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Georgetown Council Held Inaugural Meeting Monday

First 1943 Meeting for Esquering Township Council

Money By-Law Passed—Appointments Made for Treasurer, Fire Team, Assessors, Board of Health, etc.

Georgetown, January 11th, 1943. The council elect for the Township of Esquering for the year 1943 met at 7 o'clock and having subscribed to the oath of office, took their seats. C. Howard May, reeve, O. Wesley Murray, deputy reeve, George E. Cleave, George Currie and William A. Wilson, councillors. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

After the communications had been read it was moved by Currie, seconded by Murray, that the following be paid: The Municipal World, supplies and 600 dog tags \$17.68, Whillier & Co. assessors supplies, etc. \$47.89, H.E.P.O. Brampton, lights at council chamber \$4.44; Bell Telephone Co. services \$5.01; Letter Shop Supply Co. \$19.89; Board of Hydro Commissioners, Georgetown, street lights at Glen Williams \$71.50; Sam Milham, to splitting and piling wood at council chamber \$1.50; I. M. Bennett, to writing Old Age Pensions in 1943 \$18.00; Ontario Good Roads Association, membership fee \$5.00; The Salvation Army, grant \$10.00—Carried.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Cleave, that we do now adjourn to meet at 3 p.m.—Carried.

The council resumed.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Murray, that relief accounts be paid, \$29.40—Carried.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Currie, that this council appoint Florence Jean Standish to act as Treasurer pro tem, during the absence of N. R. Thompson—Carried.

Moved by Currie, seconded by Cleave, that the rate of pay for operator of grader will be \$5c per hour, and for day labor 40c per hour—Carried.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Cleave, that this council do hereby apply for subsidy on the amount of \$15,012.23 under the provisions of the Highway Improvement Act—Carried.

Moved by Cleave, seconded by Wilson, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint a member of the Local Board of Health for the year 1943, and that said by-law be now read a first time—Carried.

Moved by Currie, seconded by Murray, that by-law No. 967 to appoint a member of the Local Board of Health for the year 1943 having been read a first time, be now read a second and third times and passed, and the blanks filled in with the names of J. H. Hingham, and the seal of the Corporation be attached thereto—Carried.

Moved by Murray, seconded by Currie, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint a member of the Local Board of Health for the year 1943, and that said by-law be now read a first time—Carried.

Moved by Wilson, seconded by Cleave, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint assessors for the year 1943, and that said by-law be now read a first time—Carried.

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Mayor Gibbons Host at Banquet For Council and Other Guests

Inaugural Address Feature of First Part of Evening—Mayor Cites Improved Relations with Arena Board, Free Skating for the Youth of the Town, Tax Rate Reduction in 1943, and also Reduced Hydro Rates — Rev. J. E. Ostrom Conducted the Devotional Period.

Members of Georgetown Council assembled for their inaugural meeting in the Municipal Office on Monday evening. Council took their places as follows: Mayor, Joseph Gibbons, reeve; N. H. Brown, councillor; K. R. Macdonald, Clifford Bradley, Joseph Hall, William Thompson, Hedley Shaw and Thos. L. Lyons.

The small meeting room was filled to capacity to hear the mayor's inaugural address, as he was later to be host to the council as a number of guests at a dinner. After all had taken their places, Town Clerk P. B. Harrison read the declaration and administered the oath of office to the members of council, and also to the Hydro Commissioner, Graham Farrell.

Mayor Gibbons delivered a very eloquent and inspiring address, which he addressed to the council of 1943, and to the citizens of Georgetown generally. His remarks not only bore evidence of much thought, in which he held the interest of the town at heart, but were far-reaching in their scope, and could at least a portion of the ideas put forth be carried out, our town would surely be a much better place in which to live. He cited a reduction in the tax rate for 1943, and said he would do all in his power to have the hydro rates reduced in Georgetown. However, the text of the Mayor's address follows, so we will not comment further.

No business was conducted at this meeting, and after agreeing to meet again on Tuesday, January 14th, a motion to adjourn was passed.

To the Members of the Council and Citizens of Georgetown:—

The members of the municipal council are assembled here today for the first meeting for the year 1943, and I am taking advantage of this opportunity to publicly congratulate the members who have been elected for the first time, the members who have been re-elected whom I have been associated with in the past, and Reeve N. H. Brown, whom I am convinced will represent the Municipality of Georgetown at county council faithfully and well.

The past year continued to show marked improvement in the financial situation of the town, with a current levy of \$63,370.00. Ninety-five percent of \$508,910.00 was collected and the total arrears were reduced from \$18,174.99 in 1941 or \$107,552.96 at the end of 1942. The water payment arrears also show a reduction of \$16,444.48 in 1941 to \$508.54 at the end of 1942.

During the past year considerable changes were made in the tax payment plan and the method in which the taxes and water rates were collected. If the arrangements made last year have proved to be unsatisfactory and objectionable to the citizens, I suggest that the finance committee should meet and submit recommendations and have them considered by the council at the earliest possible moment.

The most unsatisfactory financial matter that the auditor's report will show when completed is the indebtedness of \$10,000.00 by the Arena Company to the Corporation. Realizing as I do the problems that the Arena Board have had to contend with down through the years, knowing the benefit it has had to the people of Georgetown and surrounding district, and especially to the youth of this community, by providing an opportunity for clean sport and amusement, in view of this fact I do not suggest to the council that we should take advantage of the mortgage clause, thereby creating a possibility that this great community asset might become the property of private interests. However, I am going to be frank and say to the Arena Board that in my opinion in fairness to the public spirited men and women, who, approximately twenty years ago invested their money without any thought of receiving either interest or principal, in fairness to the taxpayers who have been carrying this indebtedness in the tax rate, in fairness to all citizens who pay their accounts to the Corporation and in view of the fact that frequent attempts have been made to get some definite understanding with the Arena Board, I do suggest that the municipal council should try and arrange a meeting with this board with the idea of formulating some agreement, whereby from the beginning to the end of the skating season the Arena would be of greater community benefit, and in this connection if the Town assumes part of the financial responsibility, I submit all boys and girls up to and including secondary school age should be free to take advantage of this healthy recreation without any cost to themselves. Therefore, I submit that the council should in the near future give some consideration to this matter, because in my opinion if uniform methods are not adopted in collecting revenue in all cases, regardless of persons or group of persons, and if the council continues to ignore this unfavorable situation with the Arena Company, then the present pressure applied in collecting accounts from individuals should cease.

The total surplus of the Town represented in bonds at the end of December, 1942, was \$18,000, and I am assuming that the council will use at least part of this to provide for some degree of tax reduction this year. True, essential services must be maintained but with Federal taxation and other demands on the earnings and savings of the taxpayers at the present time the taxes collected for municipal purposes should be kept as low as possible.

Although the administration of local Hydro affairs is the responsibility of the Georgetown Hydro Commission, I am taking advantage of this opportunity to call to the attention of the citizens that there is at the present time a Hydro surplus in cash and securities of \$20,000.00. This situation should not exist if we in the municipalities are going to follow the policy of Sir Adam Beck, the founder of Hydro in this Province, which was "power at cost." With the approval of my fellow commissioners we shall make recommendations to the Ontario Hydro Commission this year with a request to have the domestic Hydro rates reduced in Georgetown.

I am appealing to the members of the council for their co-operation while we are transacting public business throughout the present year, regardless of how different our opinions may be or how freely our views on public affairs are expressed, I am confident the business of our meetings will be carried on with dignity and despatch.

I believe that we as a municipal council should during this world conflict not be unmindful of the men who have offered their services to their country and that we should go as far as the Municipal Act will permit in seeing that the immediate relatives of the men who are actively engaged in the defence of our freedom have the community consideration which they so richly deserve and in this connection I know we all realize the time and thought that have been given by all organizations and individuals in the interests of the welfare of the armed forces.

It is my desire to express my appreciation and gratitude to all the churches, organizations and citizens generally, for the co-operation that has been extended to the Municipal Council in the past, and I am confident that with that continued splendid goodwill, regardless of the present or future personnel of your civic government, and when our minds change from war to peace and contentment, there will be more advanced civic legislation and a greater and better Town of Georgetown.

About thirty guests, including members of council, town officials, and men and women from almost every walk of life, partook of Mayor Gibbons' hospitality at a banquet table set in the basement of Knox Presbyterian Church. The ladies of the church who did the catering, served a delicious chicken dinner with all the delicacies that go with it.

Following the dinner, Clerk P. B. Harrison, acted as chairman for the informal get-together and speech-making. Representatives from the various civic departments were called upon to make brief speeches, and among those who responded were: Mayor N. H. Brown, for the present council;

Active Service Notes



E. V. MacCORMACK local druggist, who has recently been appointed Worshipful Master of Credit Lodge, No. 219, A.F. & A.M. Mr. MacCormack is also an active member of Halton Chapter, another branch of the Masonic Order.

Edmund Douglas Maplesden Toronto, spent the week end at home.

Sam George Gargent was home from Toronto for the week end.

Ray Cecil Davidson has been transferred to Vimy Barracks, Kingston, from No. 24 C.A.R.T.C. at Brampton.

Mr. Walter Bohn, Ottawa, was home for the week end.

Mr. Keith Spencer, overseas with the Lorne Hoops, celebrated his 33rd birthday on January 11th. Birthday greetings from all at home. This is the second birthday Keith has celebrated overseas.

Congratulations to Lance-Corporal Carl Hyde, who received his promotion from the rank of "Sapper" two weeks ago. Lt.-Col. Hyde has been overseas with the R.C.E. two years last August.

Flying Officer, W. B. Lindner, son of Mr. Lindner, of the Apple Products Co. Glen Williams, and Mrs. Lindner, has been overseas with the RCAF for the past year and has recently been promoted from Pilot Officer to the rank of Flying Officer.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Clark received a belated Christmas cable from their son, Sgt. Leslie M. Clark, and a former member of the Herald staff. However the cable brought some cheering news, for it stated that Leslie was in the best of health and enjoying flying the Old Country. He said it was a grand sight to fly over the hills and lochs of Scotland. He is attached to the Ferry Command, and flew overseas early last Fall.

The two Bargent brothers overseas, P.O. Douglas and Lt. Opl. Jim, called flowers to their mother for Christmas. Jim sent chrysanthemums, Douglas sent Mrs. and Mrs. Bargent received another cable last Saturday from the boys, saying they were going on leave together. They have been fortunate enough to see and visit a great many Georgetown Lorne Scots boys while "over there."

Residents might easily have misconstrued information contained in a recent issue of a Toronto paper which reported the death of F.O. E. A. Mackenzie, Georgetown (later corrected to Toronto) and his burial in England with full military honours, with P.O. Kenneth Mackenzie, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie, Georgetown, who is reported to be in splendid health and carrying on his duties as RCAF instructor at Aylmer.

It is coincidental that these two boys with the same name enlisted in the Air Force at the same time, went through Manning Pool together, and then were posted to different advance training schools. Both received their commissions at the same time. P.O. Mackenzie, of Toronto, was killed in action following bombing raids over Germany, Italy and France.

D. Ross Duncan Marries in Toronto

A wedding of local interest took place in St. Clement's Anglican Church, North Toronto, on December 29th, when D. Ross Duncan, son of Mrs. Duncan and the late Angus Duncan, and Lillian Helen Shurgin, London Street, Toronto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Shurgin, were united in marriage. The church adorned with Christmas decorations formed the setting for the ceremony at which Canon W. O. Nicholson officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore white French wool, street-length, with gold buttons and gold lacings. She had on a white fur-felt off-the-face hat with brown veiling and carried red and white roses and little white "mums." Mrs. Hugh O. Jolly was matron of honor, in pale blue crepe with lace bows applied around the hem of her street-length dress, a black feather hat and veil, and nosegay of pink roses and forget-me-nots. Leading Aircraftman James E. B. Jolly was groomsmen.

For the wedding trip to the east, the bride donned a blue wool jersey dress, beige topcoat, brown muff and corsage of copper roses. The couple will reside at Niagara Falls, Ont.

Norton-Barker Wedding

The wedding of Ruth Myrtle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barker, and Gunner James Charles Norton, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Norton, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Norton, Glen Williams, took place in St. James' Church on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. A. Hamilton Powell officiated. The bride's father gave her in marriage. She wore a white gown, made with bodice of white satin and skirt of white net. Her full-length veil fell from a satin headpiece. She carried red roses.

Miss Hannah Milligan, in orchid chiffon and carrying pink roses, was maid of honour, and Miss Wilhelmine Norton was bridesmaid, dressed in periwinkle blue taffeta. She carried pink and white carnations. The flower girl, Miss Myrna Norton, wore yellow taffeta and carried carnations and chrysanthemums in harmonizing shades. Gifts to the attendants were a gold cross to the maid of honour; a gold compact to the bridesmaid, and a silver locket to the flower girl.

Mr. Daniel Norton, Georgetown, was best man and the ushers were Mr. James Brand and Gunner Joseph Norton, Georgetown.

Snappers and chrysanthemums were arranged throughout the church as decorations. Miss Laura West played the wedding music and Miss Victoria Barker, aunt of the bride, sang "Because."

At the after-reception the bride's mother received wearing a brocaded sheer crepe dress of navy blue, trimmed with white and orange bouquet of roses. The groom's mother was dressed in a black crepe dress, trimmed with velvet and a white collar, and wore a corsage bouquet of roses.

The wedding trip was to Georgetown and Toronto, the bride travelling in a rust crepe dress trimmed in gold. She wore a mink hat and a brown hat with white trim. She carried a white and blue corsage bouquet.

The couple will reside in the home of the bride's father, Mr. E. E. Barker, at 1111 St. James Street, Toronto.

FARM PAPER ANNOUNCES NOVEL NEW CONTEST

The Family Herald and Weekly Star, long renowned for its unique and entertaining competitions, has just announced a new \$600.00 Prize Contest that promises to attain well-deserved popularity throughout the length and breadth of the country. The Prize List is an attractive one, embodying 100 prizes with leading awards of \$200.00, \$100.00 and \$50.00.

Called "Fun on the Farm", this Contest might best be described as a potential word-building game in which the contestant completes certain words pertaining to farm objects, situations or actions, then uses the letters of these words to build up other words represented in the puzzle pictures. The object is to use up as many letters of the original words as possible.

In presenting this Contest, the Family Herald renders a valuable service in the field of home entertainment. These days, the average person has few dollars available for recreation and amusement, yet, to offset the strains of wartime living, recreation is needed more than ever. The Family Herald hopes that this new Contest will help brighten the New Year for all who like to seek recreation and profit by working out puzzles.

The first puzzle appeared in the issue of December 16th, but there's still time to start. Arrangements have been made to supply back puzzles to those who did not get in at the beginning.

ANNOUNCE

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson on the birth of a daughter, January 11th.

An auspicious meeting of the Y. P. U. met on Monday evening last week. A schedule of programs was planned for 1943.

Mrs. C. E. Dick visited with Mr. and Mrs. George Kennedy, Stoney Bay a few days last week.

Miss Joy Bushell, of Toronto, spent the week end at her home here.

Ambulance Association Notified of Awards

Students enrolled in the St. John Ambulance Association course of instruction in First Aid and Home Nursing, held during the past few months in the Legion Hall, have been notified that they have successfully passed their examinations. Mrs. T. Grievé instructed the classes and Dr. C. V. Williams gave the lectures. Every member of the class passed the examinations held by Dr. R. T. Paul shortly before Christmas. Following are the names of those receiving labels, medallions and First and Second Certificates.

- Labels—Audrey Sharpe, Dolene Mcenery, Mrs. D. Brill, Betty Anderson.
- Medallions—Miss F. Luke, Miss M. Inman, Mrs. Wm. Smith, Margaret Cain, Mrs. Pearl Armstrong, Mary Watson, Sarah Hilck, Mrs. Edna Cole.
- 2nd Certificates—Mrs. Margaret Spies, Mrs. Jessie Shortill, Mrs. De Vries.
- 1st Certificates—Miss Fields and Mrs. D. Tournour, both of Acton; Barbara Cousins, Mrs. Hazel Robinson, Miss Kathleen Shain, Miss Jessie White, Mrs. Art Scott, Miss Marjorie Evans, Frances Deans, Mrs. Walter Peck, Miss Phyllis Turnbull, Miss A. Staunton, Miss Kathleen Hilck.

PUNCH PRESS GIRLS HOLD SUCCESSFUL DANCE

The sum of \$79.23 was realized from the dance last Friday night, sponsored by Smith & Stone Punch Press Workers and a draw on a "butterfly quilt" made by the girls themselves. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Aid to Russia Fund. Nearly 300 people enjoyed dancing in the Arena to Doris Ellis' Orchestra. Mayor Gibbons made the draw for the quilt, and Bruce Collins was the winner. There were three committees in charge of the event, including: Josephine Curtis, Alma McNeill, Pearl Kennedy, Joan Oudren, Donna Taylor, Alma Tyne, Phyllis Zimm, Beth Miller, Jean Marley, Margaret Mackenzie, Wilma Brown and Len Harding.

LOCAL HARDWARE MERCHANT DIED SUDDENLY LAST NIGHT

Townpeople generally and his business associates were shocked to hear of the sudden passing of Walter C. Anthony last night. He had appeared to be in comparatively good health and was absent his business as usual that day. He succumbed to a heart attack in the doctor's office early that evening. In the hardware and sheet-metal business here for many years he had a wide circle of friends. Funeral notices will appear later.

THE WEATHER

By H. L. Hutt. Breaking records seems to be a favorite pastime of old man weather. Last week he made another and gave us the coldest week in many a year. With three sub-zero nights in succession and low temperatures during the day, the daily mean temperature for the week came down to 11.5 degrees. As a compensation for the low temperatures the winter clouds lifted and we got two whole days of full sunshine, and wasn't that a delightful change? Just to find out how well old Sol could warm things up, we placed a recording thermometer in our glass roof sun room, and with no other heat than the rays of the sun the temperature went up to 103 degrees when the temperature in the shade outside was only 15 degrees. When will some inventive genius give us some practical way of storing up all the surplus summer heat so we can turn on a tap and enjoy it in winter?

Date	H. and L.	Snow-fall
Tues., Jan. 5	17 8	3 1/2"
Wed., Jan. 6	23 13	
Thurs., Jan. 7	13 -10	
Fri., Jan. 8	15 -10	
Sat., Jan. 9	18 -14	
Sun., Jan. 10	25 13	
Mon., Jan. 11	20 23	

F.O. Joseph Hurst, Trenton, spent the week end with his wife and family.