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## Georgetown Tax Rate Is Reduced By Two Mills

### 1943 Levy Set at 38 Mills

Fire Chief Gives Report—Constable's Salary Increased—Agreement Signed for Public Health Nurse—Discount for Prepayment of Taxes

In session on Monday evening for their regular meeting, Georgetown Council spent some time discussing the proposed budget for 1943 and striking the tax rate. Clerk P. B. Harrison presented an estimated budget for the current year, compiled in comparison with last year's figures, and after some minor adjustments it was accepted as a basis for striking the tax rate. Councillor Joseph Hall was not in accord with the manner in which the rate was struck—suggesting that the Finance Committee should first go over the estimates as a separate committee and bring in recommendations to council. Mayor Gibbons said he was in favor of doing it anyway the council saw fit, but that the time was short, would necessitate a special meeting, and that in the final analysis the council as a whole would have to legislate. Council agreed to proceed in the matter.

Two mills were taken off last year's rate of 40 mills, making the 1943 tax rate of 38 mills the lowest in many years, if not in the town's history. Council felt it tax arrears and current taxes came in as they are now through the year, a still further decrease could be expected next year. Of the 1942 taxes, only approximately \$3,000.00 remained unpaid. A recorded vote was taken at the request of Mr. Hall, his being the only dissenting vote. Councillor Shaw was not present at the meeting.

Fire Chief Donald Latimer was present and addressed the council, giving his report for the year 1942. Thirteen fire calls in town and one from Norval were received by the Brigade last year. Up until November 6th Georgetown had a very low fire loss, approximately \$500. On November 6th the picker house at the Woollen Mills was destroyed by fire and on December 3rd the Woollen Mill itself was totally destroyed. The cause of these fires was blamed on the truck loads of cotton brought to the mill, one load of which was on fire when it arrived. The estimated loss was \$3,000.00. Chief Latimer said the Brigade had done everything possible to eliminate fire hazards in town but, to use his own words: "What's the use of keeping fires out of town when they bring it in on trucks?"

A by-law was passed allowing certain exemptions to farm lands of 10 acres or more within the municipality. The rate being set at 34 mills. The question came up at this point as to the best method of tax-collecting. Councillor Hall was very much displeased with the words "I demand" on the tax-notice and doubted if it could legally be placed there. Mayor Gibbons said he believed it was placed there by statute, that all other towns had it on their tax forms, and if Mr. Hall could get any further information, council would be pleased to take it up at the next meeting.

Council were agreed to collect taxes four times during the year, as the method adopted last year had proved satisfactory. Councillor Bradley said it gave the workman a better chance to keep up with their taxes. They did, however, allow a 3 per cent discount if taxes for the year were paid in full on the first instalment date. Penalties remain unchanged. A by-law was passed and an agreement signed with the Village of Acton and Town of Milton engaging the services of a Public Health Nurse for the three municipalities. Her duties will commence as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

The antiquated by-law hiring the Chief of Police and Assessor was rescinded and a new by-law drawn up. Chief W. G. Marshall, a town official who had not come in line for a salary raise, was granted a salary of \$1,000.00 per annum. In sanctioning the motion for the salary increase, Mayor Gibbons spoke regarding the valuable services rendered to the town by the Chief as its Assessor.

Prior to adjournment, council gave some thought to proposed municipal offices and council chamber in the former Bank of Montreal building, and the Clerk was instructed to forward an offer to the Bank for the purchase of the same.

The following accounts were passed: W. H. Kentner & Son, welfare \$ 4.65  
J. B. Mackenzie & Son, coal 31.00  
Town hall, welfare 2.35  
T. Eaton Co., office supplies 27.50  
Hydro Electric 27.50

### Lorne Scots Attend Dedication Overseas



Men of the Lorne Scots attended dedication ceremonies in a village church in Britain when a plaque was unveiled as a mark of appreciation to the men who have worshipped in the church during the present war. The

plaque, presented by Lieutenant-Colonel Louis Keene, E.D., bears the following inscription: "Erected as a mark of appreciation by Lieut.-Col. Louis Keene, E.D., Officers and men of the Lorne Scots of Canada who worshipped in this church during the Second

World War." Men of the famous Canadian unit march into the ancient edifice (upper photo) before the ceremony. In the lower photo, a pipe band plays tunes familiar to men of the unit as they swing along on their way to the dedication.

### Halton M. P. Probes the High Land Prices

Two independent valuers should be appointed when there is evidence that property owners are "ganging up" to demand high prices for land being bought by the Government, a House of Commons sub-committee said in its report, tabled in the House today. The sub-group of the House was an expenditure committee was asked to obtain the views of valuers on purchase of airport land at Gimli, Man., after the question was raised by the Winnipeg Tribune. The request to the sub-committee, headed by Hughes Cleaver (Lib., Halton), went from Acting Transport Minister Michaud last Fall.

The committee report said Hugh Phillips, solicitor for the Tribune, had indicated that in the opinion of his principals a public inquiry should be held to determine the value of land acquired by the Government at Gimli. The sub-committee held that its duty was not to supplant the responsibility of either the Public Accounts Committee or the civil courts in making a public inquiry, and it did not express any opinion as to the need for further inquiry on the Gimli purchases.

The report said: "In view of the charges which have been made that the purchase price paid for land at Gimli was in excess of its actual value, the sub-committee has again reviewed the system now in operation with respect to the acquisition of land for airport sites, and makes the following recommendation as an additional safeguard in the public interest: 'That whenever there is any evidence of the owners of property 'ganging up' to demand prices for their land in excess of the market value, or when for any reason an independent valuation is required, then two independent valuers should be chosen in lieu of the present practice of appointing simply one independent valuer, and that whenever possible their appointments should be on recommendation of the local real estate

M. O. H. REPORT  
Following is the report of the M. O. H. on communicable diseases for January:—

Chickentox	3
Scarlet Fever	0
Measles	0
German Measles	1
Mumps	1
Infantile Paralysis	0
Typhoid Fever	0
Whooping Cough	7
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	0

Hell Telephone Co.	17.05
P. B. Harrison, registration births, marriages and deaths	13.25
Silver's Dept. Store, w.w.	2.25
P. C. Whitmee, sta.	47.78
W. C. Marshall, trucks and postage	6.00
Welfare accounts	25.70

### Herbert Harlow Receives Cable of Father's Death

Mr. Herbert Harlow, Secretary of the local Branch of the Canadian Legion, received a cable from England last week informing him of the death of his father overseas. The late Mr. Harlow was 80 years of age and lived in England all his life. The cable was sent by Herbert Harlow, Jr., stationed with the R.C.A.M.C. overseas, informing his father of the death which occurred on January 17th. Left to mourn his loss are three sons and two daughters, Joseph Harlow, of Brampton, Fred and Charles in England, and Nellie and Martha also in England.

In a letter received from his son Herbie, Mr. Harlow was informed of the illness of his other son, Leslie, attached to the Elgin Armoured Regiment, who has been confined to hospital since December 12th last. Herbert and Ray, the latter with the Lorne Scots, have been fortunate to meet in England, and both visited their sick brother in hospital. Three sons serving in His Majesty's forces is the record of the Harlow family, and all his friends in Georgetown wish Leslie a speedy recovery.

### Mrs. George B. Sayers Passed Away

Mrs. George B. Sayers died at her home in Georgetown, on Wednesday, January 27th, in her eighty-fourth year. Born at Belfountain in 1890, she was Sarah Ann Long, daughter of William and Mary Long. With her family she moved to Collingwood Township, and sixty one years ago she married the late George B. Sayers. They resided on the 8th Line, Erin, and later moved to Georgetown. It is 23 years since they came here. The late Mrs. Sayers was a woman of fine Christian character, quiet and unassuming in her manner, beloved and respected by all who knew her. She was a member of the United Church. Surviving are two brothers, James and John Long, of Meaford, and one son, Fred, of Kincaid, Sask., and four daughters, Miss Mary, at home, Mrs. R. Hewins, Stony Creek, Mrs. Oliver Marshall, Central Butte, Sask., Mrs. Walter Brownridge, Georgetown. There are also two granddaughters, two grandsons, and one great grand-son.

The funeral was held from her residence on George Street, on Saturday, January 30th, to the United Church where Rev. R. C. Todd conducted the service. Pallbearers were: Messrs. H. Stockford, I. M. Bennett, Fred Sinclair, Comfort Roszel, Arthur Spolight, and Cecil Barth. Interment was made in Greenwood Cemetery.

### LeRoy Dale, K.C., Heads Red Cross For Fourth Term

The annual meeting of the Georgetown Red Cross was held in the Public Library Auditorium on Tuesday evening, Jan. 26th, at eight o'clock, with the president, Mr. Dale, in the chair. A fair attendance heard interesting reports of the various activities for the year 1942. A total of \$5,200.00 had been realized during the year from subscriptions, membership fees, donations and special fund-raising projects which was very gratifying and spoke well for the patriotic generosity of the people of Georgetown and vicinity. The president commended and thanked the various officers and chairmen for their work during the year. Mr. Dale was asked to keep the chair for the election of officers which resulted as follows:

Hon. President, Mr. Jos. Beaumont; Hon. Vice-presidents, Mr. L. E. Fleck, Rev. W. O. O. Thompson, Mrs. A. Nixon, Miss A. Ryan; President, Mr. LeRoy Dale, K.C.; 1st Vice-president, Mrs. Anne Lawson; 2nd Vice-pres. Mr. Ralph Ross; 3rd Vice-pres. Mrs. John Hepburn, Sr.; Glen Williams; Treasurer, Mr. G. W. McLintock; Secretary, Miss Y. Adams; Purchasing Committee Mrs. W. V. Grant, Mrs. W. R. Watson and Mrs. Sid MacKenzie; Sewing Convener, Mrs. Wm. Bell; Knitting Distributor, Mrs. P. Cleave; Receiver, Mrs. D. W. Baxter; Hospital Convener, Mrs. John Campbell, R.N.; Special projects, Miss Jean MacKenzie, Miss Marjory Gault and Mrs. Edna Duncan; Publicity, Mrs. W. V. Grant and Mrs. Sid MacKenzie; Advertising, Mr. Ralph Ross and Mr. W. Carpenter.

The 1943 executive was re-elected with the following names added: Mr. E. Cole, Mr. D. Brill and Dr. C. V. Williams; also, a representative appointed by them from the various ladies' organizations in town. Votes of thanks were tendered Mrs. J. Gibbons, Mr. C. Parker, Mr. Wm. Long and Mr. E. Cole. President Dale spoke briefly of the busy year ahead of the Red Cross and asked for the co-operation and support of the citizens of the town and vicinity.

### Pretty Wedding in United Church

On Friday night, January 29th, Georgetown United Church was the scene of a pretty wedding, when Doris Irene Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller, Norval, became the bride of Cpl. Charles Eaton Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen, Acton. The bride was attired in a rose-silk Jersey street length dress with brown accessories and a corsage of roses. Her one attendant was her sister, Ruth Miller who wore turquoise with black accessories and rose corsage. Mr. Morley Allen, brother of the groom was best man.

After a short wedding trip, the groom will return to his station on the west coast.

### Business Men Say Farewell To Bank of Montreal Staff

#### Lion's Club Hear Boy Scout Official

At the meeting of the Lions Club last night at the McGibbon Hotel, Lion President Dave Hill introduced the guest speaker, Mr. A. Paddon, Field Secretary from Boy Scout HQ Toronto. In an interesting address he told how the late Sir Herbert Baden-Powell, while shut up in Mafeking, worked out a system to keep the boys engaged in their parents. After his return to England he adopted this system and enlarged it to form a world-wide organization for boys in 1908. Based upon the two foundation stones of the Scout Promise and the Scout Law, and the Scout Motto "Be Prepared," scouting has done much to change harmful gangs into well organized groups which have helped build up the community where they are formed. In England Boy Scouts, the "knights of the short pants," have rendered invaluable service as A.R.P. assistants, helpers in canteens, messengers and many other ways in Poland, and perhaps in some other occupied countries. Scouts have suffered as martyrs rather than give up their Scout ideals. As you can see, by forming Scout troops, you can reduce the present prevalence of juvenile delinquency to a minimum.

Mr. Paddon then called upon Mr. George Mason, of Acton, Boy Scout Commissioner for Halton, to give the Club some helpful ideas about the actual formation, organization, and carrying out of a Scout troop. Lion J. D. Kelly, former Scout Commissioner for Halton, moved the vote of thanks to both speakers, he was seconded by Lion W. Long. The following were then appointed to act as a committee to further the formation of a Scout troop in Georgetown: D. Licata, J. D. Kelly, W. Long, Ed McWhirter.

Lion A. C. Weik introduced his guest—Mr. D. E. McKay, of the Bank of Montreal. On the motion of Lion J. D. Kelly, seconded by Lion Bill Long, R. Ross, and with the whole-hearted approval of the members of the Club, regrets at his leaving Georgetown were expressed to Lion A. C. Weik. In reply, Lion A. C. Weik stated that he had enjoyed his short stay in Georgetown and thanked the Lions for their expressions of friendship and lionism.

The next meeting is to be a Booster Meeting when Bruce Malcolm, Secretary District A Ontario and Quebec, is to bring special guests and entertainment. So let all Georgetown Lions come out.

#### THE WEATHER

By H. L. Hutt  
Well, here is Candelmas Day, when the farmer who has to ration his live stock fodder says have half your oats and half your hay. The day when the bear and ground-hog is supposed to come out of his winter lair and have a look at the weather. He will have no trouble seeing his shadow today for the sun is shining like an April morning, but there is nearly two feet of snow on the level and there has been very little or no frost in the ground all winter.

With half the winter over we can look back and see how January has been keeping up the record for a winter month. The usual January thaw was omitted altogether and we got no rain although we usually get 125 in., but this lack was made up by double the normal snowfall. The daily mean temperature was 12 or 32 degrees below normal.

Following are the local records for the past week:

Date	H. and L. Temp.	Snow-fall
Tues., Jan. 26	27 10	
Wed., Jan. 27	21 -5	
Thurs., Jan. 28	23 6	
Fri., Jan. 29	23 8	
Sat., Jan. 30	31 19	1"
Sun., Jan. 31	34 31	
Mon., Feb. 1	30 24	3"

#### HOTEL CHANGES HANDS

The Hollywood Hotel at Norval changed hands a month ago, when Mrs. L. Ward of Beaufort bought it from Mr. Reubin Carter, owner and proprietor for the past eight years. Mr. Carter has bought the McKimney property in Norval, where he and Mrs. Carter will make their home. They have also purchased the chopping mill and 35 acres belonging to the Brown estate and in Spring will begin operating same.

Prior to coming to Norval, Mrs. Ward sold a 30-room hotel, called the Queen's Hotel, which she operated in Beaufort.

A number of business men gathered at the Bank of Montreal at closing time last Saturday, Jan. 30, to say farewell to the manager and staff. The Bank officially closed its doors to further business transactions at that time and henceforth all banking business done in Georgetown will be taken care of by the Canadian Bank of Commerce. The merge was a war-time measure advocated by the government for the conservation of manpower.

Mr. W. F. Bradley introduced Major Joseph Gibbons, who, on behalf of the citizens and business men of the town, voiced a fitting tribute to the services rendered by the Bank during its 37 years of operation in Georgetown. Mr. J. B. Mackenzie briefly outlined the history of the Bank here in a thumbnail sketch and Rev. C. C. Cochran spoke for the churches.

Mr. A. C. Weik, who came here as manager in 1930 from the Mitchell Branch, fittingly replied, and voiced his deep appreciation on behalf of the staff of this fine gesture on the part of the local business men.

There are three branches of the Bank of Montreal closed out this month, namely in Forest, the one on Parliament St. in Toronto, and of course, our own Georgetown branch. To equalize this, there will be three Bank of Commerce branches absorbed into the Bank of Montreal in other town.

The Bank gave the staff the opportunity of accepting other positions. Mr. Stanley Otton, accountant, has been transferred to Exeter. Mr. Howard Townsend, who was teller for a short time enlisted in the R. C. A. as a gunner and is at present stationed in Toronto. Miss Daisy Brasby did not accept a position in the Bank of Commerce and Miss Nellie Kennedy is re-joining Miss Jean Martin is now employed at the Bank of Commerce.

The highly respected and popular manager for the past 3 years, Mr. A. C. Weik, will manage the Bank of Montreal branch in Penelon Falls, and leaves to assume his duties there at the end of this month. Mr. Weik has made a great many friends in town and all will be sorry to see such a fine, public-spirited citizen leave the community.

He started his banking career at Eganville in 1911 and since has managed the banks at Mildmay, Lucan and Mitchell, before coming to Georgetown. A fellow of the Canadian Bankers' Association since 1929, he has won high awards on two occasions in their essay contests on banking. Mr. Weik is a man of wide interests and is a member of many lodges, including the Royal City Lodge of Perfection, Guelph, the Rose Croix Chapter, Guelph, A. A. & S. R., and the Moore Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Order of Scottish Rites, Hamilton. In Mitchell, he belonged to the Tudor Lodge, A. F. & A. M. in Georgetown, he was Third Principal in the Halton Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Mr. and Mrs. Weik are members of Knox Presbyterian Church. Both took a part in church affairs. Mrs. Weik was a member of the W.M.S. and Circle. She took an active interest in the work of the Red Cross and has devoted much of her time to it. Prior to coming to Georgetown she was a member of the I.O.D.E. for many years.

Mr. Weik was interested in the work of the Lions Club and served as secretary Treasurer of that organization for several years. He was on the executive of the Red Cross Society and gave much of his time and energy to this cause. He was treasurer of the newly formed Navy League in town and has long been interested in Navy work. He has been a member of the Bowling Club since first coming here, and while there was golf, he also enjoyed that sport at Cedar Crest.

We wish him and his wife every happiness in their new home in Penelon Falls.

#### NORVAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EXTENDS CALL TO REV. J. L. SELF

At a congregational meeting of Norval and Union Presbyterian Churches on Wednesday, Jan. 27th in Norval Presbyterian Church, it was decided to extend a call to Rev. J. L. Self, B.A., of Musquodoboit Harbour, N. S. The congregations have not had a resident minister since the departure of Rev. A. Leggett some months ago.

Rev. J. L. Self is a recent graduate of Knox College, Toronto, and of the University of Western Ontario. His home is in Toronto.

The call was presented to the Presbytery of Toronto at their meeting on Tuesday, February 2nd, and if sustained, will be forwarded to Mr. Self.

Rev. C. C. Cochran of Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, Interim Moderator, was chairman of the meeting.