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Acclamation for Esqueing Township Council

TRIBUTE PAID TO LATE GEORGE LESLIE - SNOW REMOVAL, EQUALIZATION DISCUSSED

One of the smallest attendances on record featured the Esqueing Township nomination meeting held in Stewarttown on Monday afternoon. Election for the next year was quiet and unexciting and it was anticipated that only new men would enter the contest. This was not the case when the necessary hour period for nominations closed, and Mr. M. Bennett read the list of nominations.

These were as follows:

REEVE
W. A. WILSON, proposed by Thomas Bird and Robert Miller.

DEPUTY-REEVE
C. HOWARD MAY, proposed by G. Wood and C. W. Way.

COUNCILLORS
G. CHARLES MURRAY, proposed by A. G. Clarridge and Robert Miller
EDWIN HARROP, proposed by Thomas Bird and W. J. Alexander.
GEORGE E. OLGAIVE, proposed by William Gowdy and Milton Bird.

As the five nominations corresponded with the five vacant seats, the retiring council was declared re-elected and there will be no election for this next Monday. However, as a by-law has been passed and advertised, providing for a vote on the two-year council term, an election will be held for this purpose on Monday, January 6th. A lively discussion centered around this point during Monday's meeting. A few of the ratepayers expressed their disapproval of going to the expense of an election merely to vote on this one question. It was explained that it was impossible to follow any other course, as a by-law to this effect had been drawn up and passed. One attendant was in favor of taking a vote at the meeting and settling the matter on the spot. Another ratepayer (perhaps with his tongue in his cheek) drew attention to the emoluments of public office which amount to \$130 yearly for each councillor.

"I see that there have been fourteen meetings during the year," he said, "and this makes almost \$10 a meeting. Perhaps our council would agree to serve us for a two-year period for one year's salary."

Mr. I. M. Bennett, acting as chairman, introduced Reeve W. A. Wilson, who dealt mostly with the County Council as it affects the municipality. "I can practically promise a hard-surface road at the end of Maple Avenue next year," he stated. He also explained that failure to get the Limehouse road into proper shape during the summer could not be blamed on the County Roads Committee, but was the fault of the contractor who had not carried out his contract as early as promised. "However, the gravel is now spread, and a guarantee that the road will be in good shape this coming year," he promised.

He explained himself as strongly against a county equalization, and believed that the members of the County Council could settle the matter amicably among themselves if they tried.

Township finances are in good shape this year, and he drew attention to the payment of the county rate which has been almost paid already this year, saving interest charges which delayed payment in other years had caused.

Deputy-reeve May explained the reforestation work which the county is doing. He was perturbed about the snow removal problem, and believed that something should be done to improve the situation.

Councillor Murray detailed the road work done in the township during the past year. Nineteen miles of road-way had been sprayed with weed-killer, and results of this would be seen in the spring.

Councillor Harrop remarked that the small attendance must be a sign that the ratepayers were satisfied with the way the 1940 council had carried on the public business. He was "in-between" on the snow removal question, believing that something should be done, and yet being hesitant to spend money on new road machinery.

Councillor Cleave expressed himself as entirely in favour of snow removal. He pointed out that the man on the back roads was at a great disadvantage when he had to sleigh part of the way in to town, yet could not use his sleigh when he came to a cleared main roadway.

"Moreover," he stated, "I believe snow-removal is the cheapest policy in the long run. Roads which are cleared dry out sooner, and stand up for a much longer period of time, cutting down maintenance cost."

All members paid individual tribute to the late Mr. George Leslie during the afternoon.

Clark Bennett: "In his 47 years of office as treasurer of the township, George Leslie was never known to have irregularities in his books or actions."

Steve Wilson: "He was an entirely honest bookkeeper and never made mistakes."

Councillor May: "He was a fine old man, and we will miss him very much."

Councillor Murray: "His ability and honesty are a good pattern for anyone to follow."

Councillor Harrop: "His character was above reproach. During past years I came to know Mr. Leslie very intimately. He was a wonderful help and a fine old gentleman."



Happy Time Club Organized at St. George's

A club has recently been organized at St. George's Anglican Church for boys aged seven to twelve years. The club, which meets every Wednesday night in the church basement is known as the Happy Time Club, and the young people are enthusiastic in their plans for the future. At the organization meeting held early in December, the boys drew up a set of rules for club conduct which include: no bad language, regular Sunday School and Church attendance in an orderly and quiet manner, and respectfulness to elders.

At the first meeting held the next week, Rev. W. G. O. Thompson presented hockey sticks to the boys, with the name of the club printed on the handle. A surprise birthday party was held which honoured the supervisor and organizer, and Christmas gifts were presented to Mr. Thompson and Mr. Sargent by the club.

The group has planned many events for future meetings. Jim Kelly will give the boys instruction in discipline drill. A club stamp collection has been started, with one member donating his own collection to be used as the nucleus. It is also planned to have a birthday party once a month for all members whose birthdays fall in that period. Dues are five cents a week.

Brian Perry is president of the club and other officers include: vice-president, Buddie Bouskill; secretary, Walter Sargent; assistant secretary, Bob Bouskill; treasurer, Leonard Tennant; assistant treasurer, Bill James; membership, Ross Norton; assistant memb., Kenneth Mendham; social, Ross Sykes; social committee, Earl Walters, Willie Mills, Billy Bullivant; orderlies, sergeants, Bobbie Bouskill and Bill James.

25 CHRISTMAS HAMPERS DISTRIBUTED

The Christmas Hamper Committee reports that twenty-five hampers were distributed to local families on Christmas Eve. Christmas was thus made happier for 39 adults and 43 children whose Christmas meal might otherwise have been a bit slim. The White Gifts, donated by the junior pupils of the United Church Sunday School, added a gay Christmas touch to the hampers.

The Hamper Committee is thankful to those who contributed so generously of money, food and toys which made the hampers possible, to the Women's Institute who did the packing, and to Chief W. G. Marshall who delivered the parcels.

BAPTIST MINISTER'S WIFE DIES SUDDENLY IN HAMILTON

Mrs. Eleanor Isabel Holmes, wife of Rev. Gordon M. Holmes, pastor of Wentworth Baptist Church, Hamilton, died suddenly last Friday, Dec. 27th, after being stricken with a heart attack in a Hamilton departmental store. She was the only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCullidduy, of Toronto, and was educated at Harvard College, Toronto, and McMaster University, Hamilton.

Mr. Holmes was formerly pastor of Georgetown Baptist Church, coming here in the spring of 1913. A daughter was born to them while resident in Georgetown. In 1915, they went to Goderich, later moving to Toronto and Lindsay, where Mr. Holmes was pastor of Kensington Avenue Baptist Church and Lindsay Baptist Church.

Mrs. Holmes was a member of the I.O.D.E. Rev. John G. McCullidduy, of Barrie, is a brother. The funeral service was held from Wentworth St. Baptist Church on Monday, with burial in Hamilton cemetery.

CHRISTMAS PIANO RECITAL

The annual Christmas recital of the pupils of Miss Margaret Dickie, A.T.C.M. was held in the public school Saturday afternoon, Dec. 19th, at 4 o'clock. The children invited their parents as their guests.

There were solos, duets and three selections by the rhythm band, made up of class pupils from the school classes. Several pupils were absent on account of illness. The following took part in order of performance: Jane Milne, Mary Jane Arnold, Dorothy Bowler, Anne Crabtree, Betty Clarke, Marion Dickie, Margaret Marshall, Mary Woods, Ingeborg Hauptmann, John Heidmann, Audrey Dillon, Bud Toet, Kathleen Thompson, Violet Barnes, Jean Dickie, June Clarke, Barbara Parson, Bernice Hughes, Norah Cleave, Helen Blackburn and Helen Williams.

Following the recital a social time was spent when light refreshments were served.

LOST PLANE LANDS NEAR GLEN

Apparently losing their way in the fog last Friday afternoon, two air force men were forced to land their plane on a farm near Glen Williams. A guard has been stationed over the disabled machine, which as yet has not been removed for repairs.

Christmas Visitors HERE and THERE

Christmas is always a time of home-coming, and many gay family reunions took place during the midweek holiday.

Mr. Stewart Young was in Stratford with his mother and sisters.

Dr. O. E. Biehn, of Windsor, spent the week-end with his son, Mr. Walter Biehn.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ritchie, of Acton, were at Mr. Ritchie's home here for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ian Stuart, of Toronto, were holiday visitors with Mrs. and Mrs. V. Grant.

Mr. Vernon Cole spent Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cole, in Milton.

Miss Doris Green, of Toronto, is spending a few days in town with Mr. and Mrs. C. Burnside.

Major and Mrs. John R. Barber spent Christmas in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lawrence.

The Misses Ada and Etta Conlin, of New York City, spent the week-end with their aunt, Mrs. Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Merritt, of Toronto, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whitmee last Sunday.

Misses Jean and Margaret Creaser, of Toronto, are spending New Year's with Miss Lorraine Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Van Dusen, of Tara, were in town for the holiday with the McGibbon family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O'Neil, of Ontario, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Borst in Brampton.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kirkwood spent Christmas Day with their son and daughter-in-law in Erin.

Mr. and Mrs. William Frampton, of Toronto, were week-end guests with Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Brandford.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smale, Freeman, were with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Evans, for the holiday.

Mr. Peter Bessey, of Toronto, was home for the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Bessey.

Mr. Chester Laird, of Palmerston, was a visitor at the home of his brothers and sisters over Christmas.

Mrs. W. C. Bessey and Miss Doris, of Toronto, visited with friends in town and district over the holiday.

Mrs. D. L. Herbert and Miss Freda Herbert were guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Bell in Toronto for Christmas.

C.M.S. Frank Shannon, who has been taking a "refresher" course in Toronto, is back at the local armouries.

Mrs. R. Waldie spent Christmas with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Matson, of Brampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Barber, Hamilton, spent the day with his brother, Mr. Roaf Barber and Mrs. Barber.

Mr. H. P. McClellan, of Stratford, spent Christmas with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Petch.

Dr. and Mrs. George Paul, of Toronto, were with his mother, Mrs. J. J. Paul, and Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Parr and Joseph, of Sudbury, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne T. Oave, of Little Current, Manitowish, spent Christmas in Georgetown with Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Oave.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Ross, of St. John's, N.B., spent the Christmas week with Mr. Ross's mother and brother at the Ross farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rasmussen and Heather Anne, of Brampton, spent Christmas at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lily Broomhead.

Miss Elizabeth Langan, of Toronto, was with her sister, Miss May Langan, who is spending the rest of her vacation with friends in Acton.

Mr. Elmer C. Thompson, Miss Isobel Thompson and Mrs. Ann Lawson spent Christmas Day in Oshawa with Dr. and Mrs. H. McDonald.

Mr. Arthur Dayfest, divinity student at Emmanuel College, Toronto, is spending the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dayfoot.

Mr. Lewis Humberstone, of Kingston, and Miss Clara Humberstone, Hornby, spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. T. A. Humberstone.

Jack Thompson, announcer at radio station CKOL in Toronto, arrived on Christmas Eve to be with his parents, Rev. W. G. O. and Mrs. Thompson.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Jack Ritchie, who has not been well for some time, was removed to the hospital last week. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Arol O'Neill, June and John, of Toronto, called on their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony at their way to spend Christmas day at Inglewood.

Mr. Joseph Martin, Miss Hazel Martin, Mr. Clinton Martin, Mr. Walker Glassford, of Caledon, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Armstrong.

Mr. Bob Goldham, who is working during the holidays in Simpson's Footwear Department, had Christmas dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goldham.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wilson and Harold, of Hespeler, spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. William Long. Harold remained for a visit with his aunt and uncle.

Mrs. David Boyd, Miss Vera Boyd, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Boyd and Gloria Jean, spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Downs and family at Hornby.

Mr. W. P. Bartlett was with his parents in St. Mary's, and Mr. Douglas Bracken spent the holiday in Gananoque with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Bracken.

On Monday of this week, Dr. and Mrs. A. McAllister attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Holmes, wife of Rev. G. M. Holmes, in Wentworth Baptist Church, Hamilton.

Holiday guests at the home of Mr. Seymour Penson included Mr. and Mrs. George Penson and Joan, of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. David Hanna, Joan and Peter, of Owen Sound.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. James Oatigan included Mr. and Mrs. Ray Oatigan and Peter, of Hamilton, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Oatigan and Jimmy, of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McKinlay and children Donald, John and Mary, of Toronto, joined Mrs. R. E. Harrison, Mr. P. B. Harrison and Miss Hazel Harrison for a family celebration.

Christmas guests with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stockford and family included: Charles Stockford, principal of Uxbridge Public School, Mrs. Walter Miss Gwyneth and Messrs. Tom and Edgar Watts, of Toronto.

Mrs. Violet Cook and Miss Floesta Cook of Mount Dennis spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John H. Shepherd. Saturday, December 28th, was the 53rd anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd's wedding day.

Miss Marion Overend, a nurse-in-training in Hamilton General Hospital, and Dr. Frederick Overend, who is connected with the hospital staff, were with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. F. O. Overend, on Christmas Day.

Mr. Walter Biehn joined a family party in Windsor which included his parents, Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Biehn, Miss Isobel Biehn and Miss Belle Elliot, of Chesham, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smart, Windsor, and Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Smart, of Tara.

The Christmas visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lyons were Mr. and Mrs. Emerson McKinney and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barrett and family all of Brampton; Mr. Hugo Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lyons and Peter, of Oshesham, and Miss Charlotte Lyons, of Toronto.

A family dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie, Mill Street, included Misses Joan and Margery Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mackenzie, Sandy and Marla, Ken Mackenzie, A. C. A. of Dunville, Al Training School, and Mr. and Mrs. William Pasmore, Helen, Margaret, Agnes and Edward Pasmore, and Mrs. George Gordon, all of Rockwood.

The Daughters of the Church met for a social evening last Friday at the home of Miss Marjorie Gault. During the evening a gift was presented to Mrs. Frank Whitmee, the former Jean Switzer, a bride of last summer. Refreshments were served and a pleasant time enjoyed by all.

Among the soldiers who enjoyed a Christmas leave at their homes were: Pte. Sam Raehlin, of the Irish Regiment, Camp Borden; Lieut. Allan G. MacDonald, Dufferin and Haldimand Rifles, Camp Niagara; Pte. Vic King, Stanley Barracks, Toronto; Pte. Ed. Hicken, 48th Highlanders, Camp Borden; Sgt. Alfred Collins, Lorne Scots, Camp Borden; Pte. Fred Harrison, 48th Highlanders, Camp Borden; Sgt. Maj. Henry Shepherd and Sgt. Russell Firestone, Newmarket Training Centre; Pte. Bill Hewitt and Pte. A. N. Carter, of the R.C.A.M.C., Camp Borden; Pte. T. B. Warner, 48th Highlanders, Camp Borden; Spr. W. N. Ritchie, R.G.E.T.C., Petawawa; Cmr. Russell Vary, 16-43rd Battery, Sussex, N.B.; members of the Veteran's Guard, including Gds. C. Stacey, A. Roney, W.F. Smith and Alex. Taylor; Pte. Welburn Marchmont, R.H.L.I., Stratford; Pte. Bruce Hawley, 48th Highlanders, Kingston; Driver E. B. Tyers, Camp Borden.

SGT. ALFRED COLLINS ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY IN TRAGIC AUTO ACCIDENT

An auto accident on the Yonge Street highway north of Newmarket last week brought death to one man and serious injuries to two others. The accident occurred on Monday evening when a carload of soldiers, members of the Lorne Scots Regiment of Brampton, collided with a car driven by William J. Blackwood, of Newmarket. Blackwood was killed and Stephen Rose, a passenger in his car was injured. Sgt. G. E. Ohing, of Brampton, driver of the other car, suffered a broken left leg and other injuries. Most seriously injured was Pte. Gordon Clarridge, also of Brampton, who had his skull fractured. Corp. Cecil (Tom) Stapleton suffered minor injuries. Sgt. Alfred Collins, of Georgetown, another passenger in the Ohing car was least injured of the four, and was able to continue home to Georgetown for the holiday.

Candle-Light Service at Glen

Illuminated by Christmas lights and candles Glen Williams United Church on Dec. 22nd, held its Christmas service in the atmosphere of the Bethlehem nativity. The Christmas story from the Gospels of St. Luke and St. Matthew was interspersed with carols and anthems by the choir illustrating the portions of scripture read. A selection of note was the 14th century carol arranged by Charles Wood "Once as I Remember."

Mr. A. F. Cowan, of Victoria College, a close friend of the minister, delivered the sermon on the text from St. Matthew 10: 36. "He that findeth his life shall lose it and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

After Christmas greetings were extended to the congregation by the minister, the service closed with a recessional hymn by the choir, each member of which carried a lighted candle.

On Monday evening, Dec. 23, the church school held its annual Christmas tree and concert in the town hall and a highly festive spirit was evident among both young and old as the program of carols, recitations and skits progressed. One selection entitled "Babies in the Woods" consisted of two children, one from Glen Williams, the other from London, England. One could not help thinking how very close this horrible struggle to drawing certain peoples of the world and that if this spirit were only universal the much anticipated Kingdom of God would be closer to fulfillment.

Santa Claus appeared upon the scene at the proper moment and strange to say the boys and girls did not refuse the many presents he gave them from the Christmas Tree. It was the children's night and from all appearances they enjoyed it.

J. A. WILLOUGHBY STAFF HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

The staff of J. A. Willoughby, Toronto and Georgetown reitor, again had a Christmas party this year with the president as host. The party started with a bowling tournament, with burritos and chickens as prizes. A dinner at the Savarin Hotel followed and the staff then adjourned to their offices in the Kent Building where Mr. Willoughby was presented with a desk set by the sales and office staff.

TO MAKE US INVISIBLE IN WAR

An article in The American Weekly with the January 5 issue of The Detroit Sunday Times will tell how the best brains of the nation among architects, artists, philosophers, engineers and other technicians are now being trained to turn out new tricks for hiding America from an enemy. Be sure to get The Detroit Sunday Times.

THE WEATHER

Following is the weather report for the past two weeks:

Sun., Dec. 22nd, was the winter solstice, when the sun was at its lowest declination, and we had our shortest day and longest night. From this day till the 21st of June the days gradually lengthen a few minutes and the situation is reversed and we have the longest day and shortest night.

According to the old adage "As the days lengthen the cold strengthens," and we will probably find this true for the next couple of winter months, but with less cloudiness and more bright sunny days it will be more enjoyable.

Following are the local records extended for last week's issue:

Date	H. and L. Precipitation	Temp.	Station
Mon., Dec. 16	37	25	1.1 rain/fall
Tues., Dec. 17	37	18	
Wed., Dec. 18	30	12	
Thurs., Dec. 19	32	24	
Fri., Dec. 20	38	31	
Sat., Dec. 21	32	22	
Sun., Dec. 22	35	32	
Mon., Dec. 23	30	18	

FORMER GEORGETOWN BLACKSMITH

The death occurred in Toronto on Tuesday, December 17th, of Samuel Frank Cooper, who formerly operated a blacksmith shop across the road from the post office. Mr. Cooper was born in Bowmanville seventy-nine years ago. He had been in fair health until two years ago, when he developed a heart condition, of which he died.

Several years ago he moved to Toronto, but he was always fond of Georgetown and delighted to come back to visit his old comrades and attend various functions. He is survived by his wife, the former Marion McPhaden, at their residence, 58 Charles St. West, and two children, Mrs. Eva Long and Donald.

A service was held in Toronto on Thursday evening, Dec. 19th, at the William Speers Funeral Chapel, and burial was in Bowmanville the following day. The service was largely attended, and was under the auspices of the I.O.O.F., of which he was a member. He also was a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters, and the Native Sons of Canada.

HALTON PLOWMEN ELECT OFFICERS FOR 1941

Ross Segaworth of Freeman was elected president of the Halton Plowmen's Association for 1941 at the annual meeting held recently in Milton. The Association has again not only had an active but a most successful year. In addition to the annual match which is recognized as one of the best county matches in the province, a successful junior match was held in the spring and eleven Halton plowboys competed at the International where they established an outstanding record.

The program at the annual meeting included some excellent educational films which were screened through the courtesy of Canadian Industries Limited.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Honorary president - John McCormack, Freeman.
President - Ross Segaworth.
Vice-presidents - J. A. Elliott and Victor Hall.

Treasurer - Claude Pickett.
Secretary - J. E. Whitlock.
Directors - Esqueing, James Cunningham, W. H. Robinson, Clibert McDowell, Nassegawaya, George Finney, A. S. Mahon, L. W. Chisholm, Nelson W. J. Robertson, William Dale, E. M. Readhead, Traifalgar, John Lister, W. S. Hall and J. A. Dixon.

County Directors - Fred Robinson, Gordon Chisholm, Stanley Hall, J. H. Wilson.
Honorary Directors - F. H. Groy, John Coulson, P. D. Selter, W. A. Robinson, Peter Peddie.

MRS. ABBIE INMAN DIED IN MOULTON

Following a lengthy illness, the death occurred Sunday, Dec. 15th, 1940, of Mrs. Abbie Inman at her home one mile east of Dunnville. Mrs. Inman, who was in her 98th year, was the widow of the late Peter Inman, and was a member of Grace United Church. She leaves to mourn her loss a daughter, Miss Maide, on the staff of the high school at Georgetown. The funeral was held from her late residence on Tuesday afternoon, with Rev. J. W. Schofield officiating. Interment was made at the Inman Road cemetery.

POULTRY THIEVES

It is reported that poultry thieves are again active in this district. The authorities are taking no time in their endeavour to apprehend the culprits, but in the meantime it is suggested that all poultry owners be on the alert.

And so with the beginning of the New Year, we wish you all happiness, health and prosperity in 1941.