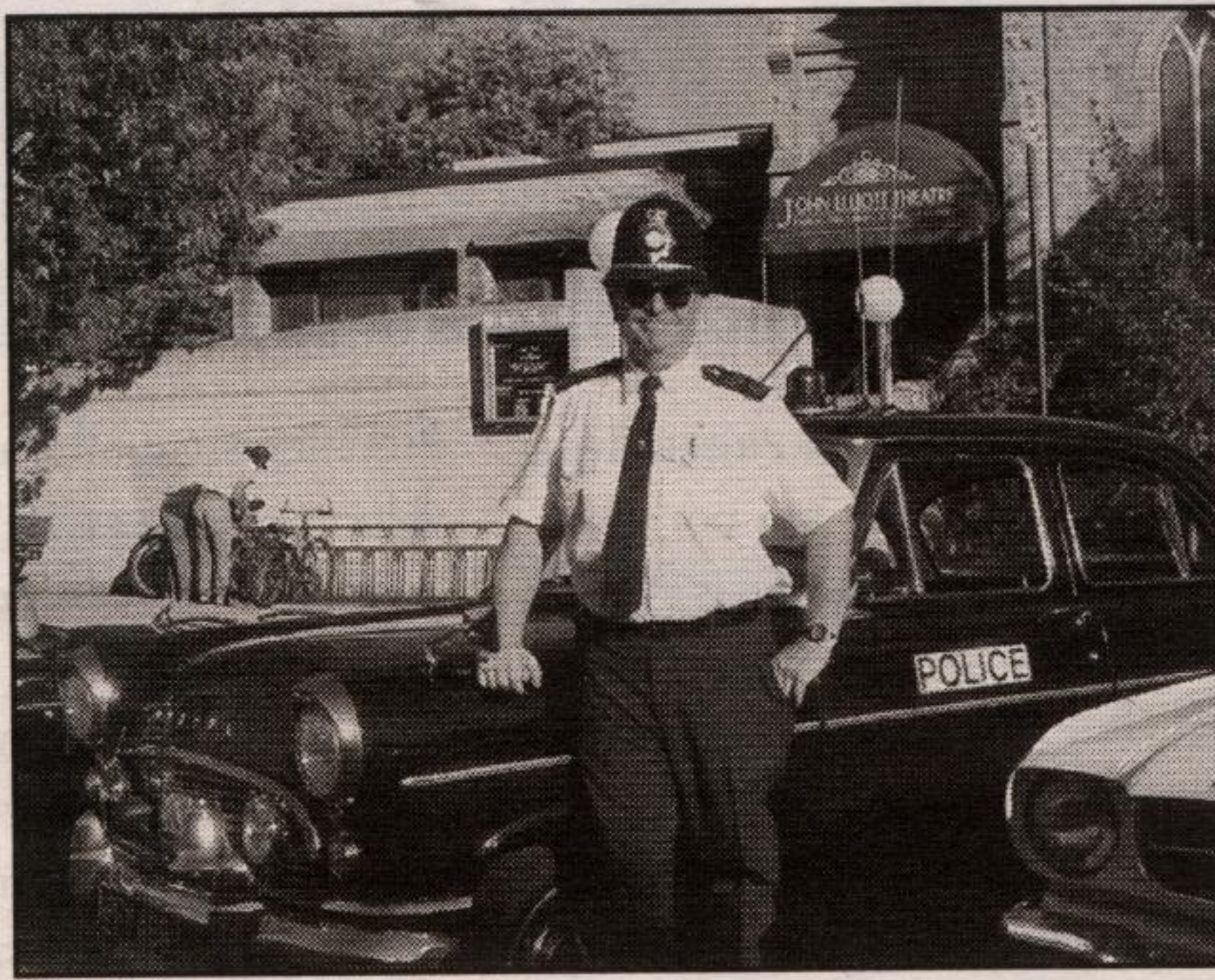


Rock'n' and roll'n' at Georgetown's Classic Car Show

John Tatham of Georgetown was policing the neighbourhood with his 1962 Ford Consul at the Rock'n' and Roll'n' Classics Car Show on August 22. Mr. Tatham bought the car five years ago and, as he puts it, "has done some decorating," on it.

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Halton Sketches Revisited: Historical Tales of People and Events in North Halton

Quaile Reviews

By DEBORAH QUAIL

Readers of *The North Halton Compass* know that we have a long-time love of history, as shown by our numerous articles on various subjects, and especially the inclusion of the popular *Shoebox* series. One kindred spirit to us is John McDonald of Milton. Mr. McDonald has been involved with family lore and folksy subjects since 1974 when Hartley Coles, editor of *The Georgetown Independent* (now editor of *The New Tanner*), approached him to pen a series of articles on the people of Halton Hills. Within two years the popular series grew to become a book, *Halton Sketches*, and has since gone through three more printings as *Halton Sketches Revisited*.

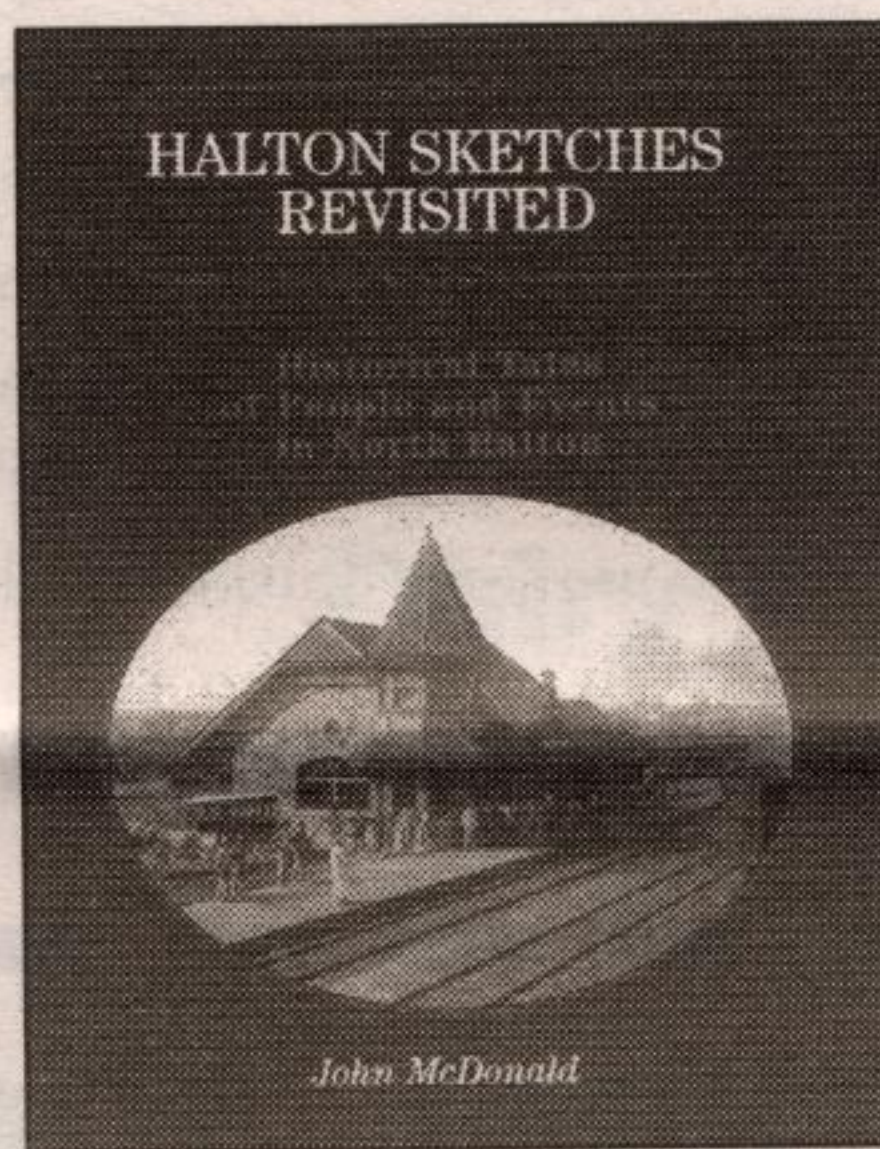
The tales mainly deal with Georgetown, Acton, Glen Williams, Limehouse and Norval, all part of what used to be

Esquesing Township. There were "excellent mill sites on the waterways which wind through the area to Lake Ontario, and all are surrounded by very rich agricultural land," Mr. McDonald notes. His historical overviews first pinpoint Halton and then delve into the five locations, covering topics such as L.M. Montgomery's residence in Norval, Beaumont Knitting in Glen Williams and Georgetown's Irish entrepreneurs. There are some fascinating facts in this collection of stories. Do you know where Timothy Eaton worked in Glen Williams? Or that John Brain's beer that was brewed in Hornby had such a high alcohol content that the clients complained, and Brain reluctantly reduced it? These tidbits and many more are contained in the lavishly illustrated book where black and white photos and maps enhance the vision of the past.

Halton Sketches Revisited is nicely designed and offers an engaging writing style that is a sincere depiction of the flavour of the area: It's a book to treasure whether you're an avid or arm-chair historian.

John McDonald is a founding member of the Esquesing Historical Society, and a former member of the Halton Hills and Halton Region councils.

HALTON SKETCHES REVISITED: HISTORICAL TALES OF PEOPLE AND EVENTS IN NORTH HALTON
John McDonald
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Donna Danielli's Just Kidding



The Town of Halton Hills has a number of programs for kids beginning this month. **Youth Fitness** is for 13 to 18-year-olds who are looking to have fun and get in shape. This program runs Mondays from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. at St. Brigid Elementary School, September 15 to November 24, at a cost of \$41.09. **Creative and Crafty** offers an introduction to painting, drawing and working with clay. This class takes place at Centennial Middle School on Tuesdays from September 30 to December 2. Classes for seven to nine-year-olds run from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., and classes for 10 to 12-year-olds run from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Cost for each class is \$40. **Saturday Fun Club** is offered to three to five-year-olds at two locations this fall. Offering two fun-filled hours of games, crafts, singing

songs and story time, this class runs at Ecole Sacré Coeur, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and at the Boathouse in Prospect Park from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Both locations run the programs from September 13 to November 22 at a cost of \$85. For more information about any of the Town of Halton Hills programs, please call 905-873-2601, extension 2262.

Libraries in Halton Hills and Milton are encouraging children aged six months to five years to bring their parents by for registration in their Preschool Story Programs. Libraries in Acton, Georgetown and Milton will be offering **Baby Tales** for six to 23-month-olds, and **Tales for Twos** for two-year-olds and an accompanying adult. The Milton Public Library also offers **Teddy Bear Time**, a drop-in story time for children aged three and older, while the Acton and Georgetown Public Libraries offer

Library Lion Tales for three to five-year-olds, and **Family Story Time** for parents and young children to enjoy together. Registration for the public libraries' programs will take place from September 23 to 28 at the Milton location, and from September 2 to 27 at the Acton and Georgetown locations. For more information, you can call the Milton Public Library at 905-875-2665, the Acton Public Library at 519-853-0301 and the Georgetown Public Library at 905-873-2681.

Celebrate Ontario's First Nations on Sunday, September 14 at Crawford Lake. The **Indian Summer Festival** includes native arts and crafts, corn husk doll making, discovery hunts with prizes and more. This runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and a special event fee applies. Call 905-854-0234 to find out more.



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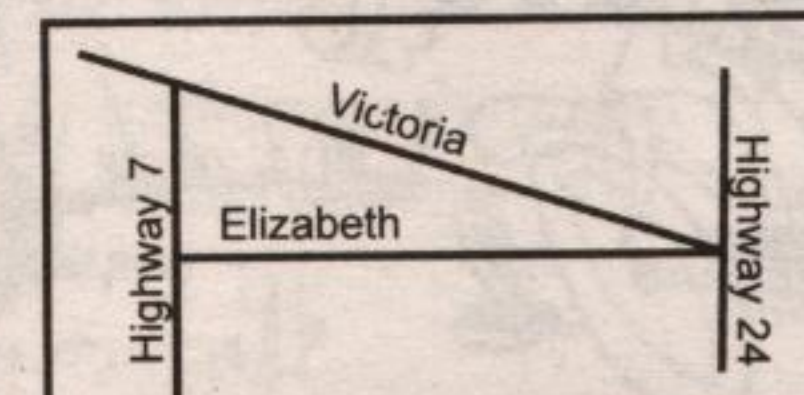
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