

# THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

Wednesday Evening, April 17th, 1946

## Fifty Veterans' Homes to be Built in Georgetown

### Council Heeds Delegation, Plan 50 Veterans' Homes by End of Year

Veterans and Industry Heads Compose 40-man delegation at Special Meeting Monday — Straw Vote Shows at least 50 needed to supply immediate needs — Reservoir Park May be site for 25 homes.

Georgetown is to have fifty new homes, supplied by Wartime Housing, and promised ready for occupation by the end of the year. This decision was the outcome of a special Council meeting on Monday when a delegation of 40 veterans and industrialists, with Rev. C. C. Cochrane as spokesman, pressed for a solution to the town's critical housing shortage.

Brigadier F. C. Wallace, managing director of Smith & Stone, Ltd., effectively presented that company's side of the story by saying that the company could employ 50 more girls at present and a smaller number of men if housing were available, and that the materials produced by Smith & Stone were themselves urgently needed for the national building program. By experience, the firm was learning that private enterprise could not build in any quantity at present, and he could see no solution other than Wartime Housing. He had experience with these in Ottawa and assured the gathering that they were good houses and would create no future slum areas as some seemed to fear.

Mr. E. J. Johnston of the Dayfoot Shoe Company was also a speaker and said that his firm, though small, needed six houses immediately and possibly twenty more in the next few years.

Other speakers included James Murphy, Legion president; G. B. S. Cousins, Rehabilitation Council chairman; A. R. Spelght, president of the Board of Trade; and Victor Diggins and R. E. Fovells, representing Federal Sales and Provincial Paper.

Mayor Cleave then gave a short talk in which he said he had always hoped that the town would not have to resort to Wartime Housing, but it seemed like the only solution.

He would rather see our veterans in homes with foundations, cellars and furnaces, but as the situation was so critical, Wartime Housing seemed to be the only answer. It would cost money for property, streets, sidewalks and water mains, but we would have to launch out regardless of cost. He was gratified to hear that local industries were expanding so rapidly and thought we were on the eve of "the biggest, the best, and the greatest Georgetown."

Mr. F. G. Spry, Wartime Housing representative who had recently addressed the Council, then gave a short synopsis of the plan and answered questions from the floor.

Mr. Gibbons said that he felt there was no need to dwell further on the need for housing and said he would move a resolution that 50 Veterans' Homes be built in town. He still thought the possibility should be further investigated of building some of the houses on property in Reservoir Park owned by the town. He was not satisfied that this could not be done for, while Council had been told that the Ontario Dept. of Health had vetoed it, the Department denied this and said it was a matter for the local Board of Health. A round of applause greeted him when he invited the delegation to remain until Council had taken some action. Mrs. MacOgilvray and Mr. and Mrs. MacOgilvray made short speeches along similar lines.

His motion, seconded by Mr. MacKenzie, carried unanimously, and a further motion by Ritchie and Eason was also passed, instructing the clerk to "obtain from the Provincial Dept. of Health their decision in writing as to the use of the waterworks property for Wartime Housing."

Council was thanked by Mr. Cochrane for the courteous reception of the delegation and asked if it would be in order for those present to show their appreciation by a hand-clap of Gordon Martin's work in organizing the delegation.

It was decided to insert a questionnaire in the Herald, to be filled out by prospective renters and turned in immediately to the Town Clerk, and the party committee was left with the task of finding land for the new houses.

Colleen Todd celebrated her sixth birthday on Tuesday, April 16th, with a party at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Todd. Among the guests were Carol and John Benham, Donald Cochrane, Faisy and Betsy Wilson, Douglas Wrigglesworth, David Jones, Phoebe Watson and Judy McCumber. Mrs. S. T. Farren assisted Mrs. Todd in arranging the party.

### GAY CROWD AT HIGH SCHOOL "FORMAL" IN THE ROSE ROOM

Students and ex-students of Georgetown High School, numbering some hundred couples, enjoyed their first "formal" dance in some years last Friday evening in the Rose Room. Cadet Captains Norman Long and Peggy Kelly were in charge of arrangements, with the refreshment committee composed of Joan Main, Marion Hepburn and John Farmer.

The Rose Room was very gay with the evening gowns of Georgetown's teen-age crowd mingling with the cadet uniforms of the men. Principal and Mrs. J. L. Lambert and School Board Chairman M. H. Moyer and Mrs. Moyer received at the door, and during the evening Don Parker took several photos of groups of dancers. Music was supplied by the Modern Aires, with Jack Armstrong as master-of-ceremonies, and at the intermission a grand march was held to the refreshment table.

Winners of novelty and spot dances included Alva Grieve and Joyce Bedell, Ralph Peck and Margaret Sargent, John Farmer and Peggy Kelly.

### REBEKAH UNKNOWN FRIEND PARTY

On Wednesday evening April 10th, the members of Verdun Rebekah Lodge held the annual Unknown Friend Banquet when about 60 sat down to a delicious salad supper, convened by the four group leaders, Sisters Ada Hall, Grace Lucas, Evelyn Walker and Vivian Arnold.

The tables were very pretty, decorated with spring flowers, candles, and Easter colors of mauve green and yellow and the many mysterious looking parcels which acted as place cards. At the conclusion of the banquet, sister Lillian Ritchie, the Noble Grand, asked for a toast to the King, which was responded to by the singing of the National Anthem.

Sister Mabel Forgrave proposed the toast to the Lodge which was responded to by Sister Edna McGibbon. Sister Anne Collins proposed the toast to the Unknown Friend—this was responded to by Sister Edna Cleave.

Then came the long awaited time of opening the parcels to find who the Unknown Friend had been, and many were the surprises.

New names were drawn for the next year after which all went upstairs and enjoyed an hour or so playing games and thus a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

### MRS. JOHN F. SINCLAIR

The death of Flora Ann McNabb, beloved wife of John F. Sinclair, occurred at the family home on Sunday April 7th, 1946. Although in failing health for some time her death came as a shock to her family and many friends. Born in Erin Township, seventy-two years ago, she was a daughter of the late Alexander McNabb and Isabel McArthur.

Fifty-two years ago she united in marriage with John F. Sinclair, who remains to mourn her loss; she is also survived by six sons and five daughters; Erin Township; Geaz, Trafalgar Township; Donald and Norman; at home; Bessie; (Mrs. Dan McKeech-nie, Kale; (Mrs. R. McEneary), Esques, Twp.; Elsie; (Mrs. James Orymbie), Toronto; Marguerite; (Mrs. Wm. Delaney); Florence; (Mrs. Ross Huxley), Erin Twp.; also two sisters and a brother, John A. McNabb, of Stratton; Mrs. Geo. Sullivan, of Fort Frances and Mrs. Archie McDonald of Cadillac, Quebec; and eleven grandchildren. Her main interests in life were her family and home. She was a member of the United Church at Ballinacree.

The funeral took place from the home on Wednesday afternoon, April 10th, when her pastor, Rev. A. O. W. Foreman conducted a private service, followed by a public service at Ballinacree United Church. During the service, Mr. Alex. McDougall sang "In the Upper Garden." Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown. The pall-bearers were her six sons and the flower bearers were five grandchildren — Norma and Elva McKeech-nie, Jack and Douglas Orymbie and Murray Sinclair and four nephews Earl and Archie McKay and Laurence and Charlie Sinclair.

## Do You Want a Home?

This notice is directed to those families in need of Housing accommodation and when completed should be sent or Mailed, plainly marked "Housing" to P. B. Harrison, Town Clerk, Georgetown.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

What accommodation do you have at present? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you wish to change? Give particulars. \_\_\_\_\_

What is the size of your family? \_\_\_\_\_

Give age and sex of children \_\_\_\_\_

What size house do you require? \_\_\_\_\_

What rent can you afford to pay? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you employed? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a veteran of World War II? \_\_\_\_\_

Length of overseas service in World War I \_\_\_\_\_

## Girls' Pipe Band Invited to Lions International Convention

Georgetown Girls Pipe Band have been invited to attend the Lions International Convention in Philadelphia. The invitation was extended by Deputy District Governor Ed Capps of Brampton at the Lions Club dinner Monday evening in the McGibbon House, when the girls were guests of the club. The invitation comes from the 38 clubs in District A, who will pay the expenses of the band. To start the ball rolling the Georgetown Club voted a \$100 contribution.

Gordon Vivian and Jim McCracken were also among the guests from Brampton and the latter entertained with some of his popular impersonations. The Club was honouring these two gentlemen and the Pipe Band for a Sunday evening concert at Huttonville Park last summer when proceeds of the evening were turned over to the club.

A visitor was also present from Lethbridge, Alta., in the person of Ted Parsons, who was in town on a business trip. The question of forming a Teen-Age Club in town came up for discussion and Harold McChure and Jack Armstrong were appointed a committee to look into this.

### HALTON JUNIORS "AT HOME" AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

The Brant Inn, Burlington, on Thursday evening April 11th was the scene of the Halton Junior Farmers' "At Home." Between six and seven hundred were in attendance. Among the guests were Junior Farmer leaders from the counties of Brant, Haldimand, Lincoln, Wentworth, Waterloo, Wellington, Oxford, Peel and York, and also from Toronto and Hamilton. The event was an outstanding success and many visitors were heard to comment "It is the nicest party I've been at in a long, long time." Halton Junior Farmers under the leadership of President Geo. S. Atkins may well be proud of the result of their efforts and Halton County also may well be proud of the calibre of the young people present.

In the receiving line as patrons were Geo. S. Atkins, President of Halton Junior Farmers and Mrs. Atkins; A. H. Martin, Assistant Director of Agricultural Representatives and Mrs. Martin; Lloyd Crawford, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the Halton County Council and Mrs. Lloyd

## Sewerage Tenders Far Above The Original Estimates

Council Calls for further tenders for disposal plant—Windsor firm makes best offer for sewers.

### JOINS ROBB'S DRUG STAFF

We are very sorry to report that Mr. Wesley Robb, well-known Main Street druggist, has been forced by ill health to take several months' rest and is not able to be about the store at present. During his absence he has been fortunate in securing the services of Capt. Ned McLennan, a native of St. Marys, who was formerly an apprentice at the store.

Capt. McLennan started in 1932 under the then-proprietor, W. R. Watson, who now lives in Grimsby, and when Mr. Robb bought the business he continued working for him until 1936. He then worked for Liggett's in Toronto for two years and attended the Ontario College of Pharmacy receiving his Phm. B. degree in 1939.

After working two years in Toronto as a drug store manager, Capt. McLennan joined the army in 1941. He was commissioned in 1943 with the R. C.A.M.C., spent some time on the staff of Chorley Park Military Hospital, and then went overseas where he was on the staff of No. 24 Canadian General Hospital. He later served in Holland and Belgium in command of No. 1 Advance Medical Stores. While in England he obtained his qualifications as a registered pharmaceutical chemist. He returned to Canada early this year.

### ACTON JUNIORS WIN W.I. DICK TROPHY

The finals in the Halton Junior Farmers' Debating Series brought together Acton and Palermo Clubs at the Milton High School on Friday evening last. The subject under debate was "Resolved that the adoption of a policy of immigration from Europe would be in the best interest of Canada as a whole." Donald Switzer and Gordon Leslie of Acton, upheld the affirmative while Marion Galbraith and George Pelletier of Palermo, upheld the negative. Messrs. Geo. Elliott, L. Skuce, and K. Y. Dick were the official judges, their decision going to the Acton Club. Mr. K. Y. Dick presented the W. I. Dick Trophy on behalf of his father to the winning team.

Another feature of the evening's programme was the presentation of a skill by the Merton Players which created a good deal of amusement. The members of the cast were as follows:—Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brecken, Ford Rogers, Ken Giles Roy Speers and Carlo Toccalino.

Geo. S. Atkins, President of the Halton Junior Farmers' Ass'n. was chairman of the evening's programme, which concluded with an informal dance to Jack Bennet's Orchestra.

Mr. Jack Thompson attended the Ontario Young Progressive-Conservative Convention at the Royal York Hotel last Saturday.

Crawford, President of the Halton District Women's Institutes; Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock and Mrs. Whitelock.

Music was supplied by Jack Ryan and his orchestra, of Hamilton, and in the opinion of the young people, left nothing to be desired.

Surprise was evident when tenders were opened for Georgetown's proposed sewerage system at a special Council meeting last Thursday evening. The meeting was attended by C. R. Hagey, consulting engineer, Dr. C. V. Williams, M.O.H., K. M. Langdon, town solicitor and Dr. S. Magwood, sanitary inspector, as well as a number of representatives of the firms which had submitted tenders.

Of twelve firms which had indicated interest in taking on the job, only three submitted tenders and of these, only one, Pencock & McQuiggie of Toronto, tendered for a complete system as follows: sewers, \$321,338.75; pump-house \$5162; disposal plant, \$140,448, making a grand total of \$466,948.75. This was far in excess of Mr. Hagey's estimate last fall of \$193,947.

The other two firms tendering were the Dick Construction Co., Welland, \$275,322.95 and the Keystone Construction Co., Windsor, \$177,992.04. Both of these were for sewers only.

Mayor Cleave said that the tenders were a shock and that the town was now faced with the problem that sewage was a necessity. He pointed out that citizens had voted 7 to 1 for sewage and that he believed people would go a long way to see that it was installed. Money can be borrowed cheaply today and the longer we wait the higher the interest rate will be. He was in favour of accepting the Keystone tender, provisional to the approval of the Municipal Board and to obtaining further satisfactory tenders on a disposal plant. The town solicitor, when questioned, said that this would be an implied acceptance of the tender providing the conditions were fulfilled, and that the town would be committing itself to some extent. When the motion was moved by Mrs. Ritchie and MacKenzie it was defeated. An earlier motion had passed providing that the town advertise further for tenders for a disposal plant and pump-house, tenders to be in by May 7th.

Mr. Gibbons expressed what seemed to be the majority opinion of Council when he said that even if the Municipal Board approved a higher expenditure, he would not commit himself to it without a further vote of the rate-payers.

He later criticized last year's council for not using its own initiative, but following too much the advice of Mr. Hagey and Dr. Williams in endorsing the sewage rental system, and said he believed the Local Improvement method was the best means of paying for the project. He was also critical of the town asking for a mandatory order from the Dept. of Health to provide for the installation.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Arthur Bibbs and son of Cleveland, Ohio, were guests last week with Mr. and Mrs. Harold McChure.

Mrs. James Dudgeon of Chesley spent last week in town with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Grabb.

Mrs. E. A. Allan of St. Thomas was a visitor last week with Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Coffin.

Mrs. C. E. Eichen and Miss Belle Elliot of Chesley, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hahn.

Mrs. S. S. Atkinson of Syracuse, N.Y., was a visitor last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Miller.

Dr. and Mrs. F. R. Watson have returned from a holiday at Jack's Beach, Florida.

Mrs. J. McDermid has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Edmonton and will be soon moving into her new home in the Valleyview Apartments.

Mr. G. W. McInlock, who recently retired as manager of the local Bank of Commerce branch, has returned from a vacation which he spent at Manitoulin.

Mrs. Clarence Hayes has been conducting Women's Institute District rallies at Hamilton, Welland, London and Brampton during the past two weeks.

### G.R.C. RECREATIONAL FUND

Previously acknowledged ..... \$22 00  
Miss Yvonne Adams ..... 5 00

TOTAL, April 17th ..... \$27 00

### M.O.H. REPORT FOR 1945

Sorry to say that although we had the 1945 report of the Medical Officer of Health ready for inclusion in this issue, space requirements made it necessary to hold it for a future issue.

## YOU'LL SEE THESE SOON



The above four and six room homes erected for ex-servicemen by Wartime Housing Limited are proving very popular with their tenants. Built on concrete foundations, they are fully insulated and are constructed of the best material available. They are economical from the standpoint of both rent and operating cost. Thousands of veterans in all parts of Canada are now living in these attractive, modern, well-planned homes.