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Gibbons Returned Mayor of Georgetown for Eighth Term

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

TOWN WILL VOTE ON BY-LAW

It was made known on Saturday that Mayor Joseph Gibbons and Reeve Harold Cleave had both been returned for another year by acclamation. Reeve Cleave, who was also nominated 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 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

Mr. Harrison then introduced 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 a ten mill tax reduction, if no more debt is loaded on the community."

He congratulated local organizations and the citizens 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. Future councils must legislate so that local tax burdens can be kept at a minimum, and the ratepayers will be enabled to pay higher taxes to the Dominion."

King Street Paving

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. "Georgetown and Halton lost a good servant, and I, a good friend," was his tribute.

Uncertain of Intention

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

"I could help in the County Council next year, when the equalization problem is bound to once more present itself. On the other hand, many of my friends have been urging me to run for Mayor. I have always given 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 Finance 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.

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 little to report," said Councillor N. H. Brown, who is chairman of the Welfare, Light and Police Committee. He showed that welfare costs were very low this year, and law enforcement was made easier by an almost complete lack of crime.

Thanking those who nominated him for reeve and councillor, he accepted the latter nomination, which automatically elected him by acclamation.

COUNCILLOR MACKENZIE

"Being a freshman member of the council, and as our committee (Building and Property) has spent the least amount 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 councillor, and promised to serve them in the best interests of town affairs.

COUNCILLOR MACDONALD

Councillor E. R. MacDonald was introduced to the meeting, as chairman of the Roads Committee.

"With seventeen and a half miles of streets, I think I can truthfully say that our committee covers the most territory," remarked Councillor MacDonald.

He expressed his pride that Georgetown has so much permanent pavement, and pointed out that this will reduce road maintenance costs in the future, as there will be less gravel and oil needed.

TWO COUNCILLORS ABSENT

In the absence of Councillor Cripps, who was returned by acclamation, no report on Water and Fire, which committee he heads, was presented.

Councillor T. R. Cave, who is running again in Ward II for councillor, was also absent from the meeting, and no report of the Printing and Industrial Committee was received.

HYDRO-COMMISSIONER H. C. DAYFOOT

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 affairs.

Hydro consumers now number about 1,000, he stated, and this is an increase of 100 over last year. The Commission has an estimated surplus of \$3,000. During the year, a lot on Main Street was purchased, and the Commission intends to erect a building 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. Dayfoot. 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, and stated that in the future the difficulty of lack of space and facilities to carry on the new curriculum could be remedied.

Interim Statement Shows Town's Financial Position 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 remembered that it is purely a cash position which is shown, and that the 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 had been collected. However, there has been a drop in tax arrears collections—from \$15,648.60 to \$9,692.26. Tax arrears remain at relatively the same level as last year, however—dropping a few hundred dollars to \$23,977.45. The balance of current liabilities is also slightly lower this year, being \$23,192.63 compared with last year's figure of \$24,374.09.

Water arrears collected this year are about \$200 less than last year. Water arrears are correspondingly higher than last year, being \$1,100. The Waterworks Department, however, presents a much improved picture, with last year's estimated deficit of \$208.45 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 significant 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 is much the same as last year in that section.

The cash position on November 15th was excellent, with a bank balance of \$6,486.11, contrasted with last year's balance of \$707.31. If this cash position gives an indication of what the financial position will be at the end of the year, Georgetown ratepayers may see a decrease in their tax rate next year.

TERRA COTTA U.F.O.

Mr. and Mrs. George Leslie were host and hostess to the U.F.O. and U.F.W.O. Club, of Terra Costa, 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. A splendid paper was given by Miss Bea Lyons on "Dust will keep, but violets won't." Minutes of the October meeting were read and adopted, followed by the roll call.

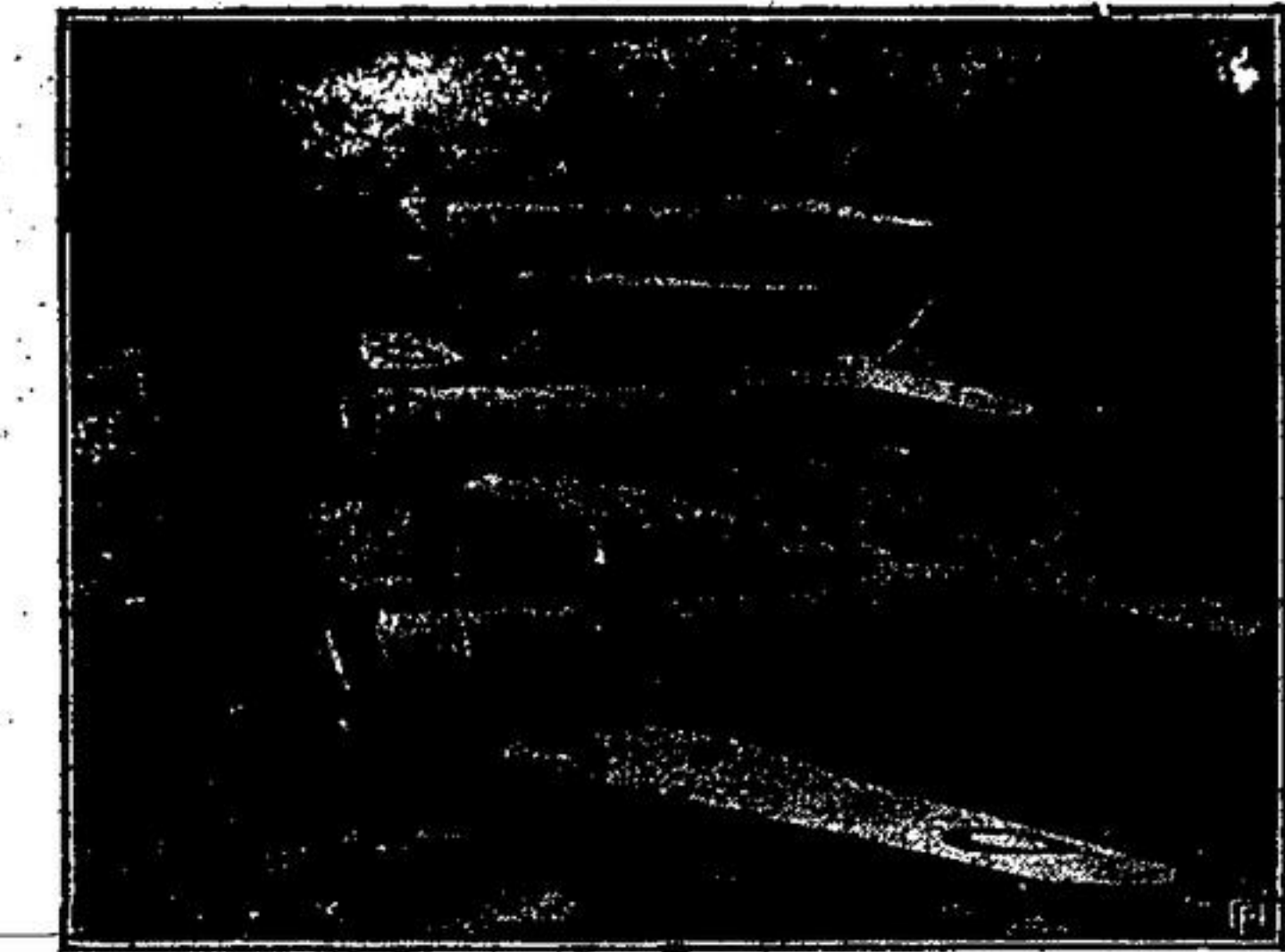
The annual election of officers was held, and the following chosen:

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—Mr. F. L. Thompson.

The joint meeting was quickly begun and progressive euchre was soon in progress. Much enthusiasm was shown by the players. Mrs. Dick was winner of the lady's prize, while Mr. Albert Dolsen secured the gentleman's prize. Everyone enjoyed the hospitality 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 Thursday evening, Nov. 21st, when twenty-one ladies of the Club sat down to a beautifully decorated table in the school room of the Baptist Church. The Baptist ladies served a delicious chicken dinner which everyone enjoyed.

After dinner they adjourned to the home of Mrs. J. H. Lilloo, where a 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. John Gibbons.

Prize Committee—Mrs. J. H. Lilloo, Miss M. Langdon.
Refreshment Committee—Mrs. W. H. McDowell, Mrs. H. Cleave.
Winners in the tables were presented with beautiful prizes: 1st, Mrs. H. Cleave, Miss O. Logan and Mrs. A. Duncan; 2nd, Mrs. S. MacKenzie, Mrs. J. H. Lilloo and Mrs. W. Frank; 3rd, Mrs. W. G. McDowell, Mrs. Erwin and Mrs. P. Cleave. Season's ringer score, Mrs. John Gibbons; hidden prize, Mrs. J. H. Lilloo.

The evening's bridge prize was won by Mrs. W. G. McDowell while the euchre prize went to Mrs. Erwin.

Mrs. J. Kaiser, of Theford, a former member of the Club, was a guest of the evening.

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

FORMER GEORGETOWN BOY JOIN CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Douglas Allatt, a former pupil of Georgetown Public School, has been accepted as a recruit for the R.C.A.F. and left his home in Weston on Wednesday evening for No. 3 Manning Depot, Brandon, Man. Doug, who passed his senior matriculation at Weston College this past summer, finished his tests and was signed on Tuesday, and given orders to leave Wednesday. He 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 home at 16 Bellevue Cres., Weston.

BINGHAM-HARVEY WEDDING IN GALT

Andrew Kyle Bingham, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bingham, of Georgetown, was united in marriage with Freda Maude Harvey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harvey, Hespeler, at a ceremony which took place in Galt on Saturday, November 23rd. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Davidson of Galt. Mr. Hillard Allen, Toronto, was groomsmen, and the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Flossie 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 home on the Bingham homestead near Georgetown.

CENSORSHIP "JOKE"

One of the biggest jokes of the year is the way in which United States newspapermen who recently toured Eastern Canada are telling their readers all about Halifax and what goes on there, whereas newspapers in Canada, by order of the censor, can only refer to it as an "Eastern Canadian port."—Brockville Recorder and Times

Town of Georgetown Nominations

FOR MAYOR

JOSEPH GIBBONS—Moved by James Ballantine, seconded by H. L. Hunt.
HAROLD CLEAVE—Moved by J. D. Kelly, seconded by Hugh Dickie.

FOR REEVE

HAROLD CLEAVE—Moved by W. V. Grant, seconded by James Ballantine.
N. H. BROWN—Moved by K. R. MacDonald, 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

JAR COSTIGAN—Moved by J. D. Kelly, seconded by James Ballantine.
T. R. CAVE—Moved by S. J. Mackenzie, seconded by C. Sargent.
CLIFFORD BRADLEY—Moved by Jar Russell, seconded by Jos. Gibbons.

WARD III

S. J. MACKENZIE—Moved by E. C. Thompson, seconded by H. Barnes.
K. R. MacDonald—Moved by E. M. Langdon, seconded by E. C. Thompson.

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 by E. C. Thompson.

HYDRO COMMISSIONER

H. C. DAYFOOT—Moved by R. B. Foulis, seconded by E. C. Thompson.

THE WEATHER

Monday of this week gave us a 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 L. Precipitation
Mon., Nov. 18	29 23 Rain .02
Tue., Nov. 19	47 22
Wed., Nov. 20	46 39 Rain .10
Thurs., Nov. 21	40 30 Rain .16
Fri., Nov. 22	43 37
Sat., Nov. 23	36 34
Sun., Nov. 24	40 34
Mon., Nov. 25	30 30 Snow, a trace

WINTER'S HERE

A heavy snowfall blankets Georgetown district today, 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 difficulty.

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 asking Attorney-General Conant for permission to organize a branch of the Volunteer Civil Guard in Georgetown. Lt.-Col. James Ballantine, Commanding Officer for Halton Council was present at the meeting to ask consideration of the plan. He explained that all towns in Halton except Georgetown had a Civil Guard. In Georgetown, a corps of Minute Men was established last spring, and while the program for this group follows that of the Civil Guard, their status was unofficial.

He warmly praised the local group, which at present numbers about forty, for the good work they are doing. Every officer in the Minute Men is an officer who saw service in the First Great War, and the men thus have the best of instruction. Now he felt that some legal status should be given to the organization, and the correct procedure would be to ask the Attorney-General for permission to establish a local unit of the Volunteer Civil Guard.

The Council endorsed Col. Ballantine's suggestion of Capt. C. V. Williams, M.C., as a competent commanding officer for the proposed local group

and this was embodied in the resolution.

Another resolution was passed, granting the organization \$25.00 to be used for buying topographic maps of the district, and defraying other expenses.

Mr. Misener, of the Bell Telephone Company, was present at the meeting, and explained details of a proposed new fire siren at the Bell Telephone office in Georgetown. A by-law was drawn up and passed after three readings, providing for the installation. This will be a great advantage in summoning the Fire Brigade when a fire breaks out, and as one Councillor expressed it, "a minute gained at the start of a fire is an hour gained in fighting it. When a fire call is received at the telephone office, the operator will immediately ring the siren. The cost of the new equipment is about \$26.00.

Town Clerk P. B. Harrison reviewed the Interim Statement, which gives a picture of municipal finances from the beginning of 1940 to November 15th. Members of the standing committee were given an opportunity to study the individual statements in detail.