

# THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

Wednesday Evening, April 30th, 1947

## Town, Township Begin Flood Relief Collections

Cooperating with the Ontario campaign for British Flood Relief, committees in Georgetown and Esqueping have announced the opening of a two-week campaign. Under the direction of a committee headed by Arnold Early, Georgetown people are asked to bring clothing and food donations to the Old Town Hall, which will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In the township, ladies organizations have been asked to take charge of collecting clothing in their districts and final collection and packing will be directed by Reeve George Cleave's committee.

Esqueping is concentrating on the collection of clothing only, while Georgetown is collecting clothing, food and money. Cash donations, which are Income Tax exempt, may be left with Harold Bickle, local treasurer or at the Bank of Commerce with R. H. Ireland, vice-chairman.

Citizens are asked to have their clothing gifts as clean as possible, mended and buttons sewn on. Ironing is not necessary, as the clothes will be pressure-bleached for shipment. Shoes must be securely tied in pairs, and if possible they should be mended. There is a particular need in England for bedding, household linen, overcoats and all types of children's clothing.

It is suggested that a cheery note, with your name and address be placed in pockets of garments. Needles and thread and odd buttons would be welcomed also.

Besides providing the actual physical relief, the campaign will help British morale. The better your donation, the more effective this will be. How about it folks — let's dig — and dig deep!

### Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gifford and Mr. Ted MacDonald of Toronto visited friends in town last Saturday.

Mrs. C. E. Blehn and Miss Belle El-Hot of Chesley spent last week in town with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blehn.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tyler and daughter Jean, spent the week-end in Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Fred Johnson, Sr., left last Saturday for an extended visit in Edmonton, Alberta. She will visit her two sisters, Mrs. George Ross and Mrs. William Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ovanagh and son Bobby of New Hamburg were visitors for the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Ovanagh.

Mrs. Syd MacKenzie and Mrs. W. G. O. Thompson represented St. George's Church at the W.A. diocesan convention in Hamilton last Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Evans and children Mary Elizabeth and Charles of New Brighton, Pa. were week-end visitors with her brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Moyer.

Rose Petch and Jack McLeod of Englehart, a fellow student left Friday for a three-week trip to Bermuda after completing their year's studies at Ajax. The trip is under the Naval Training Plan at the University.

A former member of the Bank of Montreal staff here, Al Cameron has been transferred from Kincardine to Peterborough. Mrs. Cameron and their children, Donald and John, are visiting in town with the Misses Brown, until they secure a house in Peterborough.

Sandra Fox celebrated her ninth birthday on April 19th with a party at her home at which she entertained Diane Harrison, Linda Mino, Janet and Betty Parton, Danny Edwards, Rose McGilvray, George and Bobby Watson and Wayne Preston.

Her friends will be pleased to know that Mrs. Ben Petch is recuperating nicely in Guelph General Hospital. Mrs. Petch suffered injuries including a broken wrist and fractured shoulder in a fall a week ago Sunday.

On April 19th, Helen Muckart celebrated her 7th birthday with a party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Muckart. Her guests included Joan Bickle, Gloria Bain, Gail McGilvray, Diane Verrege, Barbara Alcott, Agnes Nelson, Susan and Linda Whitmore, Judy McComber, Karen Scott and her sister, Jean.

Gail McGilvray celebrated her seventh birthday with a party on Monday for a number of her friends, including Judy McComber, Virginia Barber, Beverly and Don Clark, Donald Oochrane, David Jones, Doug Wrightworth, Colleen Todd, Diane Verrege, Gloria Boyd, Karen Scott, Mrs. Brown, Helen Muckart and Joan Bickle.

### 3 Boys Saved In Plunge Over Dam



Billy Gibbs, Buddy Gibbs and Bobbie Allen



The lads point to where they were saved by J. R. Smith (inset). In the background is the dam over which they were swept in a punt.

What could have been a tragedy last Saturday morning was averted by the quick action of a Toronto truck driver who plunged into the Credit River to rescue three badly-soaked little boys. The boys were Bobby Allen, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Allen, and Billy Gibbs, 10 and Buddy Gibbs, 9, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bill

Gibbs. They had been fishing from a rowboat above the dam at the Provincial lower mill, when the boat was drawn by the current over the 26 foot dam. Luckily, however, the boat missed the back-wash and lodged on some rocks in the river.

Hearing screams, John Smith, transport driver for Direct-Winters,

who was loading paper at the mill, plunged into the river, waded and swam to the boat and pulled the oldest Gibbs boy to shore. He had swallowed some water and artificial respiration was applied by a mill employee, William Hewitt. The other lads, still in the water-filled boat, were pulled to shore.

### LIMEHOUSE

Rev. Morris Zeldman B.D., Ph.D., of Toronto spoke under auspices of the W.M.S. in Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening. In his talk 'Poland Under Nazi Occupation,' he told some terrible tales of cruelty and suffering. Some facts he had learned on his recent visit there were too terrible to relate, he said. Practically all his relatives in Poland had been exterminated, even his aged mother. The speaker was introduced by Rev. C. O. Oochrane and thanked by Mrs. E. Sanford. A silver collection was taken for Rev. Zeldman's mission work.

Mrs. Jas. Kirkpatrick obliged with a lovely solo 'The Holy City,' accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Roughley. It is regrettable that more were not present to hear this very moving and conscientious speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Mitchell attended the Devitt-Gale wedding in Toronto on Saturday.

The Spitzers spent Sunday at Breslau.

Mr. and Mrs. Devitt spent the week-end with the Mitchells.

The Greenlees of Milton visited the and Mrs. A. W. Benton on Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Young of Niagara Falls is spending a few days in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kean.

On Sunday afternoon, Archbishop W. G. O. Thompson officiated at the christening in St. George's Church of Joan Louise Body, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Body of Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vipond, Toronto, were god-parents. At the same time, Mary Elizabeth McMillan, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McMillan, was christened by the Archbishop, Mr. and Mrs. Don Harrington being godparents.

### Local Store Joins

### Lower Prices Campaign

Joining a rapidly-spreading price cut campaign started in Canada by Sarnia retailer, George Shirrett, Brill's Department Store inaugurated a ten-day 10% discount on all items in the store last Thursday. Window stickers appeared pointing out that this was not a sale. Proprietor Jack Cotten says that he is joining in the move in an effort to force jobbers and manufacturers to lower their prices so that a saving can be passed on to the consumer. If enough stores do this, he feels that jobbers and manufacturers will realize that exorbitant profits cannot continue to be made at the expense of the consumer and that to avoid a buyers' strike, prices must come down.

Several Toronto stores, as well as stores in Windsor, Chatham, Niagara Falls and other centres have adopted the Shirrett idea.

### THIS AND THAT IN SPORT

By G. 'Mac' McGilvray

LAST WEEK'S Herald carried the last hockey report of probably the longest hockey season Georgetown has experienced. It was certainly a grand season, and while we didn't bring home the pennant, our team made a grand showing, and gave us excellent entertainment. The Bradford Redmen are to be congratulated on their win — they defeated a good team.

THE NEXT big doings in connection with the winter sport is the complimentary banquet to be held in honour of the hockey team. At the banquet windbreakers will be presented to the players and a dance will follow in the arena. A tentative date has been set as May 20, when local hockey and town officials will honour the team.

THE ACTON Free Press seems to be a little skeptical as to what kind of a team we will see next year. Maybe they will be interested to know that next year's team is now in the making. Kent Storey, flashy centre star, is now a resident of Georgetown, starting to work at Smith & Stone this week, while Hal Gibson started at Alliance Paper Mills. Next week sees another hockey player in town, when Art Hurst joins Alliance Paper Mills staff. It is expected Jack Shropshire will be locating here before long. Looks as if next season will take care of itself alright, and with the possibility of artificial ice in the offing, it may only be a few short months until we are cheering much the same team down the ice lanes.

WITH THE weather gradually warming up baseball will be the next order of the day. A team has been already entered in the Halton County League — which comprises teams from Oakville, Milton, Acton and Georgetown. So watch for further details as the club gets underway. The setting also looks good for an industrial softball loop.

### Georgetown Stands Alone, As Others Ask High School Area

Seek Consolidated School Near Speyside — Estimated 4.8 mill local levy for 350-pupil school.

### Thomas Eason New Councillor In Ward 2

As a result of Monday's by-election Thomas Eason will take his seat at the next Council meeting, representing with Cr. Harry Hale, the ratepayers of Ward 2. Mr. Eason tallied 172 votes, while his opponent, Charles Ledwidge, had 87 votes.

Mr. Eason served a previous term on the 1946 Council, retiring last year to contest a seat on the Public School Board, being defeated in that by Harry Shortill.

He is employed at the Alliance Paper Mill and is also proprietor of the Rosedale Greenhouse. He has taken an active part in church work at St. George's Church as a member of the choir and a church warden.

Mr. Eason will replace James Eitz, who resigned last month due to ill health.

Monday's vote was fairly high for a by-election, 269 of 790 voters casting their ballots. F. B. Harrison was returning officer, Thomas Grieve, deputy, and Victor King, poll clerk.

### WARD 2

### BY-ELECTION RESULTS

MONDAY, MAY 25  
Thomas Eason ..... 172  
Charles Ledwidge ..... 87

### Former Resident, Mrs. Alonzo Forgrave Dies In New York

Formerly a resident of Georgetown, Mrs. Alonzo Forgrave passed away suddenly last Sunday morning, April 27th, at her home at Tonawanda, New York. With her husband she had moved to the States about twenty-eight years ago. A native of England, she was Laura Hayward before her marriage. Mr. Forgrave was employed with Anthony's Hardware during their residence here.

Surviving besides her husband are two children, Dr. Edward Forgrave, with the American occupation forces in Japan and Louisa, who served during the war with the W.A.C's. She also leaves a brother, William, of Brantford, and a sister, Mrs. Benjamin Dietrich of Tonawanda.

The funeral service was held yesterday. Relatives who attended included Mr. Edward McWhirter, Georgetown, Miss Marion Forgrave, Glen Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ferguson, Hamilton, and Mrs. John Croeland and Mrs. Bert Thonger, Toronto.

### STEWARTTOWN NATIVE, MRS. COLIN MITCHELL BURIED HERE

Member of a prominent Stewarttown pioneer family, Mrs. Colin Mitchell passed away in London on April 25 at the age of 84. Born Florence Elizabeth Johnston, in Stewarttown, a daughter of the late Captain John Johnston, she was married to the late Colin Mitchell, who kept a store and post office for several years in the present Township building. They moved to London, where Mr. Mitchell died in 1915.

Mrs. Mitchell was the last surviving member of a family of four. She leaves four children, Clara, Gordon, Howard and Fred, all of London. Mrs. W. D. Johnston, Charles Street, Georgetown, is a sister-in-law.

The funeral service Sunday night in London was followed by interment Monday in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown. Rev. Mr. Washington of London was officiating minister and pall-bearers were Ross Thompson, Alford Thompson, Francis Thompson, John Devereaux, Bernard Miller and Norman Snyder.

### BALLINAFAD

The April meeting of the W.M.S. was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Miss F. Hiltz, the president, Mrs. J. McSherry, in the chair. Mrs. Frank Smith had charge of the devotional. Mrs. Warne had prepared a very interesting temperance topic entitled 'The Drunkard's Wife' which was true to life in these days of cocktail lounges and free access to liquor. Final arrangements were made for the Thank Offering meeting next Sunday evening when a speaker from the Church of All Nations, Toronto, will be the guest.

Mr. A. Bullock attended the funeral of his uncle, Mr. Malcolm Bullock in

United approval to the formation of a high school area in north Halton was expressed by four of the five municipalities at a meeting in Milton on Monday night. School board and Council members were guests of Milton Council at dinner at the Milton Inn and were welcomed by Mayor Gowland.

Mr. Ed Harrop acted as chairman and called first on L. L. Skuce, Public School Inspector and secretary of the County Consultative Committee. At a meeting in Georgetown earlier this month, the various Councils and Boards had been asked to submit their opinions on the school area. Mr. Skuce summarized these. Milton and Acton Councils in agreement with their school boards had submitted the proper forms asking for dissolution of their present school and formation of a larger district to be served by a central school. Nassagaweya and Esqueping (the latter by a 3-2 vote) also asked for a central school. Letters from Georgetown Council and School Board expressed the opposition of Georgetown to the plan unless the school was built in Georgetown.

Mr. Skuce, on request, reviewed estimated costs of a school to serve all municipalities and a school to serve all except Georgetown. The former would have 450 students from a population of 11,000. Yearly costs of \$124,000 would include salaries (principal and 17 teachers) \$48,000; general operations, \$14,000; transportation, \$33,000 debentures, \$31,500. Government grants of \$96,000 would leave \$28,000 to be paid by the ratepayers, or an estimated 4-mill levy.

Excluding Georgetown, a school would have 350 pupils from 8750 population. Yearly costs of \$102,000 would be made up of salaries \$36,500; general operations \$19,000; transportation, \$24,500; debentures, \$26,000. Government grant would be \$74,000 and the ratepayers' share of \$27,600 would mean a 4.8 mill tax levy.

High School Inspector William Stewart expressed his disappointment at the decision of Georgetown to stay outside. He reviewed what could be done in a large central school, with subjects such as commercial and shop work, home economics, agriculture and possibly music and art and crafts added to present curriculum.

Reeve Crawford of Nassagaweya moved that the high school area be formed and a school built somewhere near Speyside, the final decision to be made by the Consolidated School Board.

Before the motion was voted upon, Archbishop W. G. O. Thompson of Georgetown expressed his belief that the school area was in the nature of a fad and an experiment and that any action taken at the present time would be premature and without sufficient consideration. He said that three growing towns should not even consider closing their schools for a central school which would be somewhat better than any smaller school but still would not compare with a city technical school.

Mayor Joseph Gibbons of Georgetown also spoke along the same line and reaffirmed Georgetown's intention of providing her students with the best education possible.

"I hope and believe," he said, "that the Department of Education will do nothing to wreck our educational system if it is our desire to maintain and improve secondary education in Georgetown."

Reeve Crawford's motion was then put to a vote and carried by a majority show of hands, and the meeting adjourned.

Toronto, Friday afternoon.

Mrs. J. Nelson, of Amesdale, Ga., returned home last week after spending three months visiting relatives and friends in this district.

The Circle Girls are holding an afternoon tea Saturday, May 3 at the Manse when the sewing they have done for the Fred Victor Mission girls will be on display. All ladies are welcome.

The first summer meeting of the Farm Forum was held at the home of the president Clarence Snow, on Monday night. A discussion took place on ways in which farm groups were helped by the Economic Division of the Department of Agriculture. Miss Margaret Brown and Grayville Wright gave a report of the conference they had attended in Toronto, and parts were read from the address of Secretary Ralph Staples at the conference. Another Forum meeting is scheduled for the last Monday in May.