

# THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

Wednesday Evening, March 17th, 1948

## Georgetown's Tax Rate 60 Mills

### What Council Did

ON MONDAY, MARCH 15

Set the 1948 tax rate at 60 mills, an increase of 20 mills over 1947. (Moved by MacLaren and Davidson); 2nd and 3rd reading moved by Armstrong and Goodlet).

Established May 15, July 15 and September 15 as the dates for tax instalment payments.

Granted use of the auditorium in the Old Town Hall on Sunday afternoons as follows: 1st Sunday, Alliance Union; 2nd, Provincial Coating Union; 3rd, Provincial Paper Union; 4th, Georgetown Labor Council.

(Moved by Herbert and Goodlet. Cr. Goodlet asked for a recorded vote and the motion passed unanimously).

Approved the 1947 audit statement as prepared and presented by the town auditor, H. A. Levey of Toronto. Mr. Levey particularly pointed out that Georgetown had ended the year with no taxes uncollected and said this was unprecedented for any municipality. (Moved by Armstrong and Goodlet).

Ordered the printing of 50 copies of the Auditor's Report. Cr. Goodlet objected to this and said he did not think it was worth the \$60 printing charge and that any interested citizen could see the report at the municipal office.

(Moved by Whitmee and MacLaren. Goodlet and Herbert voted against).

Appointed Cr. Norman Hill as chairman of Veterans' Affairs and a member of the Roads and Water and Fire Committee, to replace the former member ex-Cr. Harry Hale. (Moved by Davidson and Herbert).

Reeve MacLaren presented Council with desk sets and name holders and a motion of appreciation was passed thanking him, in the form of a recorded vote. (Moved by Davidson and Goodlet).

An upholstered chair was presented to retiring clerk-treasurer P. B. Harrison as a token of appreciation from Council for his years of faithful service to the town. Reeve MacLaren made the presentation and Mr. Harrison said that he had grown up with Georgetown and there was no finer town in Canada.

William McNally attended the meeting to ask the town to provide water service into a building project on Maple Avenue in the Langdon survey. Mayor Gibbons said this was capital expenditure and could not be provided in the estimates and that he would recommend bank borrowing or a debenture issue for constructing new water services.

Toronto Boys Choir at Glen Church for Easter

The choir of boys from the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Toronto, which will sing Evensong at St. Alban's, Glen Williams, on Easter Monday March 29th has an enviable record. For the past few years it has been featured in the Christmas Eve service broadcast from Toronto City Hall. Numerous engagements during the past year have included the one hundredth anniversary of St. George's Church, Toronto special services at the Russian Orthodox Church, in addition to many concert appearances. Mr. C. H. Demson is organist and choir-master. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Gordon Horn, M.A., Rector of St. Mary the Virgin.

FRIGIDAIRE DEALERS MEET HERE

Last Thursday afternoon, Frigidaire dealers in the district held a sales meeting in Georgetown at the home of Harold McClure. H. G. Samwell, district sales supervisor was present to tell dealers about the 1948 models in refrigerators and ranges. Dealers were present from Bolton, Brampton, Norval, Acton, Milton, Woodbridge, and Georgetown.

### THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor: "What this country needs is a new weather man" was the way Thomas Richard Henry started his column in the Evening Telegram the other night. The day after I read this a friend (3) told me I should resign in favor of my predecessor. On the 3rd morning I heard "I'm here, I'm here, I'm here" being sung cheerily outside. Thereon the weather box was a robin. And when I looked at the thermometer and saw that it read 11 below, I know even my feathered friends were hoping for an improvement in the weather.

However, I must report that the following summary DOES show an improvement, as the Max. is 5 degrees and the Min. 10 degrees higher than last week. After all, today, the 15th is only the 'Ides of March'.

Date	Max	Min.	%
March 8	36	23	3/4
March 9	36	25	3/4
March 10	32	5	
March 11	19	5	
March 12	22	-11	
March 13	32	-3	
March 14	44	2	
Average	31.57	-6.57	1/2

### O.H.A. UPHOLDS THE "WAILING WALL"

"Milton Wins Group Honours, Georgetown Heads for Wailing Wall" — so read the headline on our august contemporary in the county town last week, as Milton won the second of two games in the semi-finals to hold the group intermediate championship but briefly. On Sunday in Toronto the Wailing Wall withstood the attacks of "Lavin' Ross" Pearen and his cohorts.

Specifically Georgetown had protested the use of George Stott, second line centre, Phil Scarrow and Bob Westlake. The latter had not been used in the play-off games, and in fact had been dropped by the Milton Club earlier in the season. Stott and Scarrow, however, had definite Hamilton residences and the O.H.A. gave Milton the option of entering Senior B or playing a sudden death game last night for the championship, which latter they chose.

Georgetown's delegation to hear the protest included manager Perc Blackburn and Jack Armstrong, Ken McMillan and Lorne Peters of the Hockey Club executive. It was the "wee sma' hours" when they returned to town and telephones were soon buzzing with the good news.

### GEORGETOWN HOCKEY TEAM WON GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP

Milton Defeated 4-2 Last Night — Papermakers May Meet Paris or Goderich

Playing to a packed arena, last night, Georgetown ousted Milton to win the group play-offs and the chance to enter the semi-finals for Intermediate A supremacy. The game was sudden death and was a close-checking, hard fought affair, marked by a greatly improved Georgetown defence and a stellar performance by Jack Rhodes in the Georgetown goal. It was the second game played under the guiding hand of Doug Runions of the Hamilton Pats, who has taken over the coaching chore for Georgetown for the balance of the season.

It is not yet known who will be next on the list for Georgetown, though the guess is that they will either play Paris (at present embroiled in a dispute with Preston over the outcome of a series which Paris won) or Goderich which are heavy favourites in a series with Perthshire which concludes tonight. Fans are advised to watch for hockey bills announcing the next game.

Last night's game was a fairly even match until the middle of the third period when Ferri tallied to tie up the score and Max Bradbury and Storey added two more with lightning rapidity to take the heat from another good team. After a scoreless first period, Terry, the big boy of the Milton team, scored a nice goal. Beaumont tied it up soon after, and the Fox — Currie

### WESTMOUNT CALLS REV. C. C. COCHRANE

Rev. Charles C. Cochrane, minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, and Linthouse Presbyterian Church, for the past seven years, has been called by the congregation of Melville Presbyterian Church, Westmount, Montreal. He will succeed Rev. Dr. W. Orr Williams who has accepted a call to St. Andrew's Church, Aurora.

Mr. Cochrane, who preached at Georgetown before coming to Westmount, succeeded Rev. D. D. Davidson when the latter moved to Smiths Falls. He has taken a prominent part in the Presbyterian fund appeal and in fact is slated next month to preach for the appeal in various parts of western Ontario.

Professor E. Scott Mackenzie of Montreal College described Mr. Cochrane to his new congregation as "one of the ablest ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada."

### VITAL STATISTICS

(hockey variety) In the 14 scheduled games this year Georgetown scored 103 goals while allowing only 35 total goals to be scored against them.

Jack Rhodes played 13 games allowing only 31 into the twine for an average of 2.38 an average favourable to those of NHL goalies. This included one shut-out which is also favourable as four of five in a sixty game schedule is the NHL average. Ab Kemshead appeared in goal only once.

Leader of the scoring parade was Hal Gibson with 19 goals, and 14 assists. Captain Scotty Patterson with 24 minutes of visiting, with the timekeeper probably escaped so mainly because Acton turned their wrath on Fergus instead of their old rivals Georgetown. Total penalties and scoring points for 13 games — the summary for the Feb. 24th game between Georgetown and Oakville Army is not available.

Player	G	A	Pts.	Min.
Gibson	19	14	33	10
Storey	11	17	28	12
Bradbury, M.	11	7	18	2
Sturlock	7	11	18	6
Birchville	8	9	17	19
Bradbury, L.	11	5	16	4
Ferri	10	5	15	4
Martin	7	8	15	4
Nash	8	3	11	14
Patterson	3	3	6	24
Binsell	2	2	4	12
Emond	1	2	3	0
Beaumont	1	1	2	2
Kemshead	1	0	1	2

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cleave and Mrs. C. Freure left last Monday for a trip through the United States, going as far as Alabama.

### CHRIS SARGENT DIES IN GUELPH HOSPITAL

A resident of Georgetown for 42 years, Christopher Sargent died in Guelph General Hospital on Thursday, March 11th, after a serious illness. He was a native of Canoeck, England, near Wolverhampton and came to this district as a young man, working on the farm of Ward Ruddle. Returning to England, he married Edith M. London in February, 1911, and the couple returned to Georgetown to make their home. Mr. Sargent was 63 years of age. He was an ardent sportsman and belonged to the Bowling Club and Curling Club. He took a keen interest in young people and had been managing one of the GRC Midget hockey teams this year. He was employed with Smith and Stone Ltd.

Surviving besides his wife are seven children, Mrs. W. Ditchfield (Minnie) of Windsor, George of Glen Williams, Mrs. Bernard Cowtan (Dorothy) of Brampton, James and Douglas of Georgetown, and Walter and Margaret at home. A sister, Mrs. Will Bryan lives at Victoria, B.C. and a brother, James and a sister, Mrs. Nellie Ashbury in England.

The funeral service was held on Saturday in St. George's Church of England, conducted by Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson. Pallbearers were Hugh Dickie, Perc Cleave, Ken Davidson, John Kemshead, Clarence Spence and Gordon Spence. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

### UNIONS USE OLD TOWN HALL SUNDAYS

Use of the Old Town Hall on Sunday afternoons was granted to various labour unions by the municipal council at their meeting on Monday. The Hall will be used on the following schedule: 1st Sunday, Alliance; 2nd, Provincial Coating; 3rd, Provincial Paper; 4th, Georgetown Labour Council.

The motion came in for some discussion before it was passed. It was the aftermath of the request of a labour delegation which appeared at the last Council meeting to ask that a public building be made available for meetings. Subsequently the mayor and members of the labour delegation met with Georgetown Recreation Council to ask the use of the Old Town Hall auditorium. The GRC decided that as the town owned and controlled the building and the GRC had been granted its exclusive use, the matter was for the town council to decide and advised Council of this by letter. They objected to turning the hall over to any other body, on the grounds that it would interfere with the recreational program and that it would establish a precedent for other groups to ask the same privilege.

Cr. Whitmee, the Council's chairman of recreation, presented the argument for the GRC on Monday, but got no support from Council. He pointed out that the GRC had renovated the hall and had valuable equipment there, including 200 chairs which were not even paid for yet. Cr. Goodlet said it would be a big boost for the GRC to cooperate with labour; Reeve MacLaren could see no disruption of the GRC program by other groups using the hall when it was empty; Cr. Mcumber said he believed it was only a temporary arrangement anyway until the Oddfellows Hall was available.

Cr. Goodlet asked for a recorded vote and Mayor Gibbons said he would support the motion, believing it did not interfere with the GRC and that it would help labour. The motion carried unanimously.

### DOCTOR SUFFERS FRACTURED ANKLE

Dr. J. H. Chamberlain was the victim of an unfortunate accident on Monday night. Leaving his apartment at Berwick Hall, he tripped on an outside step and fractured his ankle. Dr. Chamberlain managed to crawl to his car and honked the horn, which brought his wife and a neighbour, Reg Broomehead, to the scene. He was taken to Guelph General Hospital where the ankle was set and will be there for the rest of the week, after which he hopes to be able to return home.

### Sewerage, Wartime Housing Boosts Taxes by 50 Per Cent.

#### Massey-Harris Agency Changes Hands

Farmers in this district will be interested to know that the Massey-Harris dealership for the Georgetown area has been taken over from Mr. Alex Hume by Mr. E. L. (Jim) Taylor who arrived in Canada a short time ago. Mr. Hume has held the Massey-Harris franchise here for 20 years and it will be good news to his many friends that he is continuing his activities with the new organization. It seems to be generally recognized that there are few men in Canada possessing more practical knowledge of farm implements than Mr. Hume and many farmers around here will recall the valuable advice which he has given to them from time to time. Mr. Taylor tells us that he is proud to have him as an associate.

Mr. Taylor's own farming experience dates from school-leaving when he worked as a pupil on one of the first mechanized farms in Great Britain. As a high degree of farm mechanization was practically unknown across the Atlantic at that time, Mr. Taylor was intimately connected with pioneering work, sometimes with difficulties owing to comparatively low-efficiency equipment, accompanied by mechanical breakdowns of every conceivable nature.

There then followed experiences as a pupil, with a World-famous breeder of pedigree dairy short-horns at Kemssett in Gloucestershire, and finally, as Engineer on a large estate in the Midlands.

In addition to his close connection with farming, Mr. Taylor has been engaged in the Motor Industry, particularly associating himself with the products of the Ford Motor Company in Britain, and, during the war years, was Production and Labour Manager for a group of factories turning out vital war material. In addition to these duties he was Passive Air Defence Controller to the Group, and when Birmingham was being subjected to heavy air bombardment, it was his job to see that essential production was maintained without stoppage, night and day.

Mr. Taylor is very happy indeed in Canada and is much impressed by the friendship and hospitality which Canadians show to him wherever he has been; in fact he tells us that his only "beef" is that Canadian hospitality has reached such a pitch that he finds it increasingly difficult to get sufficient sleep.

It is the intention of the new set-up to specialize on prompt and efficient tractor service and maintenance, for which the very latest and most precise testing instruments are being installed, so that tractor servicing will be carried out with the meticulous care usually associated with high-grade automobile work. As may have been gathered, Mr. Taylor is himself an expert on engines and he will be supported by a staff highly trained in tractor repair, reconditioning and rebuilding. Nothing will be left to guesswork, as are told, and every job fully guaranteed.

Several additional services of vital interest to the farmer are in process of development and these will be announced in the Press at a later date.

### Agricultural Society Will Sponsor Two Field Crop Competitions

#### HUSKING CORN WILL BE GIVEN FIFTH YEAR—OATS IS THE NEW GRAIN CROP

The directors of the Esqueping Agricultural Society, sponsoring Georgetown Fall Fair, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Chester, Norval, for a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 9th. The president, John Bird, was in the chair.

After considerable discussion it was decided that the Society would carry on two field crop competitions this year, one in oats and the other husking corn, which they have carried on so successfully for the past four years. The Agricultural Society pioneered the growing of

Georgetown's tax rate for 1948 is 60 mills, a 50 per cent increase over last year's 40 mill rate. The new tax rate is increased primarily by debenture charges which this year will be \$44,186, the increase comprising bonds for sewerage, wartime housing and the arena. Other budgets have been pared to keep the rate within the 60 mill bracket. Grants have been decreased by \$800, waterworks extensions are down by \$2100, salaries \$1000 and care of buildings \$900. Other increases include a \$2450 boost in the Public School estimates and \$3500 for the High School (this latter being reduced by \$1500 over the original estimate) and an extra \$100 for streets.

The new budget was struck on Monday night after the auditor had reviewed the proposed budget. Cr. Goodlet asked an extra \$500 for streets and was strongly supported by Cr. Whitmee, who claimed \$6000 wasn't enough money to keep the roads in passable shape. Cr. Davidson favoured reducing the Recreational Director's salary to make up the extra for roads, but a straw vote left the budget at \$6000. Waterworks extensions also came in for discussion and Mayor Gibbons said the town could no longer keep paying for these from current revenue, but must finance by bank loans or debenture issues. Some councillors favoured cutting all grants to aid in a austerity program, but Reeve MacLaren and the mayor both upheld a grant to the Fall Fair as well as the usual smaller grants to Poppy Day, etc., and the matter was dropped.

The new budget is essentially a belt-tightening one, Council feeling that any rate over 60 mills would be to the town's detriment, and it provides for no frills in the public administration this year.

### FIRE DOORS WILL BE PLACED IN SCHOOL

At the Public School Board meeting last Wednesday, the board decided to adopt fire precautions recommended last year by the Ontario Fire Marshall, Chief of these is the placing of fire doors at each end of the first floor hall. A fireproof ceiling will also be placed over the boilers in the basement. Approximate cost of the work is \$287 and it will be done during the Easter holidays.

Tenders have been called for painting three classrooms this year, continuing the renovation program inaugurated by last year's board. A number of new books have been purchased for supplementary reading in the school. Mrs. R. Gardiner was appointed to the Public Library Board to replace R. R. McKibbin who resigned from the board when he moved to Ottawa.

Mrs. Mary Redell attended the meeting to ask consideration of a reduction of the \$40 yearly fee paid for her child attending school as a non-resident. She is now a property owner in town, but it was explained that her assessment must be equal to the average assessment and this requirement was not met. The \$40 fee is a flat rate, regardless of the number of children in a family and barely covers the cost of education which is figured at 26¢ a day per pupil, or roughly \$50 a school purposes in the 1948 assessment.

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husking corn in Halton County, and its entrants have proved beyond doubt that this variety of corn can be grown in Halton, particularly in the north end.

Those desirous of entering in other competition, should contact the secretary immediately. Reports were given to the directors by those attending the annual convention in Toronto in February, and last minute plans were made for the social evening to be held in Norval tonight.

Dr. J. T. Biehn of Sarnia was a visitor last Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biehn.