarasota Fla. but didn't comment further.

Pomeroy retained the services of a Mississauga attorney but said "I feel many emotions right now because I really don't understand the basis of these charges."

Rumors of municipal impropriety surfaced in 1989 concerning a parcel of land in Georgetown south. The 21-hectare (54 acre)

property jumped in value from \$350,000 in 1981 to \$11 million when sold in 1989 and some local residents felt the development company had been promised approval for water and services without going through the proper procedures. It was also alleged the leap in property value had to do with back room promises.

The Hamilton Spectator reported that on March 25, 1987, Pomeroy purchased a condominium unit for \$85,000 and that three weeks previously, Tennant paid \$91,000 cash for a

condo in the same building. The newspaper's investigation revealed bills being paid from a joint account held by Tennant and Crimmins. Pomeroy, described as a "local boy who made good," served two years on Town of Halton Hills Council and was then elected Mayor of Halton Hills.

Preventable deaths
Last year over 4,000 Canadians died in motor vehicle collisions - 85 per cent of which were the direct result of improper driving practices. Most profes-

sionals agreed the majority of traffic accidents are preventable through simple defensive driving techniques. The term 'defensive driving' was divided into three distinct actions, all of which combine to reduce both accidents and insurance costs. The first step is recognizing the potential hazard, the second is understanding the proper action to be taken and the third is taking the necessary action in time. Courses were being conducted across the province to allow drivers to upgrade their driving habits.



Acton Citizen of the Year for 1992 John Toebes, took a moment to pose with his grandchildren at the Citizen of the Year award dinner held at the Acton Legion. Flanking Mr. Toebes, from left, Phillip McIntyre, Terra Drohan, Jodie Toebes and Trisha Drohan. At rear, from left, Trevor Drohan, Derek McIntyre, Brian McIntyre, Jenny Toebes and Lori Drohan.
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Camerman John Deakin focuses on Georgetown Kinsmen Club T.V. Auction hosts Jack Wallinga (left) and Mike Springer at the 9th annual Georgetown Kinsmen Club T.V. Auction which aired on Halton Cable Systems Channel 4.
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