

THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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What Council Did

ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

Appointed Reeve Jack Armstrong as acting mayor until the end of the year, to fill the unexpired term of former Mayor Joseph Gibbons, who resigned in order to accept an appointment as assessor. (Moved by Herbert and Davidson.)

Received a delegation of ratepayers which included Legion President David Bowman, Alex Taylor, William Engleby and Charles Parton. They had been appointed at a meeting in the Legion Hall last week which was called to protest the hiring of Mayor Gibbons as assessor without advertising the position and without giving preference to veterans. Mr. Bowman was spokesman for the delegation and said they were there to find out why the appointment was made in such a hurry and why it had not been advertised the way public positions usually were.

Engleby—There are no personalities involved in this and it isn't that we feel Mr. Gibbons hasn't done a good job. We are protesting the action of council in overriding the people who put them there and in not giving others a chance at the job.

Parton—The majority of taxpayers appreciate the service the mayor has given and feel he has the merits to fill the job. But we feel it is stepping back if council can fill vacancies without advertising. It is the same with the road jobs. They should be advertised too.

Taylor—We have nothing against the retiring mayor, that is not why we are here.

Acting Mayor Armstrong then spoke to the delegation, saying that it was not uncommon that a public office be filled without advertising and that it is certainly not illegal.

"I feel, however," he said, "that council may have erred and after listening to public opinion I am inclined to think that future councils will give serious consideration to advertising. If we made an error, I don't think there is a man around this table who isn't sorry for the controversy it has caused."

Mayor Armstrong said that as so definite time had been set for the retiring assessor, Arnott Early, to commence his new job as liquor vendor, council had felt his successor should get an early start on the job. He was pleased that the delegation had come and that every member of it had signified that the appointment made was a good one. As for the hurry, councils of the past few years have handled business faster than before. Maybe sometimes things were decided too hastily, but he thought not. It was encouraging to have a group of men showing their interest in municipal affairs by coming to the meeting and he appreciated their statements. Council's decision had been made, and he could not see that there was anything further to deal with.

Parton—Just after the war a deputation, of which I was a member, was promised that public positions would be advertised and veterans given preference if possible. New town men have been hired without advertising and council's consideration is asked in future.

Armstrong—No by-law or motion was passed and it must have been a promise from the mayor of that time. That of course does not alleviate the fact that we should not be unmindful of the services of our veterans. I have gone over the records of the past three or four years and of ten town employees hired, seven have been veterans and one the wife of a veteran. As for the town men, Mr. Hyde is our foreman and it is best to trust his judgment as it is difficult for council to sort out the individuals to place under his employ.

Parton—You could advertise and

then have Mr. Hyde help to sort out the applications.

Herbert—I'm a returned man myself and a Legion member and I'm in sympathy with the veterans. Council have always given them preference and Mayor Gibbons was always the first to mention this when appointments were being made. Sometimes town men are hired temporarily which is why we do not advertise. I have often wondered, outside of the town positions, if local industries shouldn't be contacted to hire unemployed Legion men. I certainly favour Mr. Gibbons as assessor and it would be rather useless to go out and get a man who couldn't fill the job as well.

Mr. Engleby said he thought the meeting was getting away from the point. No one thought ill of Mr. Gibbons, but the deputation was there to tell council that as public servants they weren't doing their job, and they wanted a clear-cut statement to report back.

Deputy-Reeve Goodlet then said that as county chairman of assessing he was one of the few who realized the importance of the job. Georgetown, he said, is at the bottom of the list and the town will suffer if the job is not finished along with the rest of the county. With Mr. Gibbons' knowledge of municipal law and real estate values he had thought it a waste of time to advertise to get the best man when council had him already. Mr. Goodlet said he had always been a backer of the veteran and that no one, other than Mayor Gibbons had fought so hard to get homes for veterans after the war.

Lyons—After 13 years of council I knew we should advertise and stated so to council, but I knew if we advertised it would have turned out the same way.

Davidson—As Mr. Armstrong said there is a no law which makes us advertise. If we had done so, knowing that Mr. Gibbons was interested, we could have done nothing else but appoint him. This has stirred up a controversy and I think it is a good thing. I have been acclaimed as councillor twice and there has not been enough interest to have anyone else seek election. Your criticism is constructive and I won't be unmindful in future about advertising. I hope a ratepayers organization will be formed out of this.

McNally—In all cases when men were hired for road work, Mr. Hyde came to me as road chairman and I in turn consulted with other council members.

Bowman—I wish to thank council for their courteous hearing. I can assure you that any member of council will have to fight for his seat at the next election and that a ratepayers organization will be formed in the near future.

Amended the Building By-Law (continued on Page 9)

Change Name From Phoenix House To Family Name

The name of Phoenix House, Main Street gift shop and jewellery store operated by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barber, was officially changed last week to Barber's and advertising in future will carry the line, Jewellery and Gifts. The name change was made to more clearly identify the type of merchandise handled in the store, especially among shoppers from out-of-town who were often mystified by the former name.

The store, which is located in the Lane Block on the premises last tenanted by the A. E. Wright meat market, was opened in 1945 by Jack Thompson, who sold out in the spring of the next year to the Barbers. To the former line of gifts and novelties, they have added an increasing line of jewellery and watches in both medium and higher priced lines, and the store is one of the most attractive in town and enjoys a large patronage from local and district shoppers. Miss Olive Moyer is employed as a sales clerk in the store.

PROVINCIAL PAPER BOWLING CLUB

The Provincial Paper Bowling Club of Georgetown has started their season with a bang. The first activity was a dinner at Hilltop Lodge, Erin, on the evening of September 24th. There were about 45 bowlers and their friends present, and the lodge supplied a very excellent meal. After dinner Joe and Bert Marchant supplied music with their electrical stringed instruments. Dancing was enjoyed by the majority as well as community singing led by Wakefield Ford and Mrs. Jack Gunning. There were some card fiends present and several tables were occupied for the better part of the evening.

Crests were presented to the winning teams for the 1948-1949 season. Gene Green accepted the crests for the Office team who won the play-offs, while Trevor Williams who won the crests for the Coaters who won the season's play. Wake Ford received the lovely silver statuette for the best high single, and Gene Green received the statuette for the high triple.

Play for the 1949-1950 season started at the Lucky Strike Club Wednesday night, October 5. The games were as follows: Office vs. Colour Room, Coaters vs. Cutlers, and Finishing Room vs. Machine Shop.

LESLIE LAD RUNS SECOND AT WOODBINE

Leslie Lad, racing horse owned by George H. Leslie, R. R. 4, Georgetown, ran second in his race at the Woodbine track in Toronto one day last week, bringing honour to his owner and a few dollars to the pockets of friends who had backed the Georgetown racer.

ARMSTRONG is Acting Mayor



Reeve Jack Armstrong will serve as Acting Mayor of Georgetown for the balance of this year. He replaces former Mayor Joseph Gibbons who has resigned in order to accept a position as town assessor. The Municipal Act states that no election is required if a council vacancy occurs after the first of October, hence no election will occur and the council will be composed of eight members until the end of the year. A native of the town, the new mayor is local representative for the Mutual Life Assurance Company, and has served for several years as an active member of the hockey club and the Lions Club.

LOCAL LADIES ATTEND HALTON DEANERY

The fall meeting of Halton Deanery Women's Auxiliary and Clergy Chapter met at St. Luke's Church, Palermo, on Tuesday, October 4th. Members of St. George's W.A. in attendance were Mrs. W. V. Grant, Mrs. D. W. Baxter and Mrs. W. G. O. Thompson.

Holy Communion was celebrated at 10:30 by Rural Dean Heathcote, assisted by Archdeacon Thompson, and the Preacher, was Rev. H. G. Watts, D.D.

Mrs. Playle, Diocesan President, presided at the W.A. Session, which was addressed in the afternoon by Bishop Bagnall and Miss Sue Kelsey, the latter a returned missionary from China.

At the meeting of the Clergy, Bishop Bagnall was welcomed to Halton Deanery. The Bishop spoke of matters relative to the Diocese.

The three year term of the Rural Dean's tenure of office having expired, Mr. Heathcote requested Archdeacon Thompson to take the chair. The Archdeacon thanked the Rural Dean for his services, and called for nominations for the office. The Rev. Heathcote was nominated for a further term unanimously and Rev. F. C. Jackson was re-elected Secretary Treasurer. The secretary was directed to submit the nomination of Rural Dean to the Bishop for appointment.

It was decided to hold a quiet day for the clergy at St. Luke's Church, Burlington, on the second Tuesday in January. The meeting of the clergy closed with the benediction.

At the W.A. session, Mrs. J. Homer Ferris of Milton, was elected Deanery Secretary, to replace Mrs. Anson Patterson of Bronte, who retired from office.

POLICE WARN OF SPEEDING ACTION

On instructions from No. 3 District Headquarters of the Provincial Police in Dundas, personnel of the Georgetown detachment have launched a strenuous campaign to eliminate excessive speeding in the town limits. There has been a noticeable increase in speeding with the repairing and resurfacing of roads and numerous complaints have been made at the police office by citizens. The cooperation of all drivers is asked in observing the speed limit and keeping themselves out of trouble.

BOB GOLDHAM PLAYS WITH ALL-STARS

To open the National Hockey season in Toronto next Monday night a special game is planned between the Leafs and an All-Star team selected from other teams in the league. Playing with the All-Stars is a former Leaf who is now a defenceman with Chicago Black Hawks, Bob Goldham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goldham of town. Bob has had tough luck for the past two seasons with a broken wrist keeping him out of action for part of the season, but he is feeling fit again and fans anticipate that he will be one of the king-pins of the Hawks this year.

FATHER DIES IN NEW YORK STATE

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Crabtree left today for Malone, New York, after receiving word of the death yesterday of Mrs. Crabtree's father. He had been seriously ill for several weeks.

STEWARTTOWN

Sunday School will be held next Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Harvest Thanksgiving service at 7:30 p.m. Rev. H. D. Snell of Toronto will be the preacher.

Mrs. Harold McClure is in Guelph General Hospital where she underwent an operation for appendicitis this week.

Social and Personal



HAZEL SOLOMON

Next Wednesday, Miss Hazel Solomon, coloured dramatic soprano of Toronto who has received acclaim in cities of Canada and the United States will present a concert in the United Church. The program will consist of old favourites and classical numbers and some of the spirituals which have been born of the pathos of the negro race. The recital is being sponsored by the Sunday School of the United Church and the proceeds are to be used to purchase materials for dividing the present Sunday School hall into long required class rooms.

BALL TEAM ARE LIONS CLUB GUESTS

Georgetown Lions Club played host at their dinner meeting in the McGibbon House last night to members of the Lions softball team which won the 'A' championship in the GRC league this year. Lion Alex MacLaren presented the trophy to team captain Don Barrager and individual crests and bars to the players. He explained that a crest would be awarded to each member of a championship team along with a bar designating the branch of sport. Anyone winning six bars would receive a silver cup from the GRC.

Members of the team are: Jim Sargent, Bill Harry, Jim Kirkwood, Ernie Alcott, Hal Gibson, Ken Nash, Joe Stamp, Ken Allen, and Lions Vic Smith, Spence McKinnon, Don Barrager, Wheldon Emmerson and Rev. J. L. Self. The umpires, Scotty Patterson and Mike Lorusso were also guests at the dinner.

Rev. J. L. Self gave a short talk in which he urged athletes to consider what they can put into sport, to help others, not what they can get out of it. He illustrated it with a few of his experiences as a student missionary in the west. A humorous part of the meeting was the presentation of a framed parking ticket by Lion Vic Smith to Bruce Mackenzie. Clarence Kennedy gave a report of a zone advisory meeting in Oakville which he had attended. It had been pointed out that last year \$116 per capita had been raised by district Lions Clubs for their work.

CHARIVARI PARTY FOR NORVAL NEWLYWEDS

Some sixty friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. Jack May (the former Jean Chester of Norval) with a charivari and presentation one evening recently. A pleasant evening was spent playing euchre after which the ladies served lunch. Mrs. Hamilton McLaughlin read an address and Hamilton McLaughlin, Bert Lyons and William Hyatt presented the young couple with a studio couch. Short speeches of welcome and good wishes were made by Gordon Whaley, Jack Fraser, Reid Hunter and Hamilton McLaughlin.

Mrs. Fred Schultz is visiting this week in New York City at the home of her aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. McCallum of Fenelon Falls were recent visitors with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McCallum.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gibbons and sons Peter and John Paul from Callander spent the week-end in town with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gibbons.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kelly and Pat flew to Winnipeg last week after spending some time in town with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Kelly.

Miss Jackie Jennings is back in town again and is convalescing from an appendix operation which she underwent in Parry Sound Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Merritt and son Paul of Toronto spent last week in town at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whitmee.

Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie, who has been confined to St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, for the past few weeks since breaking her hip in a fall, returned home yesterday from hospital.

Mrs. James Preston of Toronto and Miss Bessie Preston of Toronto were visitors one day last week with Miss Isabella Preston at her home on Market Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goldham and Miss Ruth Goldham spent a few days recently at Webster, N.Y. where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Tennant.

Visiting in town last week with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Banks at their home on Queen Street were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Koenig of Boston, Massachusetts.

Miss Mable Marven, who is visiting in Canada from London, England, came out from Toronto to spend a day last week with Mrs. Ray Whitmore. The two ladies were friends when the Whitmores lived in England.

Visitors last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Syd MacKenzie and with other friends in Georgetown and Glen Williams were Roger Guyot, Jr., Miss Doreen Cope and Mr. Crawford, all of Toronto.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. B. Morris of Toronto celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary with dinner at Reta's. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spears of Toronto and Mr. Lawrence Starr of Cobalt were included in the party.

Mrs. Frank Cameron returned to her home in Cleveland, Ohio, last week after visiting in town for a few weeks with relatives. Before she left, she and Mrs. Mary Morrow visited in Orangeville with their mother, Mrs. George Kelly and Mrs. J. B. McNicholl. Also visiting in Orangeville at the same time were Mrs. Kenneth Comrie and Mrs. Ethel Fritschler of Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reid and family and Miss Irene Chapman, who had been visiting for a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Lavole, returned last week to their home in Moncton, New Brunswick.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Malone of Penetanguishene were visiting family and friends in town last week after a holiday motor trip through northern Ontario, Quebec and parts of the United States.

At a recent party to celebrate her 7th birthday, Judy Bonathan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bonathan, Charles Street, had as her guests Barbara Finlay, Bryden Shields, Brenda Dawson, Sharon Harley, Douglas McGilvray, Carolyn Biehn, Jack Oliver, Barry Hayward, Marilyn Patton, June Lyon, Jill Kentner, Beverly and Donald Clark, Lynn and Monty Hyde, Stephen Saxe, Paulene Watson, Bobby Salter, Brenda Bell, Brian Hill and Lynda Weatherston of Toronto.

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WATER IS SCARCE

The cooperation of every householder and of every industry is vitally important in order to conserve existing supplies of town water. The new system will be in operation just as soon as possible. Until that time, the most rigid economy must be practiced by everyone, in order that industry can function, and in order to have sufficient reserves in case of fire.

Please Save Water