

# THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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## GEORGETOWN IN 'A' FINALS

### School Boards and Councils Again To Submit Views on School District

Problem discussed at Dinner Here on Monday . . . Georgetown Offers Site for New School . . . Meet Again in Milton this Month.

Georgetown Council and School Board were hosts to members of Acton Milton, Esqueting and Nassagaweya Councils and to the school boards of our neighbouring towns, at a dinner in the United Church on Monday. Ladies of the United Church W.A. catered for the meal which preceded an open discussion of the question of a High School District in north Halton.

Mayor Joseph Gibbons welcomed the guests whom he termed "Georgetown's good neighbours" and said the meeting had been called to discuss freely and frankly a matter of great importance to all these municipalities. He introduced Reeve Alex MacLaren, who had been chosen to present Georgetown's case for locating a central school in Georgetown.

Reeve MacLaren briefly reviewed the facts to date. A Consultative Committee, composed of County Council members from Burlington, Oakville, and Acton had last year drafted a report which resulted in high school districts being formed in Oakville and Burlington. The third proposal of the committee had been to set up a district in north Halton, with a central school located at Speyside. The south end members had naturally lost interest once their purpose was attained and Mr. MacLaren said that he did not believe the Consultative Committee existed at the present time.

He said that Georgetown realized the benefits of a consolidated school, but did not favour locating it at Speyside. The town has had a history of 100 years of secondary education, 77 of these with full high school facilities, and believed that for a number of reasons Georgetown was the best location for a proposed school.

There are many difficulties in the locating of a large school in the country. He brought up the problems of drinking water supply, hydro and sewage disposal, all of which could be provided here. The initial building cost is estimated at close to \$50,000 higher at Speyside. Fire insurance rates, he understood, would be 250 per cent higher in the country, and there was no medical service which we have in town. Other considerations were the difficulty of obtaining janitor service, transportation of food for the cafeteria, repair service for the building, garage accommodation for school buses, and the difficulty of obtaining and holding 17 teachers who would have to commute to work.

Georgetown, he said, was prepared to offer a 5 to 10 acre site, backing the park, for a school location here. School children could take advantage of rink and park facilities and the school itself, he hoped, could be used for night school classes and evening meetings. At present, he said, there is talk in town of raising fifty to a hundred thousand dollars for a war memorial Recreation Building, and this might well tie in with the new school plans. An important consideration, too, would be an estimated \$6000 original saving in three less school buses purchased, plus the saving in yearly operational cost.

"Georgetown has grown by 1000 in the last 25 years," said Mr. MacLaren. "We believe in our future and that in ten or fifteen years we will require a large school for ourselves. We understand Acton and Milton are prepared to go outside their own municipalities for a school and ask consideration that it be located in Georgetown."

Mayor Gibbons introduced heads of visiting councils and school boards, each of whom spoke a few words. Mayor Gowland of Milton and Reeve McCutcheon of Acton both thought it was a school board matter and that councils should not take a lead. Reeve Crawford of Nassagaweya said he thought a school in Georgetown would not appeal to the students in Nassagaweya, who were going to Guelph at present.

Reeve George Cleave, Esqueting, said he thought the main thing to decide was whether all municipalities favoured a high school area, and if they did it would be up to the new school board to choose the location, although he believed a recommendation from a meeting such as this could act as a guidance.

"I would like to see this meeting go on record as favouring the plan," he said, "and wherever it is, suits me." Mr. G. A. Dills, speaking for Acton school board said that he thought any community could put up the same argument as Georgetown for a location, but the fact remains that none of the three towns are central. Acton is based with surrounding in both

schools and believes that a bigger district is the solution. He said the rural communities must come in for consideration and it is not fair to expect them to go too far to school.

Mr. Harrop, Milton school board chairman said that if Nassagaweya favoured a school in Georgetown, he would too, but he didn't think they would and consideration must be given to placing the school where it would draw the most pupils.

Mr. M. H. Moyer, chairman of Georgetown school board, disagreed with the idea of a new school being purely a school board decision and said councils too should be interested when talking of a half million dollar expenditure.

The meeting was thrown open for general discussion and several questions asked of W. J. Stewart, district high school inspector. He said the proposed school would serve a population of 11,000, have an estimated 400 students and cost an estimated rate of 4 mills. It would provide shop work, home economics, commercial and agricultural training and would have a teaching staff of 17.

When questioned, he said that of the 41 districts already set up, none involved closing any existing high school, though a similar proposition to that in north Halton was being discussed in two other localities. He said that if a school district were formed and Georgetown did not enter it, attendance would be reduced by about 125 and it would not be possible to build as large a school.

Mr. Mahon of Nassagaweya moved that the meeting appoint a committee composed of one representative from each group, to report to another general meeting in Milton.

Reeve MacLaren seconded the motion. An amendment was moved by Reeve Cleave that the various Councils and Boards be asked to discuss the question and submit a definite decision to L. L. Skuce, Public School Inspector before April 29th, when a general meeting would be held in Milton. Dr. F. R. Watson seconded this. Although this procedure has already been followed, it was explained that personnel of the groups, had changed considerably since last year and different decisions might be rendered. Quoting from memory, Mr. Skuce said, that Acton and Milton school boards and Nassagaweya Council had favoured an area, Esqueting was against and Georgetown Council and School Board were opposed unless the school was in Georgetown, Acton and Milton Councils had not indicated their decisions.

The amendment was carried by a majority vote and a meeting set for Milton on April 28th.

### HEART ATTACK FATAL TO ALBERT H. BAIRD

A heart attack which he suffered in his sleep was fatal to Albert H. Baird, who passed away on Wednesday, March 26th, at his home on Wesleyan Street. Mr. Baird, who had been a successful businessman in Palmerston, was a resident of Georgetown in his younger days and moved back to Georgetown on his retirement in June, 1944.

A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Baird, he was born in Trenton eighty years ago, and moved with his parents to Milton and then to Georgetown. He was a member of the Georgetown Citizens' Band, in which he played solo alto. He was working in Brantford at the time of his marriage on January 1st, 1896, to Jane Dasey of Georgetown. The couple took up residence soon after in Palmerston where Mr. Baird operated a bakery for 47 years.

He took a prominent part in Palmerston municipal life and had served on the Town Council for four years, two years as Reeve and two years as Mayor.

Mr. Baird is survived by his wife and two children, Fred of Georgetown and Mrs. Beatrice McNeil of Stratford. A daughter, Bessie, died in infancy. Two sisters, Misses Jessie and Emma Baird, are residents of town.

The funeral service was conducted at his late residence on Friday by his minister, Rev. R. C. Todd of Georgetown United Church. Pall bearers were Victor McDonald, Jack Arnold, Norman Burns, Walter T. Evans, Graham Fairall and J. D. Godfrey. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

### Housing Problem Easing as Veterans' Homes Allocated

With the announcement last week that the first five houses in the Veterans' Housing subdivision on the highway had been completed and allocated, the serious housing shortage in Georgetown shows signs of being solved. Geoffrey Pratt, Oakville, and administrator for projects in Georgetown, Brantford and Oakville has been in town frequently interviewing prospective tenants. First five houses allocated went to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watson and daughter, Paulene; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lane and son William; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rayner; Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Cook and daughter Myrna; and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen and daughters Barbara and Heather. All the men are veterans of overseas service and most of the families have already moved into their new homes.

A further nine houses were allocated this week, and will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George Greensward and daughter Carol; Mr. and Mrs. John Barber and children Virginia, Joy and Billy; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kennard and family; Mr. and Mrs. Herb Harlow, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hardman and sons Buddy and Billy; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. "Pete" Tost; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bradley and daughter Beverley Ann; and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brill.

Twelve of the new tenants have been living in town in crowded accommodations or with relatives while Mr. and Mrs. Bradley have been residing in Acton, and Mr. and Mrs. Greensward near Brantford.

There are still 38 homes to be completed in the subdivision. The majority of houses are 4 and 5-roomed, with a few 6-roomed houses. None of the latter have yet been completed. The priority system of allocation, we understand, is based first on overseas service, with need and the question of whether the applicant will be a satisfactory tenant being other determining factors.

The three types of houses rent for \$22, \$27.50 and \$30, and each contains a hydro fast-rate water heater. These latter have not yet been connected due to a delay in obtaining tank covers. A coal stove is also included in each house for heating.

### We See This Week

—That the new yellow and black parking signs appeared on Main St. last Thursday and parking restrictions are now in force.

—That a handsome neon Frigidaire sign has made its appearance in front of McClure's Home Furnishings.

—That Whitmee Taxi have reverted again to a two-car service, with a new Plymouth and a new Ford.

—That several carloads of hockey fans made the trip to Onnesee on Friday to see the Georgetown-Peterborough hockey game.

—That Betty Grant, who teaches at Arthur high school was snowed in again last week in the town which has had more than its share of rough weather this year.

—That Smith & Stone, Ltd. are making an addition to their present building with the construction of a time office beside the entrance gate.

—That McNally Wood Products are demolishing the remains of their old shop on William Street. The plant was moved to its present location near the CNR station after a fire last winter.

—That the combined choirs of Georgetown churches are planning a special evening of sacred and secular music next month.

—That Al Norton is working hard to have his bowling alley in the Mackenzie Building ready for opening in early May.

—That there are signs of a continuation of the building boom in town this spring with at least a dozen new houses already contracted for.

### ST. GEORGE'S CLUB HEARS TALK ON SILK SCREENING

Hockey again delayed the regular meeting of St. George's Club, and the group met last Wednesday evening in the classrooms behind the church. Fred Barber gave the members an interesting talk on "Silk Screening" illustrating it with the components used in the process. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

### Was Georgetown Resident For Nineteen Years

A resident on Victoria Street, Georgetown, for nineteen years and a well known figure in town, Edward H. Little passed away on Monday, March 24, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Louise Foster, at Cheltenham. Mr. Little had been in good health until last June when he suffered a stroke and had been bedfast since November. He had made his home with Mrs. Foster for the past year and a half.

He was the son of the late Joseph Little and Jane Sharp and was born in Cheltenham 87 years ago. In 1890 he married the late Janet W. Caldwell, who predeceased him eleven years ago. They lived for twelve years in Caledon Township on the David Kirkwood farm, lot 2, Town Line, and Mr. Little then purchased the Campbell farm at Terra Cotta, farming there for about 25 years until his retirement. He was extremely active and enjoyed wonderful health, and after coming to Georgetown he helped on district farms.

Mr. Little is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Louise Foster, Cheltenham, and Miss Margaret Anne Little, St. Catharines, and one brother, Thomas Little of Cheltenham. There are five grandchildren, John Edward, Norman, Hartley and Wallace Foster, all of Cheltenham, and Mrs. Garnet McMillen, Brantford. Great-grandchildren are Sandra Foster, Eileasner, Evelyn Foster, Cheltenham, and Jimmy and Carl McMillen, Brantford.

Rev. J. A. H. Hodgson, minister of Cheltenham United Church conducted the funeral service on Wednesday, and pall-bearers were Harold and Perc Cleave and W. G. Marshall of Georgetown, and George Foster, Bert Harris and John Harper of Cheltenham. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

### Social and Personal

Mr. I. Rachlin, who moved to Toronto after selling his business to D. W. Barrager last year, was a visitor in town one day last week.

Mrs. T. Humberstone, Lewis and Donald of Toronto spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hyde.

Mrs. J. Dudgeon and Miss Verle Dudgeon of Toronto spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Stan Grabb.

Miss Mary Moyer travelled by plane to New York City last week for a holiday trip. She is visiting with Miss Lois Nielsen who will return with her for the Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Huta of Toronto were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bouskill, Mrs. Huta remaining in town for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Goring and son Robert of Simcoe spent the week-end in town with Mr. and Mrs. Harold McClure. Mr. Goring was accountant at the Bank of Montreal here before being transferred to the Simcoe branch.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jeffery were Monday evening visitors in Ajax, where Mr. Ellis was guest speaker to the Ceramic Dept. of the Faculty of Engineering, University of Toronto.

Celebrating his fourth birthday last Saturday, Lynne Hyde entertained a number of his friends at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hyde. His guests included: Barbara Finlay, Jane Wardlaw, Danny Golden, Karen Blyth, Jacqueline Harlow, Carolyn Biehn, Judy Bonathen, Bobby Hyde, Harry, Brenda and Peggy Robertson of Hornby, and his brother, Monty.

### MRS. FRED HADDELL BURIED HERE

A former Georgetown resident, Mrs. Frederick John Haddell was buried here in Greenwood Cemetery yesterday noon. Mrs. Haddell passed away at her home, 1804 Dufferin St., Toronto, last Saturday, March 29th. Prior to moving to Toronto some years ago, the Haddells operated a bakery shop in town.

Mrs. Haddell, who was formerly Edith Chapman, is survived by one son, Albert, and three daughters, Mrs. A. D. Hutchinson (Lillian), Mrs. J. Bauer (Mabel), Detroit, Michigan, and Mrs. S. W. Mauser (Helen), also of Detroit. She also leaves a sister, Miss Lillian Chapman. Mr. Haddell died two years ago and was buried here also.

The funeral service was held on Monday evening from the Jervis Funeral Chapel in Toronto.

### Georgetown Go Into Intermediate 'A' Hockey Finals

Will Play Winners of Brantford-Barrie Series . . . Over 800 on Hockey Train Last Night . . . Peterborough also Ran a Special Train with 300 Aboard.

#### LIMEHOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Benton and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Greenlees, Milton on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Shelbourne and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Powell at Lowville on Sunday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe. Anthony on the arrival of a wee son last week.

Mrs. Bert Paul is home with her mother at present.

Miss Ruby Ferguson of Burks Falls and Mr. Clifford Webster were week-end visitors with the Eberlys.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Mulder spent the week-end in St. Catharines.

Mr. Wilfred Brown and Mrs. E. L. Davidson were highest scorers in euchre at Limehouse Memorial Hall on Friday evening. Mr. J. Ellerby and Mrs. E. Miller were spot dance winners. Brown bread, baked beans and coffee were served for lunch.

Mr. Ron Stuart of New Zealand, now taking a course in engineering in Toronto, spent the week-end with the Mitchells.

Mr. Alex Wright was home from Toronto during the week-end.

#### ASHGROVE

Winter has vanished and Springtime is here. Flowers and Sunshine and Songbirds appear.

Life is triumphant — the stone rolled away.

Everywhere, everywhere, Easter today. Birthdays Greetings to Allan Brownridge who celebrates his sixth birthday on April 3rd and also to Mrs. Young of the eighth line who will be ninety-five on April 11th.

Heavy odds and P.M. are still attacking some of our citizens. Let's hope the warmer weather when it comes will chase the germs away.

The Young People's Society met in the basement of the church on Sunday evening and held their Christian Fellowship meeting in charge of George Wilson. Miss Imney Keen gave a splendid topic on the life of the Jewish people and Miss Gladys Ruddle played an instrumental "Whispering Hope." Plans were discussed for the Rally being held at Burlington Easter Monday evening and also the Young People's Service being held on Easter Sunday evening with Rev. O. R. Pindall as guest speaker.

Last night saw a record crowd of over 800 take a special train to Hamilton to see Georgetown take out a 4-8 win over Peterborough. The game was packed with thrills from start to finish, and the last few minutes saw wild-eyed Georgetown fans screaming encouragement to Kent Storey as he tied the game 3-all, and to Murray Ezeard who clinched matters with only one minute and thirty seconds to go.

Unfortunately, we cannot give you a play-by-play account of the game as the sports writer (along with two other members of the Herald staff) succumbed to a combined attack of "flu" and "too much hockey" — leaving the editor with a staff of one to help him get out this week's issue. Below is the summary of the game:

#### SUMMARY

1st Period  
1. Peterborough — Kingdon (Blewett) 0-0  
Penalties — Jopling, Beaumont, Shropshire, Patterson, (Creighton served penalty for Harding).

2nd Period  
2. Peterborough — Creighton (Crowe) 1-0  
3. Georgetown — Storey 11-0  
Penalty — Beaumont

3rd Period  
4. Georgetown — Gibson (Scott) 4-0  
5. Peterborough — Blewett (Tompkins) 15-0  
6. Georgetown — Storey (Birtwistle) 17-0

7. Georgetown — Ezeard 18-0  
Penalties — F. Parsons, Patterson, Jopling.

Georgetown — Goal, Rhoads, defence, Shropshire, Birtwistle; centre, Storey; wings, Beaumont, Beard; alternates, Gibson, Scott, Delpack, Furl, Chris, Patterson, Bradbury.  
Peterborough — Goal, Harding; defence, Crowe, Jopling; centre, Ezeard; wings, Creighton, Blewett; alternates, Kingdon, Tompkins, F. Parsons, G. Parsons, Burton, Doyell, Harris, P. Referee — Ken Holmshaw, Innesman — Al Woods.

#### MARRIAGE NOTICE

FORD-PEDER—On Wednesday, April 2, 1947, at 8 p.m., in English United Church, Toronto, by Dr. W. J. Johnston, Mary Mildred, youngest daughter of Mrs. Peden and the late Robert John Peden of Ellwood, to Charles Wakefield Ford, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Ford of Georgetown.

