

# THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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## Along the Boards

with Wheldon Emerson

The following is a letter received by "Yours Truly" in yesterday's morning's mail. Being a former local boy and having known him for several years I thought your readers might be interested in what he has to say. Here's what my old friend writes:

Hello Along the Boards:

It only seems like yesterday that I was hanging around the old arena helping Sam Walker flood the ice. Remember when Sam was the caretaker and we were the Arena Rats and how we used to leave the back door slightly ajar so as we could whip in for a fast game of shenny when everyone else thought we were at school. I really think Sam knew all the time, but he got just as big a kick out of it as we did. Do you still remember how we would post a look-out for Sam or Mr. Marshall, the chief. The nights we cleaned the ice between periods with those two big scrapers, then after we got it all cleaned up nice like - from out of nowhere - would come a puck and sticks and we would give the fans a little show of our own, until the big fellows came out and made us scram. If my memory serves me right there was Nick Brown, Dominick and Rocky Lorusse, Lloyd Keir, Polka Dot Davidson, Chuck Hill, Harvey and Harry Allen, How Rocky and Dominick used to pull off those fancy passes while in full flight, boy that was something to watch wasn't it? Do the boys still play poker down cellar? Why I knew that old cellar better than my own name, and the hockey team: Sherry Tost, Bill Ritchie, Harry Malone, Joe Hall, Walt and Ken Richardson, and Lloyd Sanderson. Oh, weren't they the ones. They didn't win any championships but she was all home brews then, and the sweaters were blue and white with an S in each one on the back, meaning Smith and Stone.

Now I hear you have a mighty nice rink, artificial ice and all and a pretty good hockey team too. The years make a difference don't they? Is Herbie Lunan still around? Well do I remember the night up in the old Victrola Room that Herbie was to play the King before a game and as the signal was given for the Anthem Herbie somehow got the records mixed and out came "Let Me Call You Sweetheart". The last I saw of him that night he was in full flight through the old curling rink doors with Sam right behind him. Things were a little tougher in those days and even the regular two bits admission was a little high for some of the boys. I remember how one window would be left wide open the afternoon before a game just to make sure the cold air got a good chance to freeze the morning flood. That night there would be as big a line up at that window as there was at the ticket booth. Just one more thing, Along the Boards, before I go. Do you still remember the initiation of a new Arena Rat? I've often wondered if the old paver brush is still used. All we ever got for pay was a free pass and a lot of memories, yes - a lot of memories.

Well, kid, I've gotta go so if you see any of the old gang around the rink say Hello for me and Good Luck.  
Your Old Rink Rat Pal,  
SPEEDY

### EVERYTHING IN GENERAL

No doubt some of you readers by chance read the last edition of the Acton Free Press. In its columns was an open letter to Georgetown Hockey Fans written by Acton's leading sports columnist, H. Coles. It appears to me Mr. Coles is putting the cart before the horse with this open letter business. If after a hectic hard fought schedule Acton had come out on top I would say OK, write an open letter but not after one game. . . one game where Evans happened to have one of his on nights and you were playing against a team short-handed and very tired from a previous strenuous week. The situation looks as if you were trying to get in a good lick in case the opportunity should not present itself again. By the way Mr. Coles I would like to sit beside you some night when Donkey has one of his off nights - and he has them brother, and how.

Who was the local hockey player who took his brand new girlfriend to the hockey game the other night and had a hard job convincing the gentlemen on the gate he played on the team. No

doubt the little lady was impressed with your popularity, my boy.

Seems like Rene Martin flew from Toronto to North Bay one night not long ago in a new car and when the wheels were lowered for a landing found someone had left a freight train on the runway. The train wasn't damaged but Rene is recuperating in the hospital in North Bay.

With all the activities going on around the local rink the boys are bound to overlook something. It was brought to our attention that the red and blue lines could stand a coat of paint to bring them up.

Bumped into George Riddell, father of Porge who plays defence for the Acton Tahners, at the Arena last Thursday night. Mr. Riddell said: "Son, I know you meant it all in fun what you said about our boy Porge but if you see the Missus coming you better look out. We're looking out for Porge too after what we said about him."

We have heard that Acton (always ribbing us about our imports) are having trouble getting releases for two of their imports - the Hilson brothers.

One week we have sports writer Jack Campbell of the Peel Gazette a blast over some of his remarks about our artificial ice and population. In last week's edition Jack claims he meant well so we take back our slams and are willing to be friends again. O.K. with you Jack?

What local hockey player had his wife wash his playing tops and after they were dried and put away realized she had some of her "unmentionables" in his bag by mistake. It's a good thing she realized her error before Hubby pulled them out of his bag in front of all the boys in the dressing room.

Saturday night the locals are going to Collingwood to take part in the opening of Collingwood's new arena. A big night is planned with bands, guest speakers and dancing after the game. Anyone wishing to make the trip who has a car or can borrow the old man's get in touch with some of the executive.

P.S. Since my last column I have had to go to Guelph via Hillsburgh as some of the locals have reported seeing a police circular with my description on it posted in Acton.

### MR AND MRS. JOHN O'NEILL CELEBRATE 56th ANNIVERSARY

Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neill, respected residents of town, celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary with a family gathering at their home. Present for the occasion were their daughter, Mrs. E. D. Shely of Birmingham, Michigan, their son, Mr. Arlo O'Neill and Mrs. O'Neill of Toronto, and Mrs. O'Neill's sister, Miss Addie Coventry of Georgetown. Friends called during the day to wish them well.

Mr. O'Neill was for many years a Main Street businessman, operating a garage and carriage shop in the building which he built at the Main and Wesleyan Street corner. He retired a few years ago, selling the building to Victor Diggs.

### TORONTO MAN BUYS WILDWOOD HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Earl M. Trow of Toronto have purchased the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stewart at Wildwood, just outside Georgetown and moved in recently. The house, which was purchased by the Stewarts about five years ago was formerly owned by Alex Greig. Mr. Trow is a retired manufacturer and one granddaughter living in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Trow are members of the Church of England.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have purchased the Barry Clarke home on Durham Street, while Mr. and Mrs. Clarke and their children, Barry, Jr., and Robert have moved to the Jack Beamish farm at Ospringe. These latter two real estate deals were handled by Howard Graff, local realtor.

### Two Injured in Main Street Accident

Two Toronto ladies were injured in an accident which occurred on Georgetown's Main Street about 4:30 a.m. Tuesday morning. Injured were Mrs. Audrey Stott, who had facial cuts and knee abrasions and Miss Margaret Annis, who suffered a fractured collar bone and probable fractured ribs.

The accident occurred when a car driven by Mrs. Stott, which had been parked in front of Robb's Drug Store, went out of control. It mounted the curb and after careening off the right sidewalk in front of the Royal Bank crossed Mill Street and crashed into the corner of the Bank of Commerce. The two ladies, with Mr. Stott, were en route from Guelph to their homes in Toronto.

The car, a late model Chevrolet, was badly damaged and the force of the impact loosened some of the storework on the bank. Dr. C. V. Williams attended the injured ladies who were removed by taxi to a Toronto hospital. Local Provincial Police investigated and it is believed charges are contemplated against the driver.

### Jack Gilbert Injured in Motorcycle Crash

The condition of Jack Gilbert, who was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident last Wednesday is reported today as somewhat improved and it is believed he is now out of danger.

The accident occurred early in the evening when Mr. Gilbert was proceeding toward town from the Glen on his motorcycle, on the Glen Road. As he approached the Papermill Road, the machine hit a bump in the road and he lost control, crashing into a hydro pole. He suffered severe internal injuries as well as serious injuries to his leg and head. He was rushed to Guelph General Hospital, where it will be necessary for him to undergo several operations.

### ATTEND BISHOP'S CONSECRATION IN LONDON

Guests at the consecration service for the Very Reverend George Nasmith Luxton, in London, Ontario, on Tuesday, November 30th, included Archbishop W. G. O. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson. Archbishop Thompson had a special interest in the occasion because it was when he was rector at Mount Forest that the new Bishop of Huron formed his first interest in the church and was lay reader in the Church of England there. Bishop Luxton had another connection with Georgetown, for his father was a bank manager here at one time.

### IN CASE YOU'RE INTERESTED

Out of 52 names appearing as movers and seconders of the 27 nominees for office at the recent nomination meeting, 36 were present council members, 5 were members of present elected boards, and 11 were interested ratepayers. Of the 11 names of interested ratepayers, only 8 individuals, ratepayers were represented.

### Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hulls and family of Port Elgin were visitors last week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Ballinafad.

Miss Ruth Evans attended a conference of members and secretaries of Township School Area Boards at Guelph last week. Representatives were present from Dufferin, Peel, Halton, Huron, Oxford, Perth, Wellington and Waterloo Counties.

Bill Emmerson Jr. is in Guelph General Hospital where he underwent an operation yesterday.

Mrs. Robert McMenemy tendered a linen shower for Mrs. Harold Schenk (Ethel Wood) prior to her recent marriage.

Mr. Frank Wilson and Mrs. Stanley Gowland visited over the week-end in Ottawa with their brother, Wilnot J. Wilson Ph.M.B., and family.

Mrs. Walter Hughes of Chesney was a visitor last week with Mr. and Mrs. George F. Hughes at their farm home on the 7th Line.

Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Paul have returned from a month's vacation which they spent at their cabin on the 6th Line.

Mrs. A. R. Speight is convalescing in Toronto General Hospital after an operation while she underwent last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Imbleau and daughter, Mary, of St. Catharines, visited friends in town last Saturday.

### Raiders Win 4-2 Against Weston

It wasn't until the middle of the second period last Thursday before the locals really started to play hockey. Weston have a pretty fair club and the locals had a job on their hands to beat them.

It was rough hockey most of the way. Downer for Weston opened the scoring in the first period with a short side shot that went in off Laver's skates. Leigh Bradbury tied it up on a lovely pass from brother Max. Coming out to start the second period the Raiders started to click on some of their plays but dropped their guard long enough to allow Downer to score his second goal of the game. At 8:11 of the second Melanson and Leigh Bradbury broke away. Melanson split the defence beautifully, made Ashbee in goal for Weston make his move, then slipped a pass to Leigh Bradbury who made no mistake and his second goal tied the score. Max Bradbury scored his first goal of the season at the 12:13 mark on a pass from Currie making it 3-2. Del Beaumont in the third scored on a lovely three way passing play from Junior Beaumont and Jack Kemshead to make the final score read 4-2 in favour of Georgetown. Only four penalties were handed out during the game, two to each team.

Georgetown - Goal, Laver; defence, Patterson, Nash, Forwards, M. Bradbury, Storey, Currie, Alt, Beaumont, Kemshead, Beaumont, Fern, Melanson, Chappel, L. Bradbury.

Weston - Goal, Ashbee; Def., Taylor, Benner, Forwards, Jones, Downer, Allowell; Alternates: Chard, Burlington, Harris, Houghton, Chard, Brogden, Neilson, Neal.

Period	Score
First Period	2-0
2. Georgetown-L. Bradbury (M. Bradbury)	11:02
Penalty - Downer	
Second Period	3-10
4. Georgetown-L. Bradbury (Melanson)	8:11
5. Georgetown-M. Bradbury (Currie)	12:13

Third Period

6. Georgetown-D. Beaumont (J. Beaumont, Kemshead). Penalties - Currie (10 minute misconduct) Benner, D. Beaumont.

Acton kept up their winning streak by defeating Oakville 8-6 in the other game of this double-header.

### LIMEHOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jones and daughters spent the week-end at Woodbridge.

Mr. Archie Farrell of Toronto visited Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Patterson on Sunday.

Mr. Russell Thompson is confined to his bed with a sprained knee. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smethurst and Jacqueline of Toronto were recent visitors with Mrs. Smethurst.

Mrs. R. B. Storey spent a couple of days last week with Mrs. Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spitzer and family of Brelau have recently moved onto the old Sutherland farm. We welcome them to the community.

Mr. W. I. Newton of Barrie visited his mother last week-end. We are pleased to report that Mrs. Cyril Clarke is progressing favourably at home following painful burns received last week when her clothing caught fire from the kitchen stove.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. Geary on the arrival of a little daughter in Toronto recently.

W. I. meeting held at the home of Thirteen members attended the W.I. meeting held at the home of Mrs. Jas. Noble last Thursday. Roll Call was answered by "A Poem I Learned At School". The bazaar report showed a balance of \$10.16. It was decided to send the children's clothing left over to the Halton Children's Aid, as well as a \$5 donation for Christmas treats. A donation of \$10 was voted to the Scott Mission, Toronto.

A Christmas box was voted for the McCauley Brothers who are shut-ins in our village. The three boxes of food and clothing sent overseas to poor folk were valued at \$25.00. The contents were partially raised by a social evening held at Mrs. Wright's. Mrs. Smethurst, convener of Historical Research, was chairman for the short program. Current events were read by Mrs. O. Mulder and Mrs. Eljerby read the motto "It's not what we get but what we give, not how we pray but how we live". A social hour closed the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Imbleau and daughter, Mary, of St. Catharines, visited friends in town last Saturday.

### What Council Did...

Passed a by-law prohibiting the discharge of firearms within the municipality without the written permission of the Chief of Police. The by-law applies to shotguns, air rifles, rifles and revolvers and a penalty up to \$50 is provided for infractions.

(First reading moved by Davidson and Armstrong; 2nd and 3rd readings by Whitmee and McCumber).

An amendment to the parking by-law was read for a first time and sent back to the Town Solicitor for correction. It provides that a vehicle can be parked in or obstruct a laneway or driveway, or intentionally block the entrance to a private home. Council thought the word "intentionally" was confusing and want the amendment reworded.

Proclaimed Monday, December 27th as a Boxing Day civic holiday. (Moved by Whitmee and Armstrong)

Noted that the foreman's report showed the price of gravel at 7 1/2¢ a foot as the delivered price. Some members said that this refuted a charge by Council candidate Thos. L. Lyons at the nomination meeting that gravel had been purchased at a high price last year.

Promised James Schofield, who is building a new home on the highway past Normandy Boulevard that he would get water service when funds are available, and as soon in the spring as ground and weather conditions permit. Mr. Schofield appeared at council and said that at a previous appearance he had been led to believe the service would be installed this year and he had made plans to occupy the house before the year end. Cr. Goodlett said the delay had been caused because 4" pipe was not available when the town had planned to put it in, and it was later found that this year's budget would not allow any more expenditure on water.

Were told by the Sewerage Engineer that he was tired of being "badgered" about expenditures that had been authorized by council and which were clearly explained in statements presented to council.

Mr. Hagey had been asked to appear to discuss a proposal by residents of Ostrander Boulevard to put in sewerage this year at their own expense, providing they were exempted from Local Improvement Levy. Richard Hawes, spokesman for the delegation, said that some of the residents thought it was going to cost too much and favoured a proposal that they pay what it would cost the town and the town make up the difference. Mayor Gibbons said this would be unwise for council to consider as it would lead to similar requests from others. Mr. Hagey's opinion was that while a 6" tile might serve the present houses satisfactorily, an 8" tile was the only thing he could recommend for the future. He said the town had been fortunate in securing a low price on the sewerage tender and that future work might cost as much as 25% or 30% more, but that he believed Scott, Jackson would take on extra work at the original figure yet. The whole section in that part of town could be done for \$7500 and he advocated that rather than doing a small section now.

Maclaren - It will be a new contract next year and the price may be up.

Gibbons - Possibly next year the corporation may be in a position to do the work themselves. I think we're on the wrong track. Next year everyone in this section will want sewerage and that is the time to do it.

Hawes - The drain have been put under the cellar floors in these houses in anticipation of sewerage and we cannot use septic tanks.

Goodlett - The sewerage system is not in operation and even if you went ahead now you couldn't use it. I am in favour of doing the whole area early in the new year.

Maclaren - We borrowed \$375,000 for sewerage and we now have accounts of \$375,231. Rebates will reduce this by about \$4400 but we still haven't a final account from Scott, Jackson. Mr. Hagey says there may be a slight increase on cost of material, but what does slight mean? We've been misled on so many things.

Hagey - I don't like that term "misled". I've been badgered around for two months.

Maclaren - You stated originally that the cost of extending sewerage to Normandy Boulevard would be about \$1000.

Hagey - \$4650.

Maclaren - That was at a later date.  
Hagey - Council didn't do anything about it until my \$4650 estimate.

Maclaren - Now you say the only extra (to \$375,231) may be in the case of pipe. What is it to be?

Hagey - You have in your hands a statement which is plain and simple. On it I have shown what you gentlemen authorized. The cost above the original estimate plus succeeding authorizations is about \$3800 extra and this is shown on the statement. You owe Scott, Jackson \$40,000 now and I don't see why you shouldn't pay them.

Goodlett - I can understand that Mr. Hagey can't give the final figure until he receives the final bill from the contractor.

Hagey - I'm getting badgered by people like Mr. Maclaren who don't know what they are talking about.

Whitmee - We're wasting time talking about it until we get Scott, Jackson's final bill.

Goodlett - I'm happy with Mr. Hagey's statement.

Hagey - You'll have the final bill as soon as I hear from Scott, Jackson. I've been writing and phoning trying to hurry them up.

Town Foreman Ern Hyde then asked Mr. Hagey about several householders who were complaining that their pipes couldn't be drained. He said Mr. Hagey had originally said that there were only one or two houses in town in that position but there were several, including two on Charles St., Mr. Hagey said that the system had been designed as a sanitary sewer only and that while many houses would be able to have cellar drains these householders were just fortunate and that in all cases it had not been possible. Cr. Whitmee and Mr. Hyde then exchanged words, Cr. Whitmee saying that he objected to the town foreman coming to every meeting and voicing his opinion and that if he wanted a hearing he should come as a delegation. The town foreman replied that he was asking about complaints that he had received. When the discussion threatened to become heated, Mayor Gibbons called the meeting to order and said the discussion was ended.

Granted permission to the Bell Telephone Co. to erect three new poles on Dufferin Street.

Gave permission to the Lorne Scots Band to hold a band concert in the Old Town Hall on a Thursday or Sunday evening.

Ordered two revolvers for sale at \$25 each, originally purchased for the former local police force. (Moved by Armstrong and Maclaren)

Authorized the issue of a cheque for \$1050 to the Public School Board as an addition to their requisition. (Moved by Armstrong and Maclaren)

A letter was received from the school board explaining that the extra money was necessary because of an error in estimating teachers' salaries, and unforeseen expenses of \$200 for repairing chimneys and \$174 for connecting sewers.

Received a letter from Scott, Jackson dated November 30th, saying that the pump which was holding up completion of the disposal plant was enroute from Chicago and should arrive in Georgetown some time this week.

Shelved a motion by Whitmee and Davidson that the stop sign at Church Street be changed to the southern side of Main Street, making Church a through street. Other councillors pointed out the danger of through traffic heading south on Main Street not having a clear right-of-way, and the motion was withdrawn.

Received a report from the Ontario Fire Marshall pointing out that the town did not have adequate fire protection and suggesting several improvements which should be made. (The report will be reviewed in detail in next week's Herald).

Were told by the mayor that the Girls Pipe Band had been granted permission to practice in the Old Town Hall.

Accounts passed for payments included one for \$43,479.35 to Scott, Jackson, which had been held up for several weeks, and one to Harry Shortall for \$58.00, as payment for sewerage extensions.

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