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The Editor's Corner

WE STILL LIKE VOTING

Mayor Gibbons drew little support from fellow councillors or taxpayers at the nomination meeting in his opposition to floating an \$80,000 waterworks debt without the proper procedure of a vote of the taxpayers. Several speakers voiced their belief that the expenditure was necessary and side-stepped the voting issue altogether. Reeve Maclaren stated that supposing the question was submitted and the voters turned it down, then a serious incident occurred, council would be to blame for not adopting the plan. This reasoning is to us completely backward. It infers that council is afraid that the taxpayers would turn down the plan and through this inference treats this same taxpayer as a little boy who has not the ability to judge for himself. It is a dictatorial attitude which should have no place in democratic municipal affairs.

The issue is a simple one. We are confronted with a major expenditure for what, in the eyes of the majority of council, is an exceedingly necessary improvement in the town water system. It is proper, then, for council to ask the taxpayers to sanction such an expenditure, and if council, collectively or individually believe it is vitally important, to acquaint the public with all the relevant facts and urge, collectively or individually, as the case may be, that an overwhelming mandate be given to spend the money — which after all is the taxpayers money.

A disturbing aspect is the expressed belief of several councillors that by some mysterious means we are going to spend \$80,000, yet no one is going to pay for it. It is true that the waterworks plan as outlined in the engineer's report will not result in a definite charge on the tax rate. It is equally true that the \$80,000 must be paid for by these same taxpayers over a period of years in the form of increased water rates, and will mean more money out of each of our pocketbooks, which amounts to the same thing as taxes. We have still not reached that Utopia where a benevolent providence provides us with anything without it being paid for, and never expect we shall.

It is to be hoped that the 1949 council, even though it will be in essence the present council, may reconsider the question and call a vote before further action is taken. Only in this way will it be known once and for all whether the people want improved water service enough to be willing to pay for it.

PLEASE, NO, MR. DAVIDSON

The suggestion by Councillor Cecil Davidson at Friday's nomination meeting that parking meters might be introduced on Main Street is something which we hope will never reach more than the discussion stage. We often speak about Georgetown as a growing and progressive town, but this is one gadget of this modern age which Georgetown can well do without. This column looks with disfavour even on the present restriction of two-hour parking which we believe is more inconvenient than it is worth. Its original supporters in council had one eye on the revenue aspect of the idea, but the town realizes not a cent from fines imposed, all of which go to other sources, and even if we were to get 100 per cent it would still be a very minor item in the budget, amounting to ten or fifteen dollars in a month. The only concrete improvement in relieving Main Street parking congestion has been to encourage merchants to park their cars on Mill and Wesleyan Streets, which while taking these vehicles off Main Street proper still contributes to overcrowding the downtown parking section. A more sensible solution would be to proceed with some plan of providing a parking lot in the downtown district if not for the general public at least for the merchants who use the streets constantly for parking. This idea was proposed in a recent "beef" column by a contributor and is worth discussing by the town council.

Parking meters on Main Street could only result in permanent damage to the only ones they would be designed to help — the merchant fraternity. Shoppers, particularly those from rural areas are sufficiently annoyed with the present inconveniences and this might be a crowning blow to force many of them to shop in other neighbouring centres where there is more freedom. It is true that Brampton has parking meters, but we must remember that Brampton is a town over twice our size, with its Main Street on a provincial highway and with free parking facilities provided close to downtown for those who are parking for a lengthy period of time.

WHAT'S YOUR BEEF?

This week's "beef" is contributed by linotypist Les Clark who after setting other people's "beefs" on the machine for several weeks has the urge to get one

of his own off his chest. He suggests that householders instead of spending their time complaining about the condition of sidewalks left by the sewerage construction company, could spend an hour or two rectifying the damage themselves. There are many spots in town where half an hour with a shovel would remove accumulated dirt or fill in a depression and this would make it more pleasant for pedestrians without a great deal of work on any one individual's part. Road work, he says, is a big problem for a three-man town staff and there is only so much they can do in a day or a week. This would be one practical way that we could all help to put our town streets back in their original shape.

Along the Boards

with Wheldon Emmerson

It seems Acton invariably comes up with someone to play goal for then who is bigger around the tummy than a super-duper nickel balloon bought at a circus. No doubt they feel certain if he turns sideways the opponents still have little or no space to shoot the puck at. This method proved satisfactory last Thursday night to a certain extent. Only when Evans "exhaled" did his anatomy "deflate" enough to allow Georgetown to score twice.

So far this year Georgetown had not encountered a team that adopt the Acton style of play (they have a style all of their own). Only after stubborn resistance by Refs Kelly and Burke did Acton use sticks. Other than rapping opponents, but ends, etc., the sticks were used occasionally to score goals. Storey had a goose egg on his elbow larger than a grapefruit before it's cut in half. Not only Storey, but also Leigh Bradbury, and Scotty Patterson were given the "Tannery Treatment." (It seems the tanners are so wrapped up in their work they just go after any hide as long as it moves. If there's no column next week, you'll know they got ours).

At first we thought Acton's defense consisted of a couple of War Assets B-29's until we were informed it was Bayliss and Porge Riddall. We really should have known better. They didn't really look like B-29's. They looked more like battleships.

The Hilson Brothers were in rare form, as a matter of fact one of the Hilsons took Melanson on in a pugilistic affair, and fed him leather so fast he almost had him believing he was working in the tannery.

Lever, in goal for Georgetown, was in generous mood, until the coach told him that his stick was to be used to clear the puck away from the net, not out of it. Georgetown's two star defense-men, Ken Nash and Scotty Patterson were relieved periodically by Art Murdock. If anyone is in doubt as to who Murdock is, he is the guy that wears two pairs of hockey pants (one pair on each leg!). To be a little more serious, it would have been nice to take the opener, but we didn't. There are more games to come, and to those of you who were a little disappointed, remember we can't win them all. Support your home town team, make an effort to get out on Tuesday and Thursday nights for the hockey games. With lots of support and encouragement the locals will do all they can to capture the "Sheeny" Tost Memorial Trophy.

EVERYTHING IN GENERAL

The Guelph club made a serious bid for the services of Junior Beaumont for their Local Junior A team, after his fine showing against the Guelph Hornets.

Rene Martin injured his arm at work last Thursday afternoon, and will not be available for a few games. Seems like the machine kicked his foot after he realized his arm was injured. You gotta watch those new machines, Rene, they're tricky.

Del Beaumont was in uniform last Saturday night against the Kitchener-Waterloo Flying Dutchmen, and played well in spite of his injured hand.

Kent Storey was out of Saturday night's game too, with a badly swollen elbow received while playing against Acton.

After the Flying Dutchmen left the ice last Saturday night, Jack Wilson claimed he had quite a run on sauer-kraut at his booth.

Bobby Bauer and Johnny Shewchuck, ex-Bruins, played and as Kempy says, Bauer has more shifts out there, than a Hula Hula dancer.

Saw Harvey (Bob Hope) Chappe at the dance Saturday night after the game, and evidently my two lovely feminine reporters S.M. and H.M. were completely wrapped up in his version of the game!

Bill Deherty, the local stick boy, is missing from the dressing room these nights. He had his knee cap injured last week.

Anyone wishing to hear the story of two French lads at a baseball game, call Leigh (Francis) Bradbury, anytime after 6 p.m.

After the game in Guelph last Wednesday night, the local club invaded one of the restaurants there, for a bite to eat. Junior Beaumont exclaimed to the pretty waitress "I feel like a sandwich" to which she replied "Don't blame me because the place is crowded!"

Flying Dutchmen Take Raiders 9 to 3

The Flying Dutchmen featuring the four Bauer brothers took Georgetown last Saturday night in an exhibition bit here in Georgetown. Displaying very neat passing and plays the Dutchmen proved too tricky for the locals and at no time were they disorganized. Pelletter in goal for the Dutchmen had little to do but when he was called upon he made his moves count. Both clubs were playing short handed. Georgetown were minus Storey, Martin, Nash, Melanson and Seliszzi. Kemshead and Bradbury were the best for Georgetown, while B. Bauer, Johnny Shewchuck and Pelletter were top men for the Dutchmen. Georgetown goal, Lever, def. Patterson, L. Bradbury, Forwards, Kemshead, Bradbury, Beaumont. Alternates: Currie, D. Beaumont, Murdock, Fern.

Kitchener-Waterloo goal, Pelletter, def. Dunning, Shewchuck, forwards, D. Bauer, Verity, Anderson. Alternates: Hurst, B. Bauer, R. Bauer, J. Bauer, Herchenratter, Musselman, Curick, Duria.

SUMMARY

First Period

1. K-W Shewchuck	3:04
2. K-W B. Bauer (Curick)	10:15
3. K-W Herchenratter (Dzuma)	14:45
Penalties: Patterson (Georgetown)	

Second Period

4. Georgetown Kemshead	6:02
5. Georgetown Fern	
L. Bradbury, Del Beaumont	10:15
6. K-W Curick (Herchenratter)	14:35
7. K-W R. Bauer (Shewchuck)	14:55
8. K-W Shewchuck (D. Bauer)	19:25
Penalties: L. Bradbury and Anderson.	

Third Period

9. K-W Herchenratter (Shewchuck)	14:40
10. K-W Hurst	16:45
11. Georgetown L. Bradbury (Beaumont)	18:05
12. K-W B. Bauer	19:02
Penalties: L. Bradbury.	

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 Irving: "What do you mean?"
 Bill: "I went down in history."

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