

THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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What Council Did

ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Requested the sewerage engineer, C. R. Hagey to appear before Council to talk over ditches, etc., which might be necessary to complete the Scott, Jackson contract. The matter came up when a letter was read from Ray Thompson complaining that the rear of his Main Street property had been left in an unsatisfactory condition, the driveway almost impassible and the fence in poor condition after a trunk line had been put through without his permission and that he wanted the situation corrected. Several council members criticized the poor condition in which many things had been left by the construction firm and there was also criticism that the engineer had not been keeping a proper check on this.

Gibbons — In my opinion Mr. Hagey is the man we should get after.

Davidson — I think he's given us a rotten deal. (Gibbons — I've been trying to get him here for two or three weeks and it's been most difficult to even get him on the phone.)

Davidson — Mr. Roberts (the waterworks engineer) can give us information in a businesslike way, but there always seem to be promises and excuses from Mr. Hagey.

Maclaren — He's always hedging.

Whitnee — The town is faced with up to \$5000 in repairing culverts alone.

Armstrong — He's well aware of the situation on John Street, but nothing has been done yet.

Gibbons — If we do get him here, is Council prepared to get after him?

Maclaren — The last time he was here he said the job would be completed in two or three weeks and we would go over the town to see what was necessary.

Gibbons — I made it clear to Mr. Jackson when he was here that I expected the contract to be carried out.

Goodlet — Did the contract say roads should be put in original shape?

Gibbons — That's my impression. Goodlet — It's open to argument. It says "as nearly as possible" to the original condition.

Gibbons — Our difficulty is with the engineer. He's the one we should be going after.

The mayor read a letter from Scott, Jackson which explained that difficulties had been experienced in securing machinery for the disposal plant, but shipment was anticipated from Chicago by November 22nd.

McCumber — It's time we stopped people dumping into the sewers if that's the case.

Whitnee — There should be a strong notice to that effect in the paper.

Asked the town foreman to repair or replace highway stop signs at John and Queen Streets as recommended in the police report.

(Moved by Davidson and Armstrong)

Granted a \$25 donation to the Poppy Fund. Mayor Gibbons reported that the Legion was arranging the Armistice Service on November 11 at 11 a.m. and were paying the Lorne Scots Band. (Moved by Hill and Herbert)

Amended the parking by-law to prohibit parking in front of the arena. (Moved by Armstrong and Davidson)

Increased the salary of the Mayor from \$200 to \$500 annually retroactive to January 1st, 1948. (Moved by Whitnee and Goodlet)

The motion was put by Reeve Maclaren and all voted in favour except Mayor Gibbons who declined to vote.

In presenting his motion, Cr. Whitnee said that he was thinking not only of the heavy burden which Mayor Gibbons had been carrying this year, but also of the future and that while a man in Mayor Gibbons' position could spend so much time without proper remuneration, future mayors might not. The seconder, Cr. Goodlet, said it had been the policy in other Ontario towns this year to increase salaries of all officials and the Georgetown mayor's job was of such magnitude as to warrant it. Cr. Davidson said the mayor operated at a loss in his position and that the time expended and out-of-pocket expense far exceeded the \$200 salary.

"This is an embarrassing moment," said the Mayor. "I certainly appreciate the remarks made. It is even harder to make up my mind on this question than on the

water by-law. I have asked the citizens to place me in this position at the present salary. Sometimes I think I got more satisfaction in serving for nothing, because if criticism got too severe I could always say I was doing the job for nothing. At the same time, the time and thought necessary for the mayor's job this past year has made it more than a hobby."

Cr. Whitnee said that 1948 had been a tremendous year and he did not think the mayor should feel any embarrassment. "No business corporation would ask similar work for \$200."

Deputy Reeve Armstrong said he didn't think the people expect the mayor to spend half his time at the job for \$200 yearly. Cr. Davidson said he had intended to bring the matter up at last year's nomination meeting and was glad to see the motion presented.

Harry Shortill appeared before council to say that he had paid a private contractor to put in a sewer lateral over town property to his house which he is building on Maple Avenue. He had done this with the understanding that it was not possible at present for the town to do such work on new properties as the debenture issue had not allowed for these but now he understood that other new houses had been done and he thought he should be entitled to it also.

Armstrong — Where sewerage goes past a home I think we should be obligated to put in a lateral.

Whitnee — I am in favour of this, but where is the money to come from? The original survey did not allow for these.

Armstrong — The machine had passed by when Mr. Shortill started to build. Others perhaps were building first and they were put in as sewerage progressed.

Gibbons — With the publicity this may receive there may be dozens of others who will now ask the same thing.

Whitnee — Did Mr. Shortill apply to the council first?

Shortill — Not to council as a whole. A Scott, Jackson man told me they have never been told not to put laterals into new houses.

Goodlet — They're liable not to be paid for these when they were not on the contract.

Davidson — It seems a pity Mr. Shortill hasn't had as good a deal as others but I think permission should be obtained from council.

Gibbons — All municipalities have this problem. Equipment can't be brought in each time a house is built. We don't want to set a precedent and pay a private contractor for work done.

Shortill — You're going to have to do the work sometime. It won't cost any more to do a few houses than a whole lot.

Maclaren — It doesn't seem fair to have one man pay and not others.

Gibbons — We should find out if we have paid for any not on the contract.

Goodlet — We can perhaps give Mr. Shortill a rebate when more funds are available for sewerage extensions.

Gibbons — We have dozens of property owners moving into houses not served by sewerage. However if we have paid for others, we should pay for Mr. Shortill's.

Whitnee — I think Mr. Shortill has a strong case and if he'll be patient we'll see that something fair is done.

Gibbons — It will be taken up with the engineer.

McCumber — We could have an answer by next Monday at the Court of Revision.

Harvey Walters told Council that drainage on his property on John Street was particularly bad since a catch basin had been covered up by sewerage work and ditches filled in and suggested a larger drain across John Street and the clearing out of a drain on the 9th Line.

Bob MacKenzie of the MacKenzie Construction Co. asked Council why an outsider had been hired to do work that his firm was equipped to do, when his family had been taxpayers in town for 30 years. Mayor Gibbons said this work had been commenced before the local firm was in business.

MacKenzie — There was no written agreement (with Mr. Binnie) and the work being done now is a new project.

Gibbons — We had a verbal agreement for him to come back this fall to do this present job.

Davidson — We had Mr. Binnie continue the work because we felt he had done part already and we were satisfied with the job and the price.

MacKenzie — It's only fair that

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MRS. HARRY FRYER DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Harry Fryer passed away suddenly at her home on King St. on Thursday, October 29th. Born in Toronto, she was North Louise Hawes, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Hawes. Fifty-one years ago this coming December 18th, she was married in Georgetown to Harry Fryer and the couple have lived in Acton, Hamilton and for the past fourteen years in Georgetown. She was a member of the Church of England. She is survived by her husband and three children, Frederick, Louise and Jessie, all of Georgetown and one granddaughter, Mrs. Jack Noble. A brother, John Hawes lives in Stayner and a sister Mrs. William Gambell in Georgetown. She was predeceased by two brothers.

Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson conducted the funeral service from her late home on Monday. Pallbearers were Stan Lyon, William Hill, Richard Hawes, Herbert Cleave, Harold Cleave and Wilfred Mino. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

Funeral Service at Ashgrove for Mrs. J. Barnes

A funeral service for Mrs. James Barnes, long a resident of Ashgrove until she moved to Milton two years ago, was held on Tuesday, October 26th from the home of her son, Horace Barnes. Formerly Elizabeth L. Keeler, she passed away in Milton Private Hospital on October 23rd, in her 65th year.

Mrs. Barnes was born in England and came to this country when a young girl, spending all her life since then in the Ashgrove district. She was a member of the United Church and of the Women's Missionary Society and was also an active worker in the Sunday School. She was predeceased in 1942 by her husband. She leaves three sons, Tansley and Vern of Milton and Horace of Ashgrove, and nine grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted from her former home by Rev. J. L. Blair of St. Paul's United Church, Milton and interment was in Ashgrove Cemetery. Pallbearers were Cecil Wilson, Clayton Wilson, Milton Bird, Frank Ruddle, Jim Fisher and Melville Wanless.

DISTRICT HOME SADDENED BY BABY'S DEATH

Tragedy struck a district home on Monday night when Gary Burt, 14-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burt, R. R. 1, Hillsburgh, was fatally scalded. The baby upset a cupful of hot water and sustained burns on his chest which proved fatal. After medical attention at home he was rushed to Toronto Sick Children's Hospital where he died shortly after admission. He was the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Ballinafad.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 in Hillsburgh Baptist Church. The sympathy of the community is extended to his parents and grandparents in their sorrow.

Was Member of Pioneer Esqueing Family

A member of one of Esqueing's pioneer families, William J. Bell, passed away at his home on Victoria Street on Sunday, October 24th. Mr. Bell was a son of the late William J. Bell and Jane McDowell and was born in Esqueing Township in 1870. He went to the west as a young man and after farming at Kenosha and Indian Head, settled near Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, where he engaged in market gardening. There he married Ada Morgan, who with a family of six children survives. These are Mrs. R. J. Reader (Lillian), Mrs. H. F. Hall (Elsie), and Gertrude of Regina, Mrs. W. J. Reed (Myrtle) of Moose, Ernest of Dugal and Mrs. George Peterson (Eva) of Emma, all in Saskatchewan. There are twelve grandchildren.

Three years ago Mr. Bell retired and with his wife moved back to the region of his birth, settling in a home on Victoria Street. He attended Knox Presbyterian Church and continued his interest in agricultural affairs which had endured through long membership on the board of the Qu'Appelle Agricultural Society.

Mr. Bell was the last surviving member of his family, being predeceased by two brothers, John and Nat. The funeral service on Thursday was conducted from the McClure Funeral Home by Rev. Alex Calder. Pall bearers were Al Norton, Herb Distance, Gordon Spence, Jack Armstrong, Joseph Gibbons and Roy Wiggins. Interment was made in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

Lions Masquerade is A Big Success

With practically all who attended coming in costume, the Lions Halloween Masquerade in the Rose Room on Friday was one of the most successful events ever staged in town. Everyone had a good evening's fun and the club netted over \$50 from the dance. The Debonaires played for dancing and costume prizes were awarded by the judges, Mr. and Mrs. William King, to Mayor Joseph Gibbons dressed as a brig and to Mrs. Teresa Harrison as a country rube. A lucky spot dance was won by Mrs. William McNally and Ken Mendham. Punch and cookies were served during the evening.

Responsible for the success of the evening was a committee headed by John Gunning, who also designed the Halloween murals, Jack Armstrong, Fred Schultz, Harold Hutchinson, Marshal Timbers, Keith Barber and Harold McClure.

BALLINAFAD

The Farm Forum met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McEnery on Monday to discuss the topic "Boy Meets Girl". A euchre party was planned for every second Friday during the winter months in the Hall. Next Monday's meeting will be held at the home of Grant Wright.

Council Votes \$80,000 For Water Improvements

Will ask Municipal Board for Debenture Issue — Mayor Gibbons Opposed, Says Project should be Submitted to People

GEORGETOWN UNITED CHURCH

The 100th Anniversary Services of the Georgetown United Church were well attended on Sunday, October 31st. Although the building improvements were not completed for the occasion as was planned they were sufficiently advanced so as not to be inconspicuous.

The services were conducted by the Rev. Newlan J. Truax, B.A., of Carleton, whose father was minister of the church from 1915 to 1919. It was of special interest to have this former son of the parsonage conduct the anniversary services.

The morning worship was centered around the theme "The Opportunity of the Church". The lesson was read from St. John 17:1-17. In his message Mr. Truax stressed the critical days facing the world of men and consequently facing the church. They were, however, he said, days of opportunity and the church through the re-education, he continued, would in-crease its influence and rise to that opportunity enabling mankind to meet the days of crisis in confidence and trust. This recon-structive return to prayer and the making of Christian worship and devotion central in family life. The hope of the future, he declared, lay in the potentialities of the young people and their development; but the youthful possibilities can only be developed thoroughly and beneficially through proper adult leadership. The choir, under the direction of Miss Lynda Stewart, ATCM, LRMS sang two beautiful anthems "O Come Let Us Worship Him"—Himmel, with Mrs. Howard Wigglesworth as soloist, and "The King Shall Joy in Thy Strength"—Balnes.

The evening message was entitled "Guarded Loyalties" and was based on the lesson read from Daniel 3:1-18. Mr. Truax spoke of the importance of developing high and noble loyalties. Only the best, he said, should receive our loyalty. It is debasing and dishonourable to give our loyalties to that which is cheap. The Christian must examine his loyalties and see that they are determined by the greatest and wisest loyalty of all — loyalty to Jesus Christ. The evening anthems were "Praise Ye the Father"—Gounod, and "Saviour again to Thy Dear Name"—Couper, with Misses Marjorie Kentner, Isobel Dobson and Ruth Evans as soloists.

Against strong objections from Mayor Joseph Gibbons, a by-law to borrow \$80,000 for making various changes and improvements in Georgetown's water system, passed its second reading at the council meeting on Monday night. The Ontario Municipal Board will now be approached for approval to issue debentures, a necessary procedure before the by-law can be given its third reading and finally passed. The debentures would be 3% repayable in annual instalments over a twenty year period.

The \$80,000 will be used to implement a complete report prepared by the Brantford firm of Dimine, Phillips and Roberts, who were engaged to make a survey of the water system. Their recommendations include chlorination, elimination of wastage and leaks in the present system and exploratory drilling for a new source of supply.

Mayor Gibbons objected to the borrowing by-law on several grounds. He said he did not think it should be adopted in the dying moments of the 1948 council, that he was against it without a vote of the people and that, while a decision should not be delayed too long, that it was not a matter to be rushed into.

Deputy Reeve Armstrong, who has been a strong supporter of the by-law, said that it should have been passed months ago and that there shouldn't be any talk of leaving it over till next year when it had been so fully discussed and was so necessary. Reeve Maclaren and Cr. Goodlet supported him in this.

Herbert — After the Fire Marshal's remarks last week when he was inspecting fire protection on King Street, I have never been so alarmed about the water situation. I didn't feel like committing myself to this project until I saw the deplorable condition of the Silvercreek reservoir. I don't think we're losing as much water by leakage as the engineer says, because I don't think it's there to lose.

Gibbons — I had hoped by now that an auxiliary source would have been located.

Whitnee — You don't have to be an engineer to find more water. There is enough behind the park to supply the whole town.

Herbert — I think there is plenty of water within a mile of the reservoir.

Gibbons — I still think exploratory drilling is the first consideration.

Armstrong — We haven't voted Mr. Roberts any money yet. How can he go ahead?

Gibbons — We've voted him \$2000 (for fees) that we didn't have. We have just as much right to spend money to find water as to hire him in the first place. Mr. Roberts is an engineer. We must remember that he has set up a plan from which he will receive revenue too.

Maclaren — If you're sick you take a doctor's advice. I'm satisfied that Mr. Roberts knows his job and has given us a thorough program.

Gibbons — We shouldn't rush into this.

Maclaren — We've gone over these same points time and time again.

Gibbons — I'm too much engaged with sewers at present. Let's finish one big job first.

Armstrong — Water is important and we can't afford to delay.

Whitnee — The reservoir is obsolete. All towns are going to deep well systems.

Goodlet — It won't be a burden on the taxpayers. They will pay for what they use. It is probable the last water debenture we will ever need in Georgetown.

Herbert — Paying for it worries me but I'll vote for it because I believe it is necessary. The fire marshal said our fire equipment was A1, but our water supply.

Gibbons — I am asking a recorded vote because of the reasons I have mentioned.

Mayor Gibbons also voted against a by-law which establishes a new set of water rates, citing the same reasons. The new by-law will take effect on January 1st.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY STONE SCHOOL FORUM

On Monday evening, officers were elected at the meeting of the Stone School Farm Forum. Robert Miller is president, William Norton, vice-president, Mrs. Harry Marchington, secretary and Era Batkin as social convenor.

Attention!

Hydro Consumers

Due to the reduction in deliveries from Quebec Power Companies — Quotas in the southern Ontario district have been cut by the Ontario Hydro Commission. Georgetown's allotment has been reduced approximately 7 per cent.

Power Interruptions can only be avoided by further co-operation on your part —

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Georgetown Hydro Commission

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