

THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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Mayor Cleave Visions Town of Five or Six Thousand As Retirement Announced

Gibbons To Ask Rescinding of Mandatory Sewerage Order, Advocates Assessor — Tax Collector, Kindergarten Classes.

An optimistic review of Georgetown's progress during his term as mayor and the prediction that the town which had seen more building this year than any year in its history would before long have a population of five or six thousand, highlighted the speech of Mayor Harold Cleave at the public meeting which followed Friday's nomination meeting. Town clerk P. B. Harrison was chairman for the meeting.

Announcing his retirement as mayor after a three year term Mr. Cleave said that after a career of almost twenty years, he felt that he should be giving more time to his business and relaxing a little at his age. He has enjoyed serving the people and can't recall any instance of anyone "jumping him" too hard, though naturally he had made mistakes which he always tried to rectify if he thought he was in error.

"I'm pleased to be here as mayor tonight," he said, "because the town has had the most progressive year in its history and I have an excellent report to give." Delinquent taxes are at a new low, Wartime Housing was inaugurated to give homes to our veterans, the Recreational Council was formed and a full-time director hired, new streets were opened, a start had been made to get a new John Street subway, town insurance had been changed to give complete coverage, and an attempt made to get a sewerage system. He said it was a great mistake when sewerage was voted down a few years ago when costs were low, and now with the people voting 7 to 1 in favour, tenders had been ridiculously high. In his opinion, \$300,000 is the lowest it can be done for and if Georgetown ratepayers want it, we will have to make up our minds to pay the shot.

He asked future councils to support the Recreational Council which was doing a good job and pointed with pride to the efficient snow removal of the last few years which he hoped would be continued. He took pride that Georgetown had had no tax sales during his term as mayor and that delinquent taxes were at an all-time low.

Mayor Cleave reported at length on Wartime Housing. He had hoped that veterans would be able to build and own their homes but when this could not be, he thought Wartime Housing the next best. It has been and will be expensive — additional surveying and land purchase being necessary and a terrific amount of grading and filling. A bright note is that the bank thinks the money can be borrowed at 3 per cent and that over a period of years, the town should at least break even.

He reviewed negotiations which were going on with the railway for widening of the John Street subway, and was sure that the improvement would be made with no cost to the town.

Reeve Retires

Reeve K. R. MacDonald, following the mayor to the platform, reviewed county activities during the year. Among the highlights were the setting aside of a substantial surplus to inaugurate a county health unit which a present was delayed by shortage of doctors and nurses; opening of the Glen bridge last February; inauguration of the County assessing system; and formation of High School areas in Burlington and Oakville. In this connection Georgetown Council had not favoured a similar setup in this end of the county and Reeve MacDonald had also voted against the "now assessing system as it met no favour here, but had been overwhelmed by the lower end of the county."

Thanking the ratepayers for their support during his seven years in office, the Reeve said that circumstances forced him to retire and that although he would like to achieve the mayors chair he had no intention of being a candidate for any municipal office in the future.

Financial Summary

Gr. Garfield McGillivray "Minister of Finance" this year, gave the interim report of the town's financial affairs to the 15th of November. Estimated surplus of \$3000 shows Georgetown in good financial shape. Salaries showed an increase over last year as did street lighting. Delinquent taxes are only \$908 and 1946 welfare will cost \$480.

In announcing his retirement Gr. McGillivray said he found other duties including secretary of the Fall Fair too heavy, but he would like to come back at some future date and run for deputy-revee.

Favors Town Foreman

Gr. Bruce MacKenzie, in reporting on Streets spoke in praise of Chief W. G. Marshall for his careful supervision of work which had held street costs within the estimate. An increase in

spending from \$4000 to \$6500 was due to the opening of almost three miles of new roads, \$140 had been spent on traffic signs which had been requested by a delegation last year. A good job had been done on sidewalks, though it wasn't possible to make all the repairs due to material shortage.

Pressure of other affairs forced Cr. MacKenzie to decline his nomination but he too hoped in a year or two to run for office again.

Favors Town Truck for Services

"If I am elected to Council next year, I will move for a truck to plow streets, collect garbage, etc." said Cr. James Goodlet, who thinks the town should take care of these services rather than rent them out to private individuals. Mr. Goodlet opposed purchase of the present half-ton truck last year because it wasn't suitable for this.

He announced his intention of contesting his council seat and not the deputy-reveevship as he hadn't the time to spend on the latter.

Summarizing his year in Council, Cr. Goodlet said he had voted against a \$250 grant to the Boy's Band as this was illegal without a vote of the people. He had opposed a private \$65 offer for a tract of land believing any town property to be sold should first be advertised. He had opposed purchase of the present property for Wartime Housing because the \$550 an acre cost was excessive. This was proven when an individual buyer purchased the rest of the Cedarvale property at a lower price.

The town assessor had been hired on Mr. Goodlet's motion and he thought a trained assessor would give everyone a square deal and offset land speculation. After the initial set-up is made, he thought the offices of assessor and tax collector could quite well be combined.

Bans for School Board

Cr. Thomas Eason, announcing his retirement as councillor, said he intended running for public school board in Ward 2. He praised the Recreational Council for fixing up the Old Town Hall at the least possible expense.

Relaying Cr. James Ritchie regrets that illness kept him away from the meeting, he said Mr. Ritchie intended to run for council again in Ward 2.

Returns as Mayor

Cr. Joseph Gibbons said that the mayor's announcement of retirement had thrown him off stride, as he had anticipated a somewhat more controversial tone to the meeting and had not been expecting an acclamation when he decided to run again for mayor. He congratulated all retiring members for their public service and pledged his best efforts next year.

He had taken exception to the way the 1944 Council had asked for a mandatory order for sewerage and said the town was in the absurd position of being liable to a \$100 a day fine for not carrying out an order which cannot be carried out at present. One of his first actions as mayor will be to ask withdrawal of this order.

He suggested to the Public School Board that a kindergarten class was badly needed and wondered if a new high school were built whether the present building might not be suitable for a municipal hospital.

While not wholeheartedly behind the new assessing system, now that it was adopted, he thought everyone should cooperate with Mr. Early and give him every assistance. In this connection, he thought tax-collecting and assessing should go hand in hand, and while Mr. Langston had done a wonderful job, the town was getting out of the village stage and municipal business should be handled from the municipal building.

In his 14 years in municipal life, Cr. Gibbons said he had always believed in keen debate and a majority decision and this would be the watchword of the 1947 council.

Hydro Report

Complimenting the Hydro staff, Hydro Commissioner Graham Farnell said there was not one cent of arrears at present — a record to be proud of.

The Commission will have a \$7000 surplus this year. A new substation is ready to be opened within two weeks and this will solve power weaknesses in the John and Queen street districts.

Less Students If No New School

Dr. A. McAllister, reporting for the High School Board, said that if a new school is not soon provided, students who otherwise would come to Georgetown will be lost to other districts.

While the old academic system had its value, present requirements were for more practical training.

New Reeve Wants Farm Exemption

Reeve-elect Alex MacLaren objected to Council's action this year in not allowing lower taxes on farm lands within the municipality. It had meant a 26 per cent increase in his own taxes and a letter written by him in protest had not even been acknowledged. He had been told in past years that the exemption was a routine matter.

Nominees Speak

Arthur Herbert pledged his best work in his first experience as a councillor next year.

Thomas Lyons, throwing his hat in to the ring again in Ward 3, said that his friends had prevailed on him to seek office again. He was in favour of more complete use of the Municipal Building for payment of taxes and water rates, etc.

Arthur Speight, declining his nomination as councillor, said the present tax collector was doing a good job and believed it would be a mistake to make any change when things were going so well.

S. W. Orr, who later reversed his decision to run for Council in Ward 3, said there were several things last year he had not been satisfied with and that he had decided to come back and try to improve them. He was annoyed at the farm land non-exemption and was still an advocate of another bank in town. He had pursued this matter while a councillor and would like to come back and see it through.

THE WEATHER

by H. L. Hirt

It has been said the most uncertain things to bet on are the weather and a horse race, and we never bet on either. The fine mild weather thus far has apparently been favoring the coal strikers, but we are willing to bet dollars to doughnuts that before the winter is over those responsible for the coal strike will find that such strikes do not pay.

It would be advisable for all who have access to a wood lot to lay in a supply of fuel for the weather yet to come.

Here are the local records for the past week.

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Tue., Nov. 19	54	23	
Wed., Nov. 20	47	30	
Thur., Nov. 21	45	36	
Fri., Nov. 22	29	25	first snow
Sat., Nov. 23	31	23	trace
Sun., Nov. 24	67	31	
Mon., Nov. 25	48	37	.05"

NORVAL

Mrs. Robert Gollop's eye operation for cataract was very successful at General Hospital, Toronto. She expects to leave hospital Thursday this week and will stay for a week or so with a relative in Toronto.

Herb Moreton is progressing favorably in Christie Street Hospital, Toronto, and we hear he may be home for Christmas. Let's hope so, for there is no place like home at Christmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wodson of Toronto were visitors one day last week with Mrs. M. Gault.

Joseph Gibbons Georgetown Mayor for Next Year

Alex MacLaren Reeve, John T. Armstrong Deputy-Reeve as all three offices uncontested — Ward 3 Votes for Councilmen, Ward 2 for School Trustee.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

November 26, 1946

Dear Sir:

May I use a few lines of your newspaper to express my thanks to the citizens of Georgetown for their co-operation and good will during my three-year term as mayor. It has been a pleasure to serve you in this capacity and I shall have many pleasant memories of my associations with them and with the various members who have comprised the Town Council during those years.

As I said in announcing my retirement last Friday, I can vision Georgetown a town of five or six thousand in the not too distant future. To the new mayor and council who will be looking after town business next year, I wish every success and as a private citizen, I will always endeavour to do anything that lies in my power as such to further the best interest of the municipality.

I step out willingly, happy in the knowledge that I have been privileged to serve the town in its highest office and have always done my best to serve Georgetown faithfully and well.

HAROLD CLEAVE, Mayor

November 26, 1946

Christian Friends —

Up north in Alaska there is a Christian home for homeless children, managed by a pastor and his wife. I feel that the Lord wants us to help those brave people to procure much-needed clothing and foot-wear for those 18 children, aged 2 to 16 years. Next week-end I am sending them a parcel. Perhaps you too are in possession of some good, worn wearing apparel or bedding which you can spare. Or perhaps you would care to make a cash donation. If so, your efforts would be greatly appreciated.

In the Herald window you will see a pamphlet illustrating the work, and the editor will put you in touch with me for donations.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me — St. Matthew 25:40."

Mr. M. Hauptmann

SPORT NEWS

by Sideline

Looks like all roads lead to Grimsby on December 18th, when the Paper-makers will have a pre-season tilt with the Peach Kings. The locals have had only one practice at Bayview Bank and unless they can hook Galt Arena for a couple of practices, may find themselves somewhat outclassed by the Grimsby lads who have artificial ice and plenty of chance for training.

The local Intermediate "B" aggregation is dickering with Oak Arena at present and have been promised the ice at an early date as yet unknown.

Meanwhile the local arena is taking on an air of the big time, with a clock and score board to be installed, and a new supplying system, which will allow a running commentary on the game.

Jack Ingoldby, who was to be player-coach this season has had a change of plans and is now booked for a similar chore in Mount Forest. In his place, Jack Shropshire, popular defenceman for the last two seasons, has taken over.

Too early yet to give even a probable line-up, and the most we can tell you is that there are a good number of old and new faces on the roster. From last season we have Jack Kemmhead, "Dookey" Evans, Sooty Patterson, "Bunny" Ward, Walt and Ken Richardson, Dolly Beaumont, Nick Perry, Bill O'Brien, Art Hurst and Jack Bertwick. Art Hurst of the Ferguson Thistles will also be in a Georgetown uniform and Carmie Carter, who learned his hockey in Norval and Georgetown and was a star player with Milton Juniors before he joined the army, is another newcomer. The Bradbury brothers, Leigh and Max, Earl Bannard and Rene Martin completed the roster. Ern Thompson will once more guide the team destiny as manager — and a fine job he always does in this important post.

We hear that Georgetown has been offered an all-expense trip to South Ste. Marie for an exhibition game. A wonderful trip if it could be arranged.

Mrs. Leigh Bradbury and daughter Sharon have gone to Port William for a few weeks, where her father is a busy fisherman.

LIMEHOUSE

The 4th Line ladies sponsored a luncheon and dance last Wednesday afternoon. A lovely hot noon meal was followed by cards at which Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Jamieson were winners.

Mrs. Orr is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Noble.

Mrs. Archie McDonald spent a few days last week with her relatives at Erinville.

Mr. and Mrs. Shebourne and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Powell at Lowville on Sunday.

Mrs. Jones of Toronto spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Foster and Miss Resembottom.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. McDonald and family spent Sunday at Brampton.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

by L. McE.

Flash! High School Commencement is going to be a success. Yes, the commencement on November 29th is being presented by the guys and gals of C. E. S. in the Gregory Theatre. Diplo-mas, dances, songs, sports, presentations and a play will compose the evening. Get your tickets from any of the students or teachers.

Well, last Tuesday the 19th, the gang went down to the Royal Winter Fair. We chartered two buses which were filled to overflowing. Several staff members went along, some in the buses and some in Mr. Lambert's car. We left at 9:30 and arrived at the fair around 10:30, piled out of the buses, romped down to the main entrance of the Coliseum, in through the horse stalls, past the ring, and spent the rest of the time practically in strolling around displays and stands. At nine o'clock that evening the buses arrived to return us. We had a slight delay, but the stragglers soon came along and off we went. The trip home was almost uneventful except for songs and such (ahem). And when the weary students jumped, I mean crawled off the buses they were duly disappointed. Why? Because there was no band to meet them and welcome us back to our fair city.

Ship Sargent has been taking a survey of readers of the Canadian Herald-News. So you fellows who read the paper, help him out, will you! And don't forget our beloved sales manager appears every Monday with an armful of Herald-News and they only cost two cents each, so when Bill (Gus) Thompson appears, fill his pockets with your pennies.

Georgetown Municipal Nominations

FOR MAYOR

JOSEPH GIBBONS (accl.)
by Walter Gray, George Riddall
Harold Cleave
by Harry Hale, Arnott Early

FOR REEVE

ALEX MACLAREN (accl.)
by James Goodlet, John Farmer
Kenneth R. MacDonald
by Frank Petch, James Evans
Joseph Gibbons
by Arthur Herbert, John T. Armstrong

FOR DEPUTY - REEVE

JOHN T. ARMSTRONG (accl.)
by Garfield McGillivray, Joseph Gibbons
James Goodlet
by John Farmer, John T. Armstrong

FOR COUNCIL, WARD 1

ARTHUR HERBERT (accl.)
by Joseph Gibbons, John Farmer
WILLIAM P. THOMPSON, (accl.)
by Joseph Watson, James Evans
Garfield McGillivray
by E. V. MacCormack, Frank Petch

FOR COUNCIL, WARD 2

JAMES RITCHIE (accl.)
by Thomas Eason, D. P. Crichton
HARRY HALE (accl.)
by James Goodlet, Thomas Eason
Thomas L. Leslie
by Joseph Gibbons, Mark Clark

FOR COUNCIL, WARD 3 (two to be elected)

JAMES GOODLET
by Bruce MacKenzie, George Riddall
THOMAS L. LYONS
by Walter Gray, Arnott Early
RAY WHITMEE
by Bruce MacKenzie, James Goodlet
Bruce MacKenzie
by K. R. MacDonald, Harold Cleave
S. W. Orr
by Harold Cleave, K. R. MacDonald
Arthur Speight
by Frank Petch, Hodgen Barnes

FOR HYDRO COMMISSIONER

GRAHAM FARNELL (accl.)
by Joseph Gibbons, Thomas Lyons

FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD, WARD 1

MRS. KATHLEEN CLEAVE (accl.)
by E. V. MacCormack, D. P. Crichton

FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD, WARD 2

(one to be elected)
HARRY SHORTILL
by John Farmer, Joseph Gibbons
THOMAS EASON
by D. P. Crichton, Cecil Davidson

FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD, WARD 3

DR. J. B. MILNE
by Hodgen Barnes, Arnott Early