

# THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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## To All Our Friends

### George Cleave Again Esqueing Reeve as Council Acclaimed

No township election this year — Council Favours Wider Roads, Shallow Ditches — Weed Control Discussed.

At a well-attended nomination meeting in Limehouse Memorial Hall on Monday afternoon, the entire Esqueing Township Council were re-elected by acclamation. Council members for 1948 will be Reeve George Cleave, Deputy-Reeve George Currie and Councilors Wilfrid Bird, H. Craig Reid and George Leslie. The three retiring trustees of School Area No. 1 were also re-elected by acclamation, each for a two year term — John Bingham, Harry Hunter and Harold Webster. Only other nominee for office was a former councillor, R. N. Brown, who was present at the meeting and declined to cause an election by allowing his name to stand.

#### Reeve Reviews Year

Reeve George Cleave spoke first at a public meeting which followed for which Township Clerk Isaac Bennett was chairman. Mr. Cleave gave a detailed account of his stewardship during 1947, pointing out such major projects as the remodeling of the Township Hall at Stewarttown, the cutting down of the 7th Line hill near Ballinast and the purchase of new road equipment. He said that snow removal had been a major item and the \$14000 cost was over twice that of the previous year. It was unfortunate that so much money had to go down the drain but keeping township roads open was of primary importance and the money had to be spent.

Mr. Cleave said that he favoured the idea with which other townships have been experimenting of widening roads from fence to fence, with shallow ditches and high grading. This, he believed, would have the triple advantage of safer roads for traffic, easier snow removal, and better weed control.

Later in the meeting, W. O. Brownridge queried the reeve about the lack of weed control, and Mr. Cleave said that it was a very difficult problem, entailing scarce labour and high expense. It would cost at least two mills to spray all township roads and there was no guarantee that spraying would be effective.

He asked for information about the date of erection of the original township hall at Stewarttown, as Council wished to put this date on the cornerstone of the remodelled building.

#### Small Surplus Shown

Treasurer K. C. Lindsay reviewed the financial statement which showed an estimated \$235 surplus. Sheep claims had taken a marked drop this year from \$1800 to \$208.

#### Snow Plow and Bulldozer Due

Deputy-Reeve George Currie referred humorously to a remark by the Georgetown deputy-reeve that he had helped the Georgetown reeve "do nothing" at County Council last year and said if that were the truth that had been his job too. He was particularly gratified that the county was taking definite reforestation steps and had purchased another property last year to bring the total owned by the county to 700 acres.

He said that he understood the snow plow and bulldozer ordered two years ago were to arrive the next day and with such equipment available he anticipated no serious road blocks this winter.

#### Leslie Favours Wide Roads

Cr. George Leslie spoke strongly in favour of wider roads and shallow ditches. The new bulldozer he thought, could be utilized for road building, brush removal and partial control of the weed nuisance which is becoming more acute. As a new councillor, he had been grateful for the guidance offered by his two superiors and while Council had undertaken new things, there were

none of these which weren't badly needed.

#### Youth Should Serve

Speaking as the youngest council member, Cr. Craig Reid said he believed younger people should take more interest in municipal affairs and not leave it to their dads and grandpas or eventually there would be no one trained for the work. He spoke of the Norval Juniors, of which he is a member, as a potent factor in training young people for important jobs in the future.

#### Weed Control Discussed

Cr. Wilfrid Bird said that after so many speeches there was little left for him to add. He too discussed weed control and the cost factor of two mills to spray the 130 miles of roads in Esqueing.

#### Declines Nomination

R. N. Brown, who declined his nomination for Council said he thought the township should be divided into two wards. At present there were no councillors from the northern section and he did not think that fair to residents of this area.

He criticized work on the 7th Line hill and said another \$2000 in improvements was necessary before the job would be satisfactory. At present earth is rolling down from the cut onto the road and a guard rail has sunk to almost road level.

#### School Area Has \$6000 Surplus

Harry Hunter, retiring chairman of School Area No. 1 gave a full report of the two-year old board which administers ten school rooms. A serious problem is arising in both Glen Williams and Norval schools with heavier enrolments each year. He wondered if it would not be possible to have some children transported daily to smaller schools rather than add teachers and more accommodation at the two larger schools, which would eventually have to be done. Answering a query by a Stewarttown ratepayer about lack of water at that school, he said that the board had tried but there seemed to be no source of supply.

The Board has a \$6000 surplus at present, but this could soon be used to meet further improvements and rising costs, he said. Teachers salaries were increased last year, the minimum rising from \$1200 to \$1500. Largest salary paid is \$1700.

#### Other Board Members Speak

Two other school trustees, Walter Linham and Hector Bird were present and spoke briefly. Mr. Linham said the purpose of the school area is to give equal educational opportunity to every child. He doesn't favour any little red schoolhouse, but does favour the idea of the consolidated high school.

### Funeral Today for Miss Jennie Claridge

A private funeral service was held this afternoon at the McClure Funeral Home for Miss Jane (Jennie) Claridge who passed away at her home on Charles Street on Monday evening. She had been seriously ill for several weeks.

A life-long resident of Georgetown, she was associated with her sisters, Miss Roselle Claridge and the late Miss Etta Claridge, in the millinery business which they conducted for twenty-five years in the premises above the Herald Office. Prior to this, she was associated with the local dry goods firms of McLeod, Anderson and J. H. Jackson.

Since her retirement five years ago, she had been living with her sisters, Mrs. J. M. Moore, and Miss Roselle Claridge.

Rev. C. C. Cochran conducted the funeral service and pall-bearers were Harry Bailey, John Thompson, Francis Thompson, R. B. Foulis, W. A. Wilson and Hugh Graham. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

### Babies Christened at St. George's Church

At the Sunday morning service at St. George's Church of England, Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson officiated at a christening service. Babies christened were Diana Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong, and Richard Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parry. Godparents for baby Armstrong were Mr. Bill Armstrong and Miss Helen Armstrong and for baby Parry, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Davidson.

### Lose Dental Office in Cornwall Fire

Dr. G. H. Wesagat, brother of Mrs. C. H. Barber of Georgetown lost his dental office and equipment in a disastrous million dollar fire which wiped out a business block in Cornwall the day before Christmas. The fire, believed to have started in a paint shop, raged for ten hours before it was checked by the Cornwall fire brigade assisted by firemen from Messina, New York, across the St. Lawrence River.

### MOTHER DIES IN HOLLAND

Mrs. Lykle De Vries received the sad news on Sunday that her mother, Mrs. A. H. Ledboer had passed away at her home in Almelo, Holland the previous day. Mrs. Ledboer had twice visited with her daughter at the DeVries home on the Check Line near Georgetown and had many friends in town. She is survived by her husband, five sons and two daughters in Holland. Mrs. De Vries had visited with her parents early last year when she made a trip to her homeland.

### G.R.C. Re-Vamps Juvenile League, Players Will Be Pooled

At a meeting in the Old Town Hall last night rules of the GRC juvenile hockey league which this year will be sponsored by interested merchants were revised. Main change was the abandoning of a wide-open system whereby each sponsor would scout and sign his own players for a pool arrangement from which sponsors will pick their players in a rotation system.

The change was made by the Recreational Council because it was felt the original plan had not met with support from either players or sponsors. Only fourteen juvenile hockey aspirants had registered to date and only one sponsor had definitely indicated his willingness to enter a team by signing players. Providing enough players register by the January 6th deadline, at least a four team league seems assured, with the possibility of one or two more entries. Rev. J. L. Self who represented Norval at the meeting said the neighbouring village was definitely interested and while they had entered a team in the OMHA county league, favoured withdrawing for the more local competition. However, Norval could only muster seven home brews and the rest of their team would have to come from local players.

An arrangement was made whereby Norval could have a choice in the first two draws for "pool" players then drop out of the draw until the ninth round, in order to give them a fair deal in team selection. While unaware of Glen Williams intentions, a similar proposition would be available for them.

During the season an all-star team will be picked from players in the league to compete in OMHA play-downs. Players are reminded that January 6th is the deadline for registering with recreational director Hal Newman. Juvenile age limit is under 18 as of November 1st, 1947.

### WAS WELL-KNOWN TORONTO ARTIST

Berta Carder Lewis, mother of Harry C. Lewis of Georgetown and well known in Toronto art circles died in Toronto General Hospital on Wednesday, December 24th. She had lived in the city for twenty years, making her home previously in Mount Forest and Blyth. Surviving is her husband, Frederick A. Lewis, Mr. Lewis, who recently purchased the former Victor Diggins home on King Street, is an only son. Funeral services were held on Saturday from Brown Bros. Funeral Chapel, with interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

### WAS MEMBER OF SMITH & STONE OFFICE STAFF

Miss Ruby H. Kendall a member of the Smith and Stone office staff until illness sent her to hospital several months ago, died at the Wellesley Hospital, Toronto, on Christmas Day. Miss Kendall came to Georgetown from Toronto three years ago and lived alone in a small cabin erected on property on No. 1 highway near the Limehouse crossroad. The funeral service was held on Monday from the A. W. Miles Funeral Chapel to the Toronto Necropolis. Her only surviving relative is her father who lives in the Orillia district.

### Fire Call Christmas Eve

The fire brigade was called early Christmas Eve to the corner of Maple Avenue and Charles Street where a faulty ignition had started a fire in an automobile. The fire had been extinguished before the brigade reached the scene and no damage was reported.

### Social and Personal

Miss Mabel Chave spent Christmas Day with relatives in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. William Long were home from Ottawa for Christmas.

Miss Myrtle Mitchell spent Christmas week end with friends in Oshawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hay spent Christmas in Simcoe with Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Couse.

Misses May and Elizabeth Langman visited with relatives in Acton for the holiday.

Miss Jean Mackenzie has gone north for a week's skiing at Falcon Lodge, Huntsville.

Mr. Don Rand of the Bank of Commerce staff was home in Picton for Christmas.

Mrs. R. Todd and Miss Clementa Todd of Beamsville spent Christmas with Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Todd.

Mrs. Clara King of Branchton and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Malone of Hamilton spent Christmas in town.

John Fisher and Murray Stamps of the Smith and Stone office staff spent Christmas with their families in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Alcott of Weston spent Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Alcott.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barker and son Louis spent Christmas in Marmora with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Green.

LAC John and Mrs. Wilson were home for Christmas from Ottawa where he is stationed with the RCAF.

Mrs. W. V. Grant, Miss Betty Grant and Miss Norma Thompson spent the Christmas holiday in Mille Roche.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Binkley were in Toronto for Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rutter.

Mrs. Alfred Sherwood and Miss Dorothy Cooke of Lucknow spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. McGillvray and Mr. Garfield McGillvray visited with relatives in Toronto over the holiday week end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Peterkin of Toronto spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Faram and Mr. and Mrs. Graham Farnell.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Chapman and Virginia were in Toronto for Christmas with Mrs. Chapman's sister, Miss S. E. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Benham, Carol and John visited in Oshawa with Mr. and Mrs. James Thom for the week-end.

Mr. Kenneth Girvan of Toronto was home for Christmas with his parents, Brigadier and Mrs. J. P. Girvan at Wildwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Bessey, Miss Ilsa Bessey and Mr. Peter Bessey spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Miller, Nashville.

Holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Clark included Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Peart and Mrs. Margaret Clark of Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mackenzie, Sandy, Marna and David were in Seaford for Christmas with her mother, Mrs. John Cardno.

Dr. and Mrs. George Paul and Mrs. G. A. Andrew of Toronto were Christmas guests in town with Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Paul.

Mr. Jim Henchey, who recently joined the Smith and Stone office staff visited with friends in Kingston for the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Kerr of Toronto and Miss Edna Kerr of Streetsville were in town on Saturday renewing acquaintances.

Mr. and Mrs. Morley Pearce and daughter Marilyn of Toronto were Sunday visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Barber.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Beam and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Matland of Toronto were home for Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. William Deans.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Wilson and sons John and Brian of Toronto were in town for the Christmas holiday with their mothers, Mrs. Arthur R. Wilson and Mrs. Frank Wood.

Guests for Christmas with Mrs. D. L. Herbert were her nephew, Mr. Melville Parker of Toronto and Miss Freda Herbert of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick R. Edwards and son David of Toronto were home for Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Speight.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, New Toronto, and Mrs. Roy Wilcox, Hamilton, were Christmas visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. MacDonald.

Roy Foulis of Dorval, Quebec, and John Foulis of Toronto were home for Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Foulis, Charles Street.

Holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kean, McNabb Street, were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Young of Niagara Falls and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bridges of Brampton.

Miss Ruth Menzies, of Toronto was a Christmas day visitor with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Greer at their home on John Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richardson and sons Kenneth and Bruce of Pickering were in town for Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown and son Donnie and Mrs. Lillian Williams of Toronto visited in town on Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. James Goodlet.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bonathan and Judy were in Toronto for Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hayward, Judy remaining in the city for the week.

Christmas guests with Miss Mary Sayres at her home on George Street were Mr. and Mrs. R. Hewins and Ralph of Stony Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brownridge, Ashgrove.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stockford spent Christmas at Downsview, where a family party was held at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stockford.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Scott were included in a group of dealers who toured the General Motors plant in Oshawa on Monday and were guests of the company at dinner at the Genosha Hotel.

Mrs. J. R. Mackenzie, Jean and Margery, joined a family party in Rockwood on Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Pastore. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Mackenzie and son Jack of Acton also attended.

Joining a family party on Christmas day at the home of Mrs. Edward Hill, Guelph Street, were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ward and children of Stouffville and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reith and Bobby of Seaford.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. John E. Ritchie, Queen Street, were Mr. and Mrs. Charles McMenamy, Hamilton, Mr. Murray Essard, Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Christian, Mrs. Dorothy Gregory and son David, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellison at daughter, Sandra, of Woodstock.

### Subscription Price Increased

Effective January 1st, the price of a subscription to the Herald will be \$2.50 a year, with single copies selling for 6c.

Continually rising costs of production have brought about the change which has already been announced by the majority of weekly newspapers in the district. Newsprint for example, has more than doubled in price in the last few years and there have been corresponding increases in all elements of newspaper production.

## 101st Anniversary Week of Prayer

January 5 - 8

GENERAL SUBJECT: "MAN'S DISORDER AND GOD'S DESIGN"  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5th, 8 P.M. IN KNOX CHURCH  
PREACHER, REV. C. R. GOWER  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6th, 8 P.M. IN UNITED CHURCH  
PREACHER, ARCHDEACON W. G. O. THOMPSON  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7th, 8 P.M. IN BAPTIST CHURCH  
PREACHER, REV. C. C. COCHRANE  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8th, 8 P.M. IN ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH  
PREACHER, REV. R. C. TODD

No collection, but a plate will be placed at the door for offerings to cover expenses, surplus, if any, will be sent to Canadian Council of Churches Canadian sponsors of the week of Prayer.