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Town Affairs in Good Condition

Nomination Meeting is Told

Nominations for all Offices in Council, also Public School Trustees and Hydro Commissioner Received — Small Gathering Hear Addresses at After Meeting.

The ratepayers and citizens generally of Georgetown must be satisfied with their municipal government, as only a small number turned out to the nomination meeting held in the Public Library last Friday night. No questions were asked and the members of the 1938 Council gave their various reports without interruption. Nominations were received for all offices, although some have since declined to let their name stand for election. They are as follows:—

FOR MAYOR

JOSEPH GIBBONS—By Wm. Long and N. H. Brown.
HAROLD CLEAVE—By W. V. Grant and George W. Davis.

FOR REEVE

GEORGE W. DAVIS—By Mark Clark and E. S. Thompson.
THOS. LYONS—By Jas. Ballantine and J. J. Gibbens.

FOR COUNCILLORS

WARD I

NORMAN H. BROWN — By W. C. Cunningham and A. E. Wright.
A. E. CRIPPS—By Joseph Hall and Fred Armstrong.

WARD II

JAS. COSTIGAN—By Chas. E. Watson and I. J. Hornby.
JOSEPH HALL—By Fred Armstrong and Donald Latimer.

WARD III

FRED McNALLY—By George W. Davis and Mark Clark.
WM. F. SMITH—By Elmer C. Thompson and Garfield McGilvray.
THOS. LYONS—By H. Barnes and Kenneth M. Langdon.
ISAAC M. BENNETT—By Thos. Lyons and H. Barnes.

FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEE

WARD I

MISS ANNIE RYAN—By Jas. Ballantine and Chas. E. Watson.

WARD II

JOHN D. KELLY—By E. S. Thompson and I. J. Hornby.

WARD III

HUGH DICKIE — By Elmer C. Thompson and Chas. E. Watson.

FOR HYDRO COMMISSIONER

H. C. DAYFOOT — By Elmer C. Thompson and Joseph Hall.

Nominations were closed at the usual hour, and Town Clerk P. B. Harrison was elected chairman of the after-meeting.

The first speaker of the evening was Mayor Joseph Gibbons, who stressed the fine financial position in which the town now finds itself. He showed how the debenture debt of $265,000 in 1931 had been reduced to $165,000 in 1938. In 1931-2 bank loans also totalled $30,000 and the town was on the verge of bankruptcy. Today, bank loans have been reduced to $2700.00, and this has been done with no increase in the tax rate or any improvement in collections—but by a rigid rule of economy. Mayor Gibbons stated that the Housing Commission problem was still a burden on the town. That $14,800 in debentures had been issued against the amount outstanding this year, and that in his opinion the Housing problem would cost the taxpayers some $10,000 more before it was cleared up. Debentures had been sold this year for the pavement on John, Emery, McNabb and King streets, at a rate which set a record for any municipality in the past twenty years. The financial position of the Town of Georgetown was now on an equal basis with any town of like size in the Province of Ontario.

In giving his report as Relief Commissioner, Mayor Gibbons said that relief was a difficult matter to handle. Much criticism had been made, but he had tried to handle it in the best interests of the town and all concerned. He had been able to keep the cost of relief down below half what it was in 1936 and 1937. In 1936 relief mounted to $5,742, and in 1937 $5,047, and in 1938, approximately $2,100 by the end of the year. As the government pays up to 70% of relief costs, the town will only be assessed about $600 or $700 for relief this year.

Speaking on the proposed addition to the High School and the Sewage System, Mayor Gibbons made it clear that in his opinion he did not feel that the municipality could stand the burden of these two major expenditures. The High School amounting to approximately $45,000 and the trunk line and disposal plant of a sewage system costing some $139,000. When he took office the town was next door to bankruptcy, and it had been his desire to reduce the bonded indebtedness of the town without increasing the tax rate. This he has been successful in doing, and in his opinion if the ratepayers undertook these two expenditures at the present time, the town would again find itself in the same position. He would not sponsor the addition to the High School as asked by the Board, but would use his franchise if it came to another vote the same as any other individual taxpayer.

Mayor Gibbons publicly thanked the Clerk and Treasurer of the town, Mr. P. B. Harrison, for the excellent way in which he conducts the business of the town, and also for the co-operation he extends to every member of the Council. He thanked those who had again nominated him for the year 1939; he had twenty four hours to make his decision as to whether he would again to a candidate for the office, and would make his decision then. The past eight years in public service for one of the best towns in Ontario had been a pleasure to him, and he wished the citizens of Georgetown health, happiness and prosperity in the year to come.

Reeve George W. Davis, who, by holding this office is also a member of County Council, was the next speaker. He said he was sorry not to be able to bring a complete report of County Council to the meeting as the report would not be published until next week. He said that Georgetown had benefitted to the extent of about $2,000 this year due to the reduction of the county mill rate and rebate on high school. Reeve Davis showed how the criticism levelled at the Town and County Council over the condition of the roadway on the connecting links was neither up to the town or county councils individually — but up to the councils and the Department of Highways collectively. He said that in order to pave the connecting links and receive the government grant, an agreement would have to be arranged between the town, the county council and then the Department would pay their share of 50%. This agreement would decide what proportion of the 50% each would have to pay. He thanked his nominees and said he would be a candidate for the reeveship again this year.

Councillor Joseph Hall, Chairman of Finance, went over the various items of the interim statement and told of how the receipts were made up and money spent. He said there had been an increase over 1937 in collection of taxes, tax arrears and dog tax. He thanked those who had given him his nomination and said he would always work in the best interests of the town.

Chairman of Streets and Walks, Councillor Thos. Lyons, was of the opinion that a program of hard surface road work should be started. He said that almost $3,000.00 had been spent on streets and walks this year, and that the gravel roads would have to be gone over again another year. He believed the hard surface road would not only be a saving in the long run, but an asset to the town. $2312.98 had been spent on streets alone this year, and $683.10 on sidewalks. He thanked the electors of Ward III for electing him at the head of the poll last year, and had there been a general election this year, he had intended to run for the reeveship. However, next year he would be like the boy on the elevator, "going up."

Councillor James Costigan, chairman workworks and fire protection, said the waterworks department had a surplus of $797.34, but that there would still be over $4,000 due this department by the end of the year. $221.15 had been spent on various repairs, while insurance and sundries amounted to $537.58. He had worked to the best of his ability for the town, and thanked those who had nominated him for 1939 council. He would work in the best interests of the town in 1939 as he had in the past.

Councillor Wm. F. Smith, chairman of Welfare, Light and Police, said he was the most delinquent member of council last year due to illness, but he had done his best under the circumstances. He would not be a candidate for 1939 council, although he thanked those who had proposed him. He had been appointed chairman of welfare, but owing to his health, Mayor Gibbons had consented to handle this department. In regard to police he had no fault to find. Chief Marshall had handled his duties in a very capable manner, but he had two much to do. He suggested that the offices of assessor and tax collector be made a separate department, so that Chief Marshall might be able to spend more time policing the town. He said Georgetown had two very capable constables.

The next speaker, Councillor N. H. Brown, chairman of Printing and Industrial, said it was a pleasure for him to come before the ratepayers and give an account of his stewardship. His office had been a very light one, but he had given it his best attention; and he had only missed one meeting of council during the year. Councillor Brown said that he always had the safety of the children at heart, and that it was on his suggestion that the no parking signs were placed in front of the garages on Guelph street, and also the ten minute parking regulation opposite the post office. He thanked those who had nominated him for 1938 council and if he had been of any service to the ratepayers he would stand again next year.

Councillor A. E. Cripps, chairman of Property Committee, was absent, but a report of his department was given by Councillor Hall. The new grandstand and other improvements at the park, were the largest items undertaken, and all will agree it is a de-

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EXPECTS TO PLACE 500 BOYS ON FARMS

A. Maclaren, Director of Farm Placement, Ontario Dept. of Labor, Toronto, sending Selected Young Men to Ontario Farms

There are a number of young men in Ontario eager to learn farming with a good farmer. There are a number of good farmers in this province who would welcome a good intelligent and enthusiastic youth to their broad acres. The Ontario Department of Labor knows this to be true and has appointed A. Maclaren as Director of Farm Placement. Boys who would really like to go farming and farmers who would like to employ young men with a yen for farming should write Mr. Maclaren, Department of Labor, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

The boys are placed for one trial month and are paid by the farmer. If mutually satisfied, the boy signs up for one year with wages at the prevailing rate.

Mr. Maclaren, who has already placed over 30 boys under the Dominion-Provincial Youth Training Plan, states that he selects only young men who are really interested in farming. He visits each applicant in his home and talks to his parents as well.

Boys, if you are interested in stock raising, fruit, poultry or any branch of farming, write to A. Maclaren, Department of Labor, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

Served on School Board for Sixteen Years

The thanks of the ratepayers of this Municipality is due Mr. Sam. Harrison, who has served in the capacity of Public School Trustee for sixteen years. When he retires from the Board this year, Ward I will lose a valued Trustee. Mr. Harrison has been the Chairman of the Property Committee and it has always been his happy duty to see that the school was in a good state of repair. Sixteen years is a long time to serve in public work, but Mr. Harrison has done his duties willingly and well.

His place will be ably filled by Miss Annie Ryan, teacher and principal of the school for many years.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY DANCE A GRAND SUCCESS

The dance given by the Esquesing Agricultural Society in the Arena last night was a grand success. There was a large attendance and the dancers all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Excellent music was supplied by Hull's Olde Tyme and Modern five piece Orchestra, while Bert Gardhouse of Weston was the very capable floor manager. A delicious lunch was served during the evening. It is the intention of the Society to make this an annual affair which fact we know will be appreciated by every one present on Tuesday night. The committee in charge were Walter Gray, James Fisher, Craig Reid and John Bird, Jr.

W. G. M. BROWNE, NORVAL, BURIED

R.A.F. VETERAN AND BUSINESS MAN HAD BEEN ILL A YEAR

The funeral of William Gordon Milne Browne, son of the late W. B. Browne and Helen McDonald Browne, of Simcoe, took place Saturday afternoon, with service in St. Paul's Church of England, Norval, of which Mr. Browne had at one time been a warden, and burial took place in Markham cemetery. Mr. Browne, who was in his 47th year, died at the Guelph General Hospital after a year's illness.

Born at Simcoe, he served as an instructor in the Royal Air Corps in England, where he suffered serious injuries in a plane crash. He had been a resident of Norval for 15 years, during which time he had operated a mill, which was at one time a landmark on the Credit River. Fire destroyed the greater part of the mill in 1929, but he salvaged what equipment was left and reopened the mill.

A successful participant in track and field athletics as a member of the Central "Y" in Toronto, Mr. Browne had organized, during the past two winters, a hockey club in Norval, and had largely assisted in providing the boys with an outdoor rink. For some years he was president of the Norval Rifle Club.

In addition to his affiliation with St. Paul's Church, he was a member of the Halton Chapter and the Credit Valley Lodge Masons. He was a member of the Georgetown Branch of the Canadian Legion. Thirty ex-service men acted as escort and pallbearers. The remains were borne by Comrades S. Groat, G. Alcott, P. Shortt, H. Harlow, J. Murphy and C. Stacey from the residence to St. Paul's Church and Comrades C. Moreton, E. Vout, A. Hunter, H. Hunter, W. Louth and C. Donaldson were the bearers at Markham where interment took place.

Surviving are his widow, who was Miss Barbara Oxley, Toronto; three children, Gordon, Joan and Douglas; three brothers, R. M. Borwne, Simcoe, C. M. Browne, Edmonton; L. M. Browne, Philadelphia, and a sister, Miss Helen Browne, Norval.

J. C. STECKLEY TO ADDRESS LIVE STOCK MEN

The annual meeting of the Halton Livestock Improvement Association is scheduled for Saturday afternoon of this week in Milton, when J. C. Steckley, Director of the Ridgetown Experimental Station, who is so widely and favorably known to stock men throughout the province, will be the chief speaker. The program will also include an address by Elgin Senn of the Dominion Livestock Branch, Hamilton, who will speak on hog marketing.

We understand from President Edwin Harrop that the meeting is open to all and in as much as the Association has been a most active one during the past few years, a large turn out is anticipated.

Gov't Considers Difficult Problem Coming Session of Parliament

If possible the Session will be Finished and Prorogued before May 15th when the King and Queen arrive on Their Three Weeks' Visit to the Dominion.

By Spectator

The Refugee Question

Ottawa, Nov. 29th—The people of Canada and the government have shared in the world wide sympathy for refugees from Germany who have been forced to seek asylum in various parts of the globe. The government has been giving serious consideration to the difficult problem which is, of course, a world problem, needing the collaboration of many nations in evolving a solution. For several sittings of the cabinet the question has been discussed, and it is expected that Canada's policy will be announced after further word is received about what other nations are going to do. The problem is particularly difficult for Canada as no solution can be reached through any normal application of the Canadian immigration regulations. Men with a knowledge of farming and a little capital to keep themselves going until their farms are supporting them, are the type which have been given free entry into this country. The Jewish refugees from Germany do not belong to that class. There is also the continued burden of unemployment in this country as elsewhere, which for the sake of the general welfare of the people cannot be increased. But on the other side of the scales is the humanitarian spirit, touched by the plight of these unfortunates who are being driven from a door which is being slammed and bolted against them and are standing now on the thresholds of other nations awaiting the verdict whether they can enter or not. It is not an easy question facing the Canadian government. In the case of a few refugees who have reached Canada's shores on visitors licenses, extensions of time limits have been granted.

Coming Session of Parliament

The date will shortly be set for the meeting of the next session of parliament. The opening date will doubtless be shortly after the New Year. If possible the session will be finished and prorogued before May 15th when the King and Queen arrive on their

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INDEPENDENT BAKERS MET IN TORONTO

Messrs. J. Kemshead and N. H. Brown were in Toronto on Monday attending an independent bakers meeting at the King Edward Hotel. It was reported one of the largest baker's meetings held for some time. Bakers from all over Ontario, and also the Minister of Labor, were present.

The purpose of the meeting was to stop the large chain or mill owned bakeries going into incorporated towns and villages free of tax. It was agreed that these large city bakeries take thousands of dollars each year out of every town, which should go to employees at home, to help keep up churches, schools, and also pay taxes to the home town for the upkeep of streets and all the necessities of an up to date town.

It was also agreed that the consumer is paying for all these trucks from the city and without them, the working man could purchase a better loaf of bread for less money.

It is expected that action will be taken by the provincial government in the near future.

BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

High scores in the third tournament series on Monday night were Messrs. D. Wallace and J. Mills with E. Hoare and C. Sinclair second.

The standing of high teams with one more night to play now is:

L. Humberstone and Wm. King	275
D. Wallace and J. Mills	255
F. Spires and C. Benham	250
Wm. Roney and F. Gilmer	230
R. Prust and S. P. Chapman	230
H. Lillico and A. E. Wright	215
E. Hoare and C. Sinclair	210
E. Gibbons and F. Sinclair	195
J. Kennedy and A. Ritchie	195

On vote, about 15 members signified their intention of attending the bridge drive in St. George's Hall on Thursday of this week for progressive play.

Mayor Joseph Gibbons Re-elected Other Acclamations Accorded

Vacancy in Ward III Requires Another Nomination to Elect Councillor—Public School Trustees and Hydro Commissioner also given Acclamations.

Mayor Joseph Gibbons was elected by acclamation for 1939, when Mr. Harold Cleave, also nominated at the meeting of ratepayers on Friday night failed to qualify. This is Mayor Gibbons sixth term as mayor after serving three years as councillor.

Other candidates, who were given acclamations and who will compose next year's council, school board and hydro commissioner, are as follows:—

REEVE
George W. Davis

COUNCILLORS WARD I
N. H. Brown nad A. E. Cripps

COUNCILLORS WARD II
Joseph Hall and James Costigan

COUNCILLOR WARD III
Thos. Lyons

PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Ward I—Miss Annie Ryan.
Ward II—John D. Kelly
Ward III—H. Dickie

HYDRO COMMISSIONER
H. C. Dayfoot

Owing to only one candidate qualifying for Ward III another nomination will be required to fill the vacancy.

FLAMES SWEEP ALTON STORES

Fire threatened to destroy the business section of the village of Alton, shortly before midnight Monday night, but was checked after two buildings had gone up in flames. Damage was estimated at $15,000.

Clad only in their night clothing, two brothers, Gordon and Douglas Wilson, escaped the flames by leaping twenty feet from the window of their apartment. Neither was hurt.

A grocery store, a hardware store, a private residence, and the Alton Orange Hall were destroyed. An adjoining barber shop was slightly damaged.

A strong wind fanned the flames, but the efforts of the entire Orangeville fire brigade and Alton volunteers were successful in bringing the blaze under control at 1.30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Wilson's grocery store at the corner of Main Street and the provincial highway and W. A. Dorrington's hardware store adjoining were destroyed. The Orange Hall, located above the Dorrington store, was also destroyed. Slight damage was caused to a nearby building owned by John Lachlan, in which a barber shop is located.

High Tribute Paid To Farm Club Work

"One of the greatest agricultural activities in Canada is the Boys' and Girls' Farm Club Work, which moves steadily on with a record of unbroken achievement," stated Dr. G. S. H. Barton, Deputy Minister, Dominion Department of Agriculture, speaking at the dinner on the opening night at the Royal Winter Fair on Tuesday, November 15th. "The Boys' and Girls' Farm Clubs represent an active membership of more than 37,000 throughout the Dominion," continued Dr. Barton. "The membership has increased every year since the movement began about 25 years ago, chiefly because of the interest in the value of the work it means to the boys and girls in every project they undertake. The definite results are to be seen in every agricultural fair in which they take part. A new interest and a new life has been given to fairs by these clubs. But there have been significant developments in other directions as a result of the work of the organization. For example, potato production in one area has been revolutionized; in another thousands of bushels of grain have been produced and in others the production of live stock has been raised to a higher plane.

"The colt exhibit seen in the show ring at the Royal Winter Fair this year is another example of the work of the clubs in Ontario. Several fine herds of cattle can trace their establishment to what the boys of these clubs are doing. The same may be said of hogs. Whatever a club is formed there community interest and activity is notably in evidence. It is fitting that these clubs should be recognized at the Royal Winter Fair. The sound and effective guidance of the clubs and the support they are given should be commended and is obviously amply justified. Due acknowledgement should be paid to the work of Alexander McLaurin, the General Secretary of the Canadian Council on Boys' and Girls' Club Work, nad to the many other silent workers for the organization throughout Canada," said Dr. Barton.

"The boys and girls who have won prizes are to be congratulated, but to those who did not win there is no disgrace attached to lose at the Royal Winter Fair. To win prizes is not the biggest thing. To take away the picture of agricultural achievement as exemplified at the Royal Winter Fair is a better and bigger thing."

The trophies and medals awarded to the winners in the different projects were presented to the members of the winning teams by Rt. Hon. Sir William Mullock, former Chief Justice of Ontario, and the oldest living Canadian Statesman, as he was for several years a member of the Dominion Government. He is now in his 95th year.

ALL CALEDON COUNCIL RECEIVE ACCLAMATION

Caledon Council was returned to office for 1939 when only one nominee outside of the retiring council was named. Sam Kannawin, reeve during 1937, received a nomination but retired in favor of the present reeve, Albert D. McBride. Other members of council are Deputy Reeve Alex. S. McLeish, and Councillors Norman Story, W. J. Trathern and W. Hawkins.

BY PERMISSION

The Ladies' Auxiliary to Canadian Legion will hold a Bingo in the Legion Hall, Saturday, December 3rd. Admission 25c.

SHORT COURSES OPEN AT ACTON

The Three Months Short Course in Agriculture and Home Economics opened at Acton on Tuesday of last week with 60 young men and women on the roll. According to reports, quite a number of others intend to enrol which would indicate two excellent classes for these annual courses.

At the class in Agriculture, which is being held in the Knox Sunday school room, lectures on various subjects were initiated under the direction of J. A. Berry of Rutherglen and H. V. Binkley of Hamilton. On three afternoons during the week the members of the class under the direction of Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock, visited the farms of J. E. Pearen, Acton; Col. F. H. C. Mason, Georgetown; and the Reformatory Farm at Guelph.

The course in Home Economics is being held in the Parish Hall where Miss Betty Wallace and Miss Ina Puffer are in charge of the work for the first four weeks.

Itinerant lecturers during the week were Mrs. Wm. Gowdy of Limehouse and David Smith of Barrie, who are giving the instruction to the joint classes on music and organized recreation.

During the present week we understand the young men will visit the farm of S. E. Griffin & Son, well-known stockmen and seed growers, while the itinerant lecturers will include T. C. Adams, Dairy Branch, Toronto, on the subject of cream grading, etc.

Donations to Poppy Fund

The Poppy Committee gratefully acknowledge donations to the recent Poppy Fund from the following:—

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LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS MOVIE

Attention is again called to the movie, sponsored by the Lions Club on Dec. 12th, 7 and 9 p.m. Admission is two or more cans of fruit or vegetables. Proceeds for community Christmas Tree. The picture is Submarine D. 1—a high-grade offering.

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