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"Municipal Bldg. Not for Sale," Says Council as Ex-Mayor Makes \$11,000 Purchase Offer

Board of Trade Asks Compiled Plan of Town—Legion Requests Veteran as Tax Collector.

The Municipal Building is not for sale at the present time. Such was the text of a resolution passed by Council at its meeting on Monday night. The motion came after an offer had been received from E-Mayor Joseph Gibbons to purchase the building for \$11,000—the original price which the town paid the Bank of Montreal two years ago. Storm-centre of municipal politics since that time, the building played an important part in the 1946 mayoralty elections.

A delegation from the Board of Trade, composed of A. R. Speight, W. E. Nodwell, Walter T. Evans and Sam Mackenzie attended the meeting to ask consideration for an expenditure of \$1500 for a compiled plan of Georgetown, E. P. Bowman, Ontario Land Surveyor of Guelph, who has offered to do the work at this price, was also present. It was pointed out that the last official plan of the town was made in 1854, and that changes since this time render it useless. A plan made in 1919 by a former land surveyor, Mr. Niven, is incomplete and unauthentic, and the town is badly in need of a map for further development and proper town planning.

Council decided to withhold a decision for further consideration, and the question will be threshed out when the budget is drawn up next month.

Fire Chief Donald Latimer appeared before Council and asked that proper action be taken to provide adequate fire protection at the north and south ends of Main Street, as well as that new hose be purchased for the Brigade. Appointments of Mr. Latimer, as chief, Fred McCartney, deputy-chief and Jack Tost, truck driver, for 1945 were ratified.

LAC Graham Farnell was granted leave of absence as Hydro Commissioner while on active service.

Harold Stalford, Fred McCartney and William Roney, representing Branch 120, Canadian Legion, asked Council that a returned soldier, preferably a pensioner, possessing the necessary qualifications, be appointed tax collector. Council felt that no action should be taken on this until a later date when more local men had returned from overseas, and that for the present no change should be made in the appointment.

UNITED CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

A splendid representation of members and adherents of the United Church gathered in the Sunday school room for supper at seven o'clock on Monday evening, January 28th, and a hot appetizing meal prepared by the Women's Association served by members of the Young People's Union. After supper the minister led in worship. Mr. P. Harrison was elected secretary for the meeting and Rev. R. C. Todd, chairman.

Elected as Stewards for three years were: Messrs. Fred Baird, Howard Lillico, E. L. Arnold and G. Farnell; for two years, G. W. McLintock; and for one year, Thos. Lyons, Messrs. W. T. Evans, W. H. Kenner and A. H. Baird were elected elders for a five year term.

Reports of work done in 1944 were received from the different church organizations, which also outlined plans for 1945. An excellent report from the Committee of Stewards showed a substantial increase in financial support of the church, with a substantial balance in spite of an increased budget.

The Building Fund Committee reported that the Building Fund amounts in cash and promises to approximately \$13,400, with a number of canvassers yet to be heard from.

The minister reported 10 infant Baptisms and 6 marriages. Four members were removed from the congregation by death, eleven by certificate or otherwise. There were two adult Baptisms and all ten were admitted to membership by Profession of Faith. Fourteen were received by certificate of membership from other congregations. The increase in membership was nine.

Thanks was tendered to the ladies for the supper with which the meeting began, and resolutions to the minister, his family, and church employees were expressed by those present. The meeting adjourned to be called again shortly by the minister to consider in full the report of the Building Fund Committee.

—Comedian Jimmy Durante is credited with this bit of wisdom: Owe \$50—you're a piker. Owe \$50,000—you're a businessman. Owe \$50,000,000—you're a tycoon. Owe \$50,000,000,000—you're a government!

HIRAM KENNEDY, GEORGETOWN PIONEER, DIES

Hiram Kennedy, Georgetown's oldest pioneer resident, died in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, on Tuesday, January 30th, in his 87th year. Mr. Kennedy had enjoyed remarkably good health until the last eleven weeks when he suffered a series of four strokes.

Born in Erin, the son of the late John and Sarah Kennedy, he attended Ballinacree School for a time, and moved to Georgetown with his parents at an early age. Mr. John Kennedy was one of the first settlers in Georgetown, and he played a prominent part in the advancement of the town. The late Hiram Kennedy could recall very clearly the time when there were no brick houses in Georgetown. He was a marble-cutter by trade, and after spending years at the trade, he became a drover for the late Mr. Hugh Clark. Upon Mr. Clark's death, Mr. Kennedy became a horse-trader. He was a Methodist in religion.

The funeral service was held from the home of H. C. McClure on Thursday, February 1st, at 2 o'clock, by Rev. R. C. Todd, assisted by Rev. J. E. Ostrom. Pallbearers were Messrs. Jos. Gibbons, Harold Cleave, J. B. Wilson, William Kennedy, James Kennedy and Jack Williamson. Mr. Kennedy is survived by no close relatives, as he was the last living member of the family. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

HALTON INSURANCE COMPANY HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Mr. E. F. Ford, Hornby, was elected president at the annual meeting on Monday in Acton of the Halton Union Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Mr. Leslie Kerns, of Freeman was elected Vice-President. On the Board of Directors, Mr. Arnold Marshall of Moffat is a new member, succeeding Mr. Geo. Finney who has removed from the district.

The financial statement and auditor's report presented at the meeting showed the Company in its fifty-fifth year to have had success and expansion. Losses paid during the year amounted to \$22,849.48.

The total assets of the Company are given as \$104,474.54 with a surplus of assets over liabilities of \$74,600.76 which is an increase of \$7,094.40 during the year. The book value of bonds and debentures held by the company is \$86,000.

At the end of the year the Company had direct policies in force of 2703 for an amount of \$11,920,640.

1944 FIRE LOSSES LOWEST IN TOWN'S HISTORY

The annual meeting of the Georgetown Fire Brigade was held in the Municipal Building last Thursday evening. Mayor Harold Cleave presiding. A review of the year's work revealed that Georgetown's loss through fire had been the lightest in the town's history with only one blaze resulting in damages to the extent of \$75.00.

All officers were returned by acclamation, and it will be Don Latimer's fifth year as Fire Chief.

Deputy-Chief—Fred McCartney. Treasurer—Harry Savins. Secretary—Wm. Hyde. Truck Driver—Jack Tost. Capt. No. 1—J. Valentine. Capt. No. 2—H. Hills. Lieut. No. 1—F. Gilmer. Lieut. No. 2—A. Ritchie. Hook and Ladder—O. Herrington.

GEORGETOWN NATIVE RETIRES AS TORONTO POLICE CHIEF

George S. Guthrie, a Georgetown native, submitted his resignation as Deputy-Chief of Police to the Toronto Police Commission last week, and retired on pension after 46 years' service with the police force. The resignation becomes effective August 1st, but he is being given six months' retiring allowance.

Mr. Guthrie and his brother, Nat, who retired a few years ago as chief of detectives on the Toronto force, are two Georgetown men who have gone far in their chosen profession. Both retain a keen interest in the old home town, and Mr. Nat, Guthrie has for many years donated prizes and judged the baby show held in connection with the Georgetown Fall Fair.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all those who were so kind in acts and expressions of sympathy at the sad time of Mr. Hiram Kennedy's death.—Mrs. Lily Shortill

ETHEL KEMSHEAD JOINS THE WRENS

Of the three services, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kemshead's family definitely seem to prefer the Navy, for with their two sons already in the RCNVR, their only daughter reported for duty with the WRENS to day, making the family unanimously naval.

Before enlisting, Ethel was employed at Alliance Paper Mills Ltd., and on Monday evening her fellow-employees gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kemshead to give her a surprise party, at which Ethel was presented with a fountain pen. She received the gift of a wallet from her employers. After reporting to Toronto, Ethel will proceed to Galt for training on HMOS "Conestoga." One brother, O.S. Albert Kemshead was in the Dutch West Indies when heard from last, and her other brother, L.O.J.C. Jack, is at sea somewhere in the Mediterranean.

MRS. W. H. ALLAN DIES IN ESQUESING

Mrs. W. H. Allan died suddenly in Esquering Township (near Milton) on January 26th, 1945, in her 63rd year. She was Hannah Harriet Nelson, beloved wife of W. H. Allan.

Mrs. Allan was born at Floss in Grey County in 1882. A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Nelson. She had been a resident of Esquering Township for 15 years.

Besides her husband, two daughters, Mrs. C. Agnew, Campbellville and Mrs. E. J. Parsons, Alderwood, and one son, Daniel at home survive. Three brothers, Andrew, John and William Nelson, all of Esquering and two sisters, Mrs. Pearson, Milton and Mrs. Askin, Toronto, also survive. Also five grandchildren.

She was a member of Boston Presbyterian Church for many years. She was a Liberal in politics.

The funeral was held in Milton on January 29th. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Milton. Pallbearers were her three brothers and three nephews, Archie and Chester Service and Robert Neilson.

JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN CALLED BY DEATH

Joseph McLaughlin, a well-known resident of Norval, died at his home in that village on Monday, January 29.

Mr. McLaughlin was born in the fifth line west of Chinguacousy, in 1857. He was a son of the late Joseph McLaughlin and Isabelle Hamilton. A Presbyterian in religion, he had always been actively interested in Norval Presbyterian Church, and it was his foresight and initiative that played a great part in the building of the present edifice. In its construction he was very active. Mr. McLaughlin was on the Board of Elders for many years.

He retired from farming twenty-five years ago and moved to Norval. In politics he was a Liberal. Mr. McLaughlin was twice married; his first wife being Miss Deborah McMaster, of Orangeville. He is survived by his wife, formerly Annie Nixon, one daughter, Grace, Norval, and one son, Jack Garwood, Detroit, Mich.; also two brothers, Harry McLaughlin, Cleveland, Ohio, and Fred McLaughlin, Norval.

A public service was held in Norval Presbyterian Church Wednesday afternoon conducted by Rev. L. J. Self. Interment was in Hillcrest cemetery. The pallbearers were six nephews: Hamilton, Charles, Stewart, Claude, Wilbur and Wilfred McLaughlin.

Fire Brigade Busy During Week

The Georgetown Fire Brigade was called to four fires in less than seven days last week, making it about the busiest week on record.

On January 30th, at about 8 p.m., Clarence (Pat) Walter's 1930 Chevrolet caught fire at his home on the Ninth Line. The fire brigade used snow and extinguishers to put out the blaze, but the body of the car was pretty well destroyed.

While washing clothes in naphtha gasoline, at her home on February 1st, Mrs. Clarence Carey suffered two badly burned arms and scorched hair and face, when the gas exploded. Her son's face and hair were also scorched. Dr. C. V. Williams gave her medical attention. The fire brigade quickly extinguished the flames.

All records, tools and power mower were completely destroyed when fire damaged the cemetery tool house and office on February 3rd. The fire started at around 5.30 p.m., but the firemen were handicapped by a frozen hydrant. This necessitated letting out over 1400 feet of hose to connect it

GLEN WILLIAMS BOY MISSING OVERSEAS

Word was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beaumont, Glen Williams, that Sgt. Lawrence Herbert Beaumont was missing overseas following air operations. Lawrence was a navigator-bomber, and had enlisted three years ago when just 17 years of age. It is hoped that the family may receive more encouraging news shortly.

UNITED CHURCH W.M.S. OFFICERS INSTALLED

The following officers of the United Church Woman's Missionary Society were installed at a special service in the church on Sunday evening, Jan. 28th, by Rev. R. C. Todd:

Honorary President—Mrs. H. L. Hutt
President—Mrs. A. M. Nielsen
1st Vice-President—Mrs. C. Hayes
2nd Vice-President—Miss A. Staunton
3rd Vice-President—Mrs. R. C. Todd
Secretary—Mrs. C. Adams
Treasurer—Mrs. V. MacDonald
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. Vannatter
Christian Stewardship and Finance Secretary—Mrs. E. Clarke
Temperance Secretary—Mrs. H. Wrigglesworth
Literature Secretary—Mrs. H. L. Hutt

Supply Secretary—Mrs. I. Cleave
Missionary Monthly Secretary—Mrs. Near
Community Friendship Secretary—Mrs. R. H. Wright
Associate Members Secretary—Mrs. R. Jones

Press Secretary—Miss A. Staunton
Music Conventor—Mrs. A. Vannatter
Pianist—Mrs. R. H. Wright
Mission Circle Advisory President—Mrs. H. Wrigglesworth
C.G.I.T. Leader—Mrs. O. Jefferys
Mission Band Supt.—Mrs. A. Speight

MRS. MARY BROWN BURIED AT NORVAL

In her eighty-seventh year Mrs. Mary Brown, widow of the late James Brown, passed away on Mon., January 22nd, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. H. Lindsay, Acton, Mrs. Brown had been gradually failing in health for the past few months.

Born at lot 2, concession 8, Chinguacousy Township Mrs. Brown was a daughter of the late Henry May and Mary Bell. It was this homestead that was settled by her grandfather, George May well over a hundred years ago.

A family of three sons and one daughter remain to revere the memory and mourn the passing of a beloved mother, Col. G. O. Brown and Norman H. Brown, of Georgetown; George C. Brown, of Norval, and Mrs. D. H. Lindsay (Gertrude) of Acton. One brother Henry May, of Brampton, also remains.

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon with service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Lindsay, Rev. A. W. Fosbury was assisted by Rev. R. V. Wilson, of Orangeville, a former pastor of the Norval United Church. Interment was at Norval Cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. Anderson May, Howard May, Lawrence May, Arthur May, James May and W. J. Beatty.

TOWN VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1944

Vital statistics for the year 1944, in Georgetown, showed there were 4 births, 21 marriages and 13 deaths. Comparing these figures with 1943, this year there were 6 less births in town during the year, exactly the same number of marriages and 10 less deaths.

with the next hydrant at Dr. Nixon's. The tool house was a frame building about 12 ft. by 16 ft.

On Sunday afternoon, Georgetown Fire Brigade was called to assist Brampton in fighting a fire on Main St. which did \$20,000 damage. 17 members and Fire Chief Latimer went down Weston Fire Dept. and a fire fighting detachment from No. 2 CRTCC also assisted the Brampton Brigade.

The fire swept through Boyle's Drug Store in one of the town's main business blocks. For a time it was feared the blaze would spread to the Royal Bank building to the south and another building to the north, but they escaped with minor damage.

Mrs. Harry Sproule, a sister of Mr. Nelson Tuck, Georgetown, who was ill in bed in her apartment above the drug store, was assisted to the street by her husband and firemen and taken to the home of friends.

The drug store was completely gutted by the flames, which originated in the basement. Considerable damage was caused in the following establishments: C.P.R. ticket office, James Bowie, bookstore, Mr. Bowie's apartment above the store, Dr. H. E. Robinson's dental office above the bank, and the Provincial police office.

Reception Committee Appointed to Meet Returning Overseas Troops

STEWARTTOWN

Mrs. Mary Bally has received a telegram from Ottawa notifying her that her son, Flying Officer Norman Godwin Bally is missing overseas after air operations over enemy territory.

ENGLISH WAR-GUEST RETURNS HOME

One of Georgetown's English war-guests, Eric Saunders, left for his home in England last week, after having lived in Georgetown for the past five years. Eric is a nephew of Mrs. B. Francis and he and his brother Robert made their home with her until a short time ago.

For the past year Eric has been employed at the Paper Division of Provincial Paper Ltd. Prior to that he attended Georgetown High School. Eric's father is on the General Post Office staff in London, England. Living in Finchley, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders have often written to Mrs. Francis during the last five years, saying that although they missed their boys very much, they were very thankful to have them safe from the horror and death that the German bombs and rocket bombs had wrought in their area.

Last year Mr. and Mrs. Saunders spoke to their sons over the radio. The elder of the two boys, Robert, still remains in Georgetown and is employed at the Paper Mill of Provincial Paper Ltd.

ACTIVE SERVICE NOTES

We are glad to learn that Pte. Jack Brill, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Brill, has recovered from wounds suffered in action in France, and is now on convalescent leave from an English hospital.

Sgt. Stan Allen, serving with the Canadian troops in Holland, has sent home two pair of wooden shoes for his children, Bob and June. Mrs. Allen has loaned us a pair and they are on display in the Herald window this week.

LAC Wilf Mino, with the RCAF in India, writes to say how much he enjoyed reading some Herald's which Mrs. Mino had enclosed in a recent parcel. Wilf was hospitalized for several weeks with pneumonia, but is up and around again now.

ACI Alva Grieve, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Grieve, was recently flown to hospital in England after being hospitalized in Brussels for some time with an ear infection. He was pleased to find that the padre at the hospital was Capt. the Rev. D. D. Davidson, former pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown.

News has been received of a former Glen Williams man, Sgt. Frank McMaster, who has been serving in France with the American Army. Wounded twice in action, Sgt. McMaster is in an English hospital being treated for wounds in the back and arm. Enlisting 18 months ago, he had been in France for six months. Sgt. McMaster is the proud possessor of the Order of the Purple Heart and Cluster, as well as the Infantry Combat Medal. His friends in this district send their wishes for a safe recovery.

The Belgian black market is much more serious than one would suppose from reading our report of a letter from Lieut. Paul Barber in last week's Herald. Paul said eggs were selling for \$60 a dozen, rather than 60c as we reported it. Lieut. Barber, who enlisted with the Lorne Scots in Georgetown, has been transferred to the Queen's Own Rifles.

Chief Petty Officer John J. Emerson has returned to his post after a 14-day furlough in town with his family. Johnny has recently received a promotion and is now an Electrical Artificer 2.

Tpr. Joe Hall, who has served in Italy for the past 14 months, recently spent a leave in Rome and sent some lovely gifts home to his parents, brother and sister, from that ancient city. Included in the parcel were a beautiful cameo brooch, bracelet, pieces of Italian embroidery, and a pipe.

Another Georgetown family has received a parcel from their son in Italy. Pte. Walter Brandford, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brandford were delighted with their parcel, which among other things contained part of a German parachute and a cushion top souvenir of Florence, Italy. Walter has been in Italy since June, 1941.

P.O. Jim Kelly, who has been spending a leave with his wife in Winnipeg, has been again posted overseas. Jim was freed by the Allied armies after having hidden in enemy occupied territory for many months after his plane was shot down by the Germans.

At a meeting of the Georgetown Rehabilitation Council last Wednesday, a committee was appointed to be in charge of meeting district servicemen returning to Canada from duty overseas. Under the chairmanship of Mayor Harold Cleave, committee members are Mrs. Thos. Grieve, Mrs. Fred Anthony, K. R. MacDonald and Harry Hale. Friends and relatives are requested to contact the chairman as soon as details of the arrival are known, and the committee will make the necessary arrangements for meeting the men.

President of the Council, Lt.-Col. G. B. S. Cousins, reported having made satisfactory contacts regarding rehabilitation of those men from the district who have been discharged from the forces. Mayor Cleave reported that the reception committee had visited several returned soldiers already, while the chairman of the handicapped cases, Dr. C. V. Williams, said that all patients seemed to be well taken care of and there were no problems in this regard at present.

Mrs. W. Mendham, chairman of the Women's Committee reported having visited five bereaved families since the last meeting of the Council. Mrs. Mendham was appointed secretary-treasurer to replace Mrs. Sam Mackenzie.

FORMER AIRBOCCEMEN WILL OPERATE B.-A. STATION IN GEORGETOWN

After a vacancy of a couple of years, during which time the premises have been used by Weston's Bakery as a storehouse, the B.-A. Service Station on the highway will soon be reopened. Two former aero-engine mechanics with the RCAF will be in charge of the station. Harry Graham, who is in town making arrangements for the reopening is a native of Chatham, N.B. He was discharged after 23 months service with the RCAF on Atlantic submarine patrol in Canada and Newfoundland. Harry is the lucky member of the crew of a Lancaster bomber which crashed, killing five and seriously injuring a sixth member. Harry himself spent some time in hospital with injuries. He is married and the father of a six-month old son, Frank.

His partner, Daniel Banks, expects to join him in town soon. Holding the rank of Flight-Engineer, Mr. Banks served for some time with the airforce at No. 6 R.D., Trenton. He is a native of Charlottetown, P.E.I. Mrs. Banks is a Scottish girl who has been in Canada only a couple of years.

Both young men intend making their home in town and we welcome them as residents, with the hope that their venture into business will be a success.

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CALVIN CLARK OPENS MAIN STREET ELECTRICAL STORE

The ranks of Main Street merchants were augmented on Saturday by the opening of an electrical store by J. Calvin Clark in the premises formerly tenanted by the Lee Sing Laundry. Mr. Clark has been a resident of town for the past five years. Since disposing of his interests in the Georgetown Flour and Feed Mill to Mr. William Brydon, he has been doing electrical repair work and contracting, and the new electrical shop will be operated in conjunction with this end of the business.

WHAT MAKES DRUNKARDS? WHAT CURES THEM?

Yale University scientists seek to find out, William Seabrook, starting in The American Weekly with this Sunday's (Feb. 11) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times, tells how a clinic is treating an odd assortment of alcoholics and reveals amazing facts that have been unearthed. Get Sunday's Detroit Times.

MISS CHRISTINA DICK DIED IN BALTIMORE

A native of Brampton, Miss Christina Dick died at John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md. For the past thirty years she had been in charge of the nurses' residence. Surviving are one brother, Crown Attorney W. I. Dick, of Milton, and a sister, Miss Elizabeth Dick of the Johns Hopkins staff.

CHELSTENHAM NATIVE 100 YEARS OLD

On Jan. 26th, Mrs. Alex. McCannell celebrated her 100th birthday at her home in Port Egan. Born near Cheltenham she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Campbell, pioneer Scottish settlers. She is a great-granddaughter of J. Gordon Campbell of Cheltenham.