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Gibbons Returned Mayor of Georgetown for Eighth Term

Acclamation for Reeve, Ward I Councillors, Hydro Commissioner and School Trustees

TOWN WILL VOTE ON BY-LAW

It was made known on Saturday that Mayor Joseph Gibbons Reeve Harold Cleave have both been returned for another year by acclamation. Recve Cleave, who was also ouminated for the mayoralty, withdrew his name, leaving Mayor Gibbons as the only candidate for mayor, Meanwhile, Councillor N. H. Brown stated his intention of accepting the nomination for councillor in Ward I, and dropping out of the contest for reeve, thus returning Reeve Cleave for another term of office.

In Ward III. Councillors Cave and Costigan and Mr. Clifford Bradley have all qualified as candidates for office, and two of these will be elected next Monday, December 2nd.

All other offices were filled by acclamation, namely:-Councillors-A. E. Cripps, S. J. Mackensie, K. R. MacDonald, N. H. Brown; Hydro-Commissioner-H. C. Dayfoot: Public School Trustees-J. D. Kelly, Hugh Dickie, Miss Annie Ryan.

Attendance was poor at the town of Geogetown nomination meeting held in the Public Library last Friday evening. Only a handful of ratepayers turned out to hear a review of the town business for the past year, and to nominate municipal officers for the coming term of office.

The nomination period lasted from 7.30 until 8.30, when P. B. Harrison, was chosen as chairman for the open meeting which followed. Mr. Harrison, in opening the meeting deplored the lack of interest taken by the ratepayers in general towards a meeting of this type. There were few at the meeting who were not directly concerned, either with nominating someone) or in presenting a report. He mentioned the importance of the by-law vote which will take place on Monday, December 2nd. If the voters signify their approval of the by-law, the incoming Council will remain in office for two years. If the by-law is defeated, elections will continue to take place yearly. as they have in the past.

THE MAYOR

Joseph Gibbons. "It is a pleasure for me indeed," said the Mayor, "to address this nomination meeting, and give an account of my stewardship. Ten years ago, when I first took office, I undertook the job of lessening the town debt. This has been slowly but surely done. By 1943, if it should be the pleasure of the ratepayers to continue my policy, we shall see this completely accomplished. Two more large blocks of debentures have to be retired, and then we can consider ten mill tax reduction, if no more debt

is loaded on the community." He congratulated local organizatone and the eitizens in general, for their splendid contributions to Canada's war effort. We must remember. he warned, that the war has a bearing on municipal legislations. ture councils must legislate so local tax burdens can be kept at minimum, and the ratepayers will enabled to pay higher taxes to the and I, a good friend," was his tri-

Dominion. Quoting from statistical sources, Mayor Gibbons showed that a debenture debt of \$280,000 in 1931 will stand at \$150,000 at the end of 1940, that this last figure includes an outstanding expenditure of \$27,000 road construction. While we are foilowing a program of rigid economy. however, we must not allow this economy to replace necessary civic service. "I am also proud to state," he said, "that at no time in the last ten years has there been a deficit in the cur-

Praise for Clerk-Treasurer P. B. Harrison, town clerk and treasurer, drew warm words of praise from the Mayor for his assistance. knowledge and civic pride have been of great belp to me. Moreover, this has not been merely a personal service, as I am quite sure that anyone who follows me in office will have the same assistance available from Mr.

Harrison" Ten Years of Service

Thanking his nominators, Mayor Gibbons said that he looked back with pardonable ride on ten years of service for the best town for its size and population in Canada.

"I have made mistakes." he said. "but I have honestly tried to conduct municipal affairs as they should be conducted. I have derived an education from my work which I would little to report," asid Councillor N. H. otherwise not have obtained, and I Brown, who is chairman of the Welam thankful to you for giving me this fare, Light and Police Committee. He education."

"If you think I have done a good low this year, and law enforcement job, he concluded, "I shall appreciate was made easier by an almost comyour support at the polls in the com- plete lack of crime. ing election."

REEVE OLEAVE Reeve Harold Cleave was then in-

troduced by the chairman. "It is a pleasure to appear before you again," said the Reeve. "I can report a normal year in County Counell, where the equalization problem seemed to be the main topic of dis-

cussion." Opposed to Equalization "I am absolutely opposed to other equalization taking place Halton County next year," he stated.

"No municipality has anything Dinging into past history, he related that the last equalisation started in 1928, lasted three years, and cost \$40,000, which does not include

expenditures by individual municipali- of the Roads Committee. ties in legal fees, etc. No municipality has anything to gain from an equalization, he warned. that our committee covers the most

There migth be small changes here and there, but when these are balanced against the equalization cost, we would all be losers.

debenture debt since I first est on the reduce road maintenance costs in the Albert Dolson secured the gentleman's ada, by order of the censor, can only line's suggestion of Capt. C. V. Wil- mittees were given an opportunity to County Council," said the Reeve. future, as there will be less gravel prise. Byeryone enjoyed the hospi- refer to it as an "Bastern Canadian liams, M.C. as a competent command- study the individual statements in the "When I first took office, we had a and oil needed.

Mr. Harrison then introduced Mayor county debt of \$770,000, and this has

\$275,000." King Street Paving

been reduced to its present figures of

Reviewing county expenditures in the municipality this year, Reeve Cleave showed that the county had actually spent more money in the town than the town's county rate. A large share of this, of course, was spent on the King Street and 9th Line paving.

"I was in favour of a stanco pavement on the 9th Line as well as on King St., and so was the engineer, but the town council decided against this. I hope it (the 9th Line pavement) stands up, but if it doesn't don't blame the county council."

Tribute to Late Reeve Mr. Cleave paid his respects to the late George Davis, who was chosen Reeve last year, and passed away in his second month of office. "Georgebe town and Halton lost a good servant.

Uncertain of Intention

Expressing his thanks to those men who nominated him for the reeveship and the mayorship, Mr. Cleave was uncertain as to which office he would

"I could help in the County Coun- 374.09. cil next year, when the equalization problem is bound to once more present itself. On the other hand, many arrearages are correspondingly higher to run for Mayor. I have always giv- works Department, however, presents a en you my best, and I would like to think it over before my final decision," he concluded.

COUNCILLOR COSTIGAN

Councillor James Costigan was next invited to the platform. As chairman of the Pinance Committee, he confined his remarks to a review of the Interim Statement, which gives a picture of municipal finances from the first of the year up to November 15th. Good Financial Position

The town is progressing, he stated. although I, or any other one person, can scarcely take individual credit for this. He also praised the clerk for his assistance, and thanked his nominators for their interest in nominating him again for Ward II councillor.

COUNCILLOR BROWN .

"I am happy to say that I have showed that welfare costs were very

Thanking those who nominated him for reeve and councillor, he accepted the latter nomination, which auto-

matically elected him by acclamation

COUNCILLOR MACKENZIE "Being a freshman member of the council, and as our committee (Building and Propetry) has spent the least followed by the roll call. amout of money this year. I feel that I should be permitted to make the shortest speech," said Councillor S. J. Mackenzie.

He thanked the electors for returning him for another term as councilto lor, and promised to serve them in the best interests of town affairs.

COUNCILLOR MacDONALD

Councillor K. R. MacDonald was introduced to the meeting, as chairman With seventeen and a half miles of streets, I think I can truthfully say

territory," remarked Councillor Mac-

He expressed his pride that Georgetown has so much permanent pave- shown by the players. Mrs. Dick was ers all about Halifax and what goes Civil Guarda. ment, and pointed out that this will winner of the lady's prise, while Mr. on there, whereas newspapers in Can-

TWO COUNCILLORS ABBENT In the absence of Councillor Cripps, who was returned by acciamation, no report on Water and Fire, which committee he heads, was presented. Councillor T. R. Cave, who !

running again in Ward II for council, was also absent from the meeting, and no report of the Printing and Industrial Committee was received.

HYDRO-COMMISSIONER H. C.

Mr. H. C. Dayfoot, retiring Hydro Commissioner, who was returned, by acclamation, was introduced and reviewed the position of Hydro for the past year. He complimented Miss K. D. Ryan and Mr. J. B. Gray, for their efficient administration of Hydro af-

Hydro consumers now number about 1.000, he stated, and this is an increase of 100 over last year. The Commission has an estimated at pus of \$3,000. During the year, a lot on Main Street was purchased, and the Commission intends to erect a builtiing at an opportune time.

"For some years we have felt that we need a better premises for our Hydro office, and this year we had an opportunity to buy this lot at a reasonable price," said Mr. Dayfort He made no mention of a specific time when building might start.

R. B. FOULIS

Mr. R. B. Foulis, chairman of the High School Board, was asked by the chairman to say a few words. He complimented the High School teaching staff for their good work. He hoped that in the future the difficulty of lack of space and facilities to carry on the new curriculum could be remedled.

to November 15th

An interim statement has been prepared showing the financial position of the municipality from January 1st, 1940, to November 15th. While the receipts and expenditures section gives much interesting data, it must be remember that it is purely a cash position which is shown, and accounts receivable and payable are not reflected in the expenditures and income figures.

A considerable rise is noted in tax collections for the current year. Last year these amounted to \$34,795.78 by November 15th, while this year \$38. 101.15 has been collected. However, there has been a drop in tax arrears collections-from \$15.648.60 to \$9, 692.26. Tax arrearages remain at relatively the same level as last year, however,-dropping a few hundred dollars to \$23,677.45. The balance of current taxes owing is also alightly lower this year, being \$23,192.63 compared with last year's figure of \$24,-

Water arrears collected this year are about \$200 less than last year. Water by a few hundred dollars. The Watermuch improved picture, with last year's estimated deficit of \$208.46 changed to an estimated surplus of \$1173.82. This is due to a combination of increased income and decreased expenditures. A drop of almost \$1000 is noticed in welfare expenditures, which is a sig nificent indication of an excellent employment situation in town.

In the asset and liability section, an increase of \$15,000 in the current assets is noticed with a like increase in current liabilities, so the picture

of the year. Georgetown ratepayers may see a decrease in their tax rate

TERRA COTTA U.F.O.

Mr. and Mrs. George Leslie were host and hostess to the U.F.O. and U.F.W.O. Cub, of Terra Cotta, for their regular monthly meeting.

The U.F.W.O. opened their meeting with the singing of The Maple Leaf, and all repeating the Lord's Prayer. Georgetown, was united in marriage A splendid paper was given by Miss with Freds Maude Harvey, daughter Bea Lyons on "Dust will keep, but of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harvey, Hespeviolets won't." Minutes of the Octo- ler, at a ceremony which took place in ber meeting were read and adopted, Galt on Saturday, November 23rd The annual election of officers was held, and the following chosen:-

U.F.W.O. President-Mrs. George Love.

Vice-president-Mrs. Henry Downey. Secretary-Mrs. P. A. Dick. Assistant Secretary-Mrs. Clarence Anderson.

U.F.O.

President-Mr. T. L. Leslie. Vice-president-Mr. Fred Lyons. Secretary-treasurer - Mr. F. L.

mility of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie.

These Planes Echo Across Canada



Night and day the powerful roar of training planes echoes across the Canadian countryside as young men from all the Empire learn to use their wings under the Commonwealth Air Training Plan. A formation of Harvard trainers is shown in this photo.

Lady Lawn Bowlers Enjoy Chicken Dinner

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Bowling Club was held last Thurs-Interim Statement Shows day evening, Nov. 21st, when twentyone ladies of the Club sat down to a Town's Financial Position beautifully decorated table in the school room of the Baptist Church. The Baptist ladies served a delicious chicken durner which everyone enjoy-

> After dinner they adjourned to the nome of Mrs. J. H. Lillico, where social evening was spent with bridge and euchre.

The business meeting which followed showed gratifying reports of the season's activities and by unanimous vote the members re-elected all officers as follows:

President-Mrs. S. MacKenzie. Vice-President-Mrs. Harold Cleave. Secretary-Treasurer — Mrs.

Prize Committee-Mrs. J. H. Lillico. Miss M. Langan.

Refreshment Committee Mrs. H. McDowell, Mrs. H. Cleave. Winners in the trebles were presented with beautiful prizes: 1st. Mrs. H. Cleave. Miss O. Logan and Mrs. Duncan; 2nd, Mrs. S. MacKenzie, Mrs. J. H. Lillico and Mrs. W. Frank; 3rd, Mrs. W. G. McDowell, Mrs. Erwin and Mrs. P. Cleave. Beason's ringer score. Mrs. John Gibbens; hidden prize, Mrs. J. H. Lillico.

The evening's bridge prize was won by Mrs. W. G. McDowell while the euchre prize went to Mrs. Erwin. Mrs. J. Kaiser, of Thedford, a former member of the Club, was a guest of the evening.

The social evening was brought to close with expressions of appreciation to Mrs. Lillico for the use of her home.

FORMER GEORGETOWN BOY JOIN CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Douglas Allatt, a former pupil accepted as a recruit for the R.C.A.F. much the same as last year in that and left his home in Weston on Wednesday evening for No. 2 Manning De-The cash position on November 16th pot, Brandon, Man. Doug, who passed was excellent, with a bank balance of his sentor matriculation at Weston Col-\$6,486.11, contrasted with last year's legiate this past summer, finished his balance of \$707.31. If this cash post- tests and was signed on Tuesday, and tion gives an indication of what the given orders to leave Wednesday. He financial position will be at the end greatly regretted not having the opportunity to visit his Georgetown friends before leaving, but will be glad to hear from any of them. Until further address is received, any communications may be sent to his

BINGHAM-HARVEY WEDDING IN

home at 16 Bellevue Cres., Weston.

Andrew Kyle Bingham, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bingham, of The ceremony was performed by Davidson of Galt. Mr. Hilliard Allen. Toronto, was groomsman, and bride was attended by her sister. Miss Plossie Harvey.

A wedding supper was afterwards served at the Harvey home in Hespeler. The couple left for a western honeymoon, and on their return will make their bome on the Bingham homestead near Georgetown.

CENSORSHIP "JOKE"

One of the biggest jokes of the year The joint meeting was quickly be- is the way in which United States gun and progressive euchre was soon newspapermen who recently toured port."-Brockville Recorder and Times ing officer for the proposed local group; tail.

LUCY E. RAWLINGS RECOMES BRIDE OF DOUGLAS C. MAPLESDEN A quiet wedding was solemnized at

Knox Mar.se, Acton, on Saturday, Nov.

23rd, when Lucy Eilzabeth Rawlings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Rawlings, Acton, was united in matrimony to Mr. Douglas Cecil Maplesden, Acton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. L. Bennie.

The bride looked charming in a dawn crepe dress with black and white accessories and a corsage of Sweetheart roses. She was attended by Miss Isabel Smith attired in dusty rose with black accessories, and a corsage of Talisman roses. The groomsman was Mr. Charles Lansborough.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, where Mrs. Rawlings received wearing Dubonnet crepe with a corsage of bronze baby mums, and Mrs. Meplesden in soldier blue crepe with a corsage of pink carnations. The happy couple left later amid showers of good wishes, for a short wedding trip. On their return they will reside in Georgetown.

5th LINE BARN BURNED

A large barn on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Campbell, 5th Line, lot 20, was destroyed by fire which broke out early Tuesday morning. The Mon., Nov. 25 30 fire was first noticed about 7 o'clock in the morning, when the Campbell's saw flames shooting through the roof. Neighbours aided Mr. Campbell in removing livestock, and all the stock was saved with the exception of twelve little pigs. All the seed, grain and hay was destroyed. The loss was partially covered by insurance. The driving shed, close to the barn, was saved. This is the second fire loss on the farm. Five years ago, Mr. Georgetown Public School, has been Fred Facker, who was farming there at that time, lost his house by fire.

Town of Georgetown Nominations

IOSEPH GEBBONS-Moved by James Ballantine, seconded by H. L. Butt. HAROLD CLEAVE Moved by J. D. Kelly, seconded by Hugh Dickle.

FOR REEVE

HAROLD OLEAVE-Moved by W. V. Grant, seconded by James Ballan-

N. H. BROWN-Moved by K. R.Mad-Donald, seconded by S. Mackenzie.

· COUNCILLORS

WARD I

N. H. BROWN-Moved by Mark Clark. seconded by Joseph Gibbons. A. E. CRIPPS-Moved by H. Cleave, seconded by Mark Clark.

WARD II

JAS COSTIGAN-Moved by J. D. Kelly, seconded by James Ballantine. T. R. CAVE-Moved by S. J. Mackettzie, seconded by C. Sargent. CLIFFORD BRADLEY-Moved by Jes.

Russell, seconded by Jos. Clibbons. WARD III S. J. MACKENZIE-Moved by E. C. Thompson, seconded by H. Barnes. K. R. MacDonald-Moved by K. M. Langdon, seconded by E. C. Thomp-

PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES WARD I MISS ANNIE RYAN-Moved by Hugh Dickie, seconded by T. L. Lyons.

WARD II JOHN D. KELLY-Moved by W. V.

Grant, seconded by H. Cleave. WARD III HUGH DICKIE-Moved by Garfield McGilvray, seconded

Thompson. HYDRO COMMISSIONER

den, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Maples- H. C. DAYFOOT-Moved by R. B. Foulis, seconded by E. C. Thomp-

THE WEATHER

Monday of this week mave us cloudless blue sky and bright sunshine for the whole day with a temperature range in the shade from 20 to 30 degrees, followed at night with a drop to 15 degrees.

This will probably be our final freeze up for the fall and will put an end to the fall plowing. Following are the records for the

past week.				
Date	H. and Temp.		Precipi- tation	
Mon., Nov. 18			Rain .02	
Tues., Nov. 19		22		
Wed., Nov. 20	45	39	Rain .10	
Thurs., Nov. 21	40	30	Rain .16	
Fri., Nov. 22	43	37		
Sat., Nov. 23	36	34	1	
Sun Nov 24	40	34		

WINTER'S HERE

A heavy snowfall blankets Georgetown district to-day, telling us in no uncertain terms, that winter is here. Snow began falling yesterday afternoon, and by early evening there were several inches on the ground. More snow fell during the night, and traffic was this morning moving with

Council Asks Att'y-Gen. for Civil Guard Corps

Capt. C. V. Williams Suggested as Commander - New Fire Siren in Telephone Office - Interim Statement Reviewed.

Meeting last Thursday night, Georgetown Council passed a resolution ask- and this was embodied in the resolu ing Attorney-General Conant for per- tion. mission to organize a branch of the Volunteer Civil Guard in George- granting the organization \$25.00 to be town. Lt.-Col. James Ballantine, Com- used for buying topographical mage manding Officer for Halton Council of the district, and defraying was present at the meeting to ask expenses. consideration of the plan. He except Georgetown had a Civil Guard. and explained defails of a prepen

their status was unofficial. that some legal status should be given siren. The cost of the new equipment to the organization, and the correct is about \$25.00. procedure would be to ask the At-

Another resolution was passed.

Mr. Misener, of the Bell Telephone plained that all towns in Halton ex- Company, was present at the meeting. In Georgetown, a corps of Minute new fire siren at the Bell Telephone Men was established last spring, and office in Georgetown. A by-law was while the program for this group close- drawn up and passed after three readly follows that of the Civil Guard, ings, providing for the installation. This will be a great advantage in He warmly praised the local group, summoning the Fire Brigade when a which at present numbers about forty, fire breaks out, and as one Councilfor the good work they are doing. for expressed it, "a minute gained at Every officer in the Minute Men is an the start of a fire, is an hour gained officer who saw service in the first in fighting it." When a fire call is Great War, and the men thus have received at the telephone office, the the best of instruction. Now he felt operator will immediately ring the

Town Clerk P. B. Harrison reviewed torney-General for permission to es- the Interim Statement, which in progress. Much enthusiasm was Eastern Canada are telling their read- tablish a local unit of the Volunteer a picture of municipal finances from the beginning of 1940 to More The Council endorsed Col. Bellan- 15th. Members of the standing com-