

NEWS of the district

Rate drops - taxes climb

GEORGETOWN—Georgetown ratepayers will pay more taxes this year but experience a large drop in the mill rate. An average household paying taxes of \$372 last year will be required to pay \$408 in 1969 despite a drop in the mill rate from 82.85 mills to 68. Reason for the paradox is the re-assessment of Georgetown completed during 1968.

Houses which were assessed approximately \$4,500 on the old assessment might be assessed as high as \$6,000 under the new system.

Over 38 mills of the new 68 rate—well over half—is ticked for education. General purpose rate takes up 18.61 mills.

The industrial and commercial rate dropped 16.90 mills which Reeve Hunter called a real inducement for industry to come to Georgetown.

Attempt to close Elora High

FERGUS—Attempts to close the Elora high school and transfer students to the larger Fergus school are meeting with some determined opposition from Elora residents. The Wellington Board of Education has discussed the proposal but has taken no action pending a further report.

Walter Bolger, the board representative for Nichol, Pilkington and Elora said students who want to come to Fergus from Elora are considered "traitors" in their village.

He said he had received telephone calls from parents who thought their children could get better education in Fergus and yet were being pressured by public opinion to remain in Elora. He suggested that Fergus and Elora be considered one unit and that the students be transferred back and forth as necessary.

Richard Gilman, Fergus principal, said pressure being put on students was likely the result of "rivalry of the older generation" between Fergus and Elora.

A year ago, students and parents in Elora mounted a successful campaign to pressure the Centre Wellington High School board into keeping the Elora high school open. It was proposed then that the students be transported to the Fergus school.

J. M. Gilchrist, who represents Guelph, Eramosa and Puslinch townships on the board, has been the main mover behind the change. He said it would mean a saving to the taxpayers of an estimated \$100,000 in salaries and would ease the crowded situation in public schools in the area as well.

Erin loses to Haliburton

ERIN—Over 60 cars carried fans from Erin to Haliburton for the first game of the Ontario bantam hockey finals between Erin and Haliburton.

The Haliburton club, undefeated all season, had no difficulty defeating Erin 8-1 in the first game but Erin gave them a real tussle in the second contest at home before bowing 7-3.

Final game Wednesday in Haliburton was won by the Champions but the Erin team were again given full marks for a real championship fight by friend and foe alike.

Back in baseball picture

CAMPBELLVILLE—Campbellville Merchants, the most successful team ever to compete in Ontario amateur baseball, will likely be back in the thick of the intermediate baseball wars again this season while Milton will only enter a junior club.

Officials of the two neighboring clubs have agreed there is a shortage of intermediate class players for a team in both centres and with Milton dropping out of the league, it leaves the field open for town players to try out with the village team.

Campbellville club president Ken Moore said the village's Juvenile-Hilton champions in 1968—were strong enough to step up to Intermediate ranks if they could count on support from ex-Milton players.

Township gets \$4,193 taxes from Georgetown senior housing

An Esqueing Township site on the limits of Georgetown will accommodate a 24 unit, geared-to-income housing project for Senior Citizens.

In approving the revised formula for financing the project, Esqueing Council will not receive full taxes estimated at \$4,193, while assuming seven and a half per cent of any losses.

Speaking in support of the revised formula for the municipal participation, Councillor Ken Marshall noted the acceptance of the seven and a half per cent of losses was estimated at \$1,190. Under previous arrangements the township would not have received the full taxation of \$4,193. He saw the difference as a major saving to the township.

The project is being built by the Ontario Housing Corporation. Zorge Construction of Georgetown has the contract.

Women's Institute officers returned Mrs. G. Bateman C.W.F. president

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson
Mr. and Mrs. D. Woodward and family attended the golden wedding anniversary of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Fendley at Huttonville.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Rudder, 25 Highway, on the arrival of a son on March 31, at St. Joseph's hospital. During her stay in hospital, her mother Mrs. Bradshaw of Toronto was with Mr. Rudder and Kathy.

Friends were pleased to learn Mrs. Stuart McKinnon was able to come home from Guelph hospital, during the week following leg surgery. During her absence from school, Mrs. Max Schocht has been supplying.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craig and Steven of London spent Good Friday with Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wrang, 3rd Line, returned home on Wednesday after spending the winter in California and Mexico.

Mr. Stewart MacDonal of Rochester, N. Y. spent a few days with his uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. David Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hutchison and sons, Kempville; Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock Atken, New Hamburg were Easter visitors with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Atken.



ON THE TRAIL

BALLINAFAD

Grass fires in district news

By Mrs. R. Shortill
Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Linstead entertained at a family dinner in their lovely new home on the Sixth Line on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Wanless and Miss Linda Snow were last Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Snow.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Percy White and family. Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. White's mother passed away at Georgetown Hospital this week. Burial took place on Saturday.

Mr. Morgan Madill who has been in Guelph General Hospital for eye surgery was able to return home. We hope his recovery will be complete in the near future.

Erin fire brigade were called out on Friday to the home of Lloyd Marshall's when a grass fire became out of control.

Then again on Sunday Acton brigade was called out to Ballinfad Seventh Line when fires on both sides of the road caused serious concern. Dry grass in open fields is a severe hazard at this time.

A car load of ladies attended the service at St. Andrew's Church in Georgetown when

Father Ryan addressed the group.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Camron Fraser, motored to Nashville, Tenn. and attended the "Grand Ole Opry" during Easter weekend.

Randy and Jeffrey Stewart spent the holidays with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Theaker, Townline.

Mrs. D. G. Robertson accompanied her sister Mrs. C. Heimler and daughter-in-law Mrs. Douglas Robertson of Guelph to Burlington on Monday, where they visited with their niece Mrs. Laverne Carter, who is a patient in the hospital there.

Mrs. Mac Underhill of Hamilton, a former resident of the community called on friends recently.

Mr. and Mrs. William Butler of Fergus called in the village during the past week. Friends were pleased to learn Mr. Butler has recovered sufficiently from his near fatal accident to be able to drive the car again.

Brian Robertson of Montreal was home of Easter weekend with his parents D. G. and Mrs. Robertson. Other holiday visitors included Douglas and Mrs. C. Heimler, Guelph; Kenneth and Mrs. Robertson and daughters and Lesley Gerrard of Oakville.

The fourth meeting of the Ospringe Sew and Sews was held at the home of Mrs. R. Ellis with two leaders and five girls present.

Helen Johnston opened the meeting with the 4 H pledge. Roll call was answered "One way a girl may plan her separates to flatter her figure". Doreen Vander Vlugt read the minutes.

Mrs. R. Vlietstra demonstrated gathers, darts, facings and understitching.

By means of a chart and samples Mrs. R. Ellis demonstrated seams, and types of finishes. The girls worked on their garments until the close of the meeting.

The 4 H grace was repeated and refreshments were served.

Jane Vander Sluis was hostess for the fifth meeting of the Ospringe Sew and Sews eight members and two leaders were present.

Helen Johnston presided for the opening exercises. Roll call was answered by "One new thing I have learned about cutting and sewing a garment."

Pat Walter read the minutes.

Mrs. R. Ellis discussed the proper places to wear shorts and where not to wear them; she also showed how to put in a zipper.

Mrs. R. Vlietstra explained how a well-fitted garment should look and demonstrated she fitting; she also showed how to make a reinforced curved seam.

The girls worked on their outfits till closing time when refreshments were enjoyed.

A pot-luck supper, preceded the annual meeting of the Women's Institute held at the home of Mrs. S. Fuller.

Mrs. E. Archibald presided for the meeting which followed. Mrs. S. Fuller read the minutes, and financial statement. A letter from Ching-Ping-Shue, a Korean boy, whom we help support, was read.

The Cancer Society canvass was discussed, and Mrs. E. Archibald and Mrs. B. Wingrove volunteered to help. Mrs. S. Fuller is a captain for this area.

Details for the bus trip to Toronto on May 8 were given and tickets are available at the store for the outing. The bus will leave the village at 8.15 a.m. and proceed to the Toronto City hall for a guided tour. Following a box lunch, the members are to

be guests of the St. Lawrence Starch Company for a demonstration.

Mrs. Doris Fines reported on the District Annual at St. Andrews in Fergus on May 28 with registration at 9.30 a.m.

Mrs. Fines presided for the election of officers, when last year's date was all returned; she also extended the courtesies and the singing of the National Anthem closed the meeting.

The Christian Women's Fellowship of Everton Christian Church met at the home of Mrs. D. Robertson for the monthly meeting.

Mrs. John McDougall presided and opened the meeting with an Easter call to worship and prayer.

Mrs. Wm. Stewart read the minutes, and Mrs. H. Horlop presented the financial report, noting the goal for all purposes had been met.

The study "Southeast Asia Kaleidoscope" was given by Mrs. Wm. Stewart, dealing with the theme "Let's talk about dollars." This tells of how the missionary money is used to further the work of the church. This concluded with an interesting dialogue, "An exciting day." This conversation brings together three missionary wives. All three are Filipinos, and were commissioned by the United Church of Christ in the Philippines; the parts were portrayed by Mrs. J. Alton, Mrs. A. Lillie and Mrs. Wm. Stewart.

Mrs. Gary Bateman conducted the worship portion "Together with Christ's disciples."

Mrs. A. Kingsbury chairman of the nominating committee, presented the slate of officers for the new year.

President, Mrs. G. Bateman; vice president, Mrs. A. Lillie; secretary, Mrs. Wm. Stewart; treasurer, Mrs. H. Horlop; worship chairman, Mrs. A. Harris; study group, pres., vice pres., and Mrs. A. Harris.

Service chairman, Mrs. A. Kingsbury; service committee, Mrs. J. McDougall, Mrs. Wm. Stewart, Mrs. C. McDougall and Mrs. H. Horlop; pianist, Mrs. A. Lillie; press reporter, Mrs. C. Fountain; auditors, Mrs. D. Stewart, Mrs. D. G. Robertson.

During the business, plans

were made to cater to a wedding in May; and sewing and knitting for "Save the Children group".

Prize winners at the monthly euchre, sponsored by the Women's Institute, held Friday evening were high score—Mrs. A. Robinson, Mr. Fred Overland; low Mrs. D. Winter, Mr. E. Barnstable.

The Ladies' Aid of the local Presbyterian Church had a home baking sale, prior to the euchre.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Snyder have returned home following a visit, with their daughter in Florida.

Mrs. A. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sinclair, Keith and Ken Sinclair attended the funeral of the former's brother-in-law Herbert, Wilton in Galt.

Fire Brigade made a run on Saturday afternoon to the George Rudder place on Highway 25 (former Ward Bruce farm) when a grass fire came close to the house; no damage resulted and it was soon brought under control.

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