

THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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In the Mail Bag

Dear Editor:

We who have the opportunity on Monday, December 12, to express through our ballot our opinions freely, without fear of consequences should observe a two minute silence of thanksgiving in recognition of the courage and sacrifice of the thousands of men and women who gave their lives (not only in the war but in civic struggle) in order that we might have this privilege, among others of free men.

But these lives were not given so that you or I might lightly, thoughtlessly, or for a price, (a glass of beer, money, a favour, or to satisfy a spite or grudge) misuse this freedom and betray our votes for a mess of pottage. Every voter owes to his town or ours the obligation of studying and understanding all the issues at stake in electing a council to run the affairs of the town for another year. So vote but vote with a deep sense of responsibility.

Some of us are being appealed to on the grounds of an alleged wrong done to a former town employee, some are being asked for our vote so that an old feud may be carried on which in a civilized community like ours should have been forgotten long ago. If indeed there was ever any reason for its appearance in the first place. Let us think, act, vote clearly about the affairs of our town like intelligent adults.

The Council is elected to meet the needs of community life that cannot be met by each of us separately and as individuals — water, light, sewage, sanitation, education, health, police and fire protection, etc. How have the Councils of the last three years discharged their duty and responsibility in regard to these things? Poorly? Indifferently? Or well?

Most of the criticism of the last month or two has been centred around the water shortage crisis and how to meet it. The crisis is not peculiar to Georgetown. London, Brussels, Walkerton and many other places in Ontario are suffering in the same way. But there is a small group of "interested citizens" who have taken it upon themselves to tell the Council how this matter could have been solved by comparatively simple, inexpensive ways. These citizens are not water experts but just ordinary citizens like the councillors of the last three years only they have never sat in council and accepted and discharged the responsibility of doing something about the water crisis — so that entitles them to make all sorts of suggestions without guaranteeing any definite results so that if they were to prove useless they could say that that was not what they recommended.

All this has not deterred them from noising abroad their unfounded opinions, "telling half truths and slandering men who were doing the best they could after consulting competent authorities.

In spite of all this they have set up their suggested solutions, for which they assume no risks or responsibility as to their efficiency or applicability, in direct opposition to and in contradiction of Town Water Supply Specialists who have been called in by the Town Council to advise them as to the best way to meet the water shortage crisis.

Mr. Roberts (recommended by the best informed Department of Health Sanitary Engineer in North America) recognized as one of the best Town Water Engineers in Ontario — an engineer who has had forty years experience in advising many towns like Georgetown on just such problems was engaged. After careful and extended survey of the water reservoirs, supply sources, springs and the history of the development of the two sources of water that we have had up to now, he advised that the Silvercreek source was rapidly decreasing and with the increase in demand for water in Georgetown might at any time suddenly play out and we would find ourselves in a very critical situation. He told the Council there was no hope for us short of discovering a new and more adequate supply of water. The council fortunately lost no time in acting on his advice with respect but before the plans could be fully implemented the crisis about which he had warned us happened. Your Council then showed initiative and quickly called into consultation all the industries, Parks Board, garages and citizens at large and in two days, by the wholehearted cooperation of all, the new source of water (adequate for a town three times the size of Georgetown) was connected up in a temporary way and the crisis is passed.

If YOU had been Mayor, Reeve, Deputy Reeve or Councillor to whom would YOU listen? On whose advice would you set? That of a group of "interested (but incompetent in this regard) citizens?" OR to a fully qualified engineer who

knows the problem thoroughly from a forty years experience in solving just such problems?

If time and space permitted we could demonstrate that the Council of the last three years has handled its other responsibilities in the same sound efficient manner — first securing competent advice and then following it. The Provincial Police system will assure us of competent police protection at a minimum cost—a young ambitious local RCAF ex-serviceman has been engaged as town foreman and has promise of becoming a highly competent foreman — the sewage has been installed and extended — roads have been restored to good condition — artificial ice is ours and through the businesslike handling by the Board of Parks management is paying for itself — seventy-two houses have been built and occupied by veterans.

Is there any voter who will say that any of these "Debuture debt" features should NOT have been adopted?

THINK — get the facts not the "ifs" and "buts" and let us elect a Council which will be sound, competent, economical, and not one which will just "sit."

Yours sincerely,
A. MacLaren

Dear Mr. Editor:

May I beg, borrow or steal a little of your valuable space to answer Mr. MacLaren's letter which appeared in your issue of November 30th. (Quote marks indicate excerpts from his letter).

1. "Something was said at the Nomination Meeting by a candidate for municipal office about the merits of a low mill rate, paying for work done out of current tax rate, and the avoidance of debenture debt."

Are we to assume that Mr. MacLaren does not consider these three principles of civic administration "The essence of sound civic business sense?" to use his own words.

2. "Is a low mill rate necessarily a good thing?"

Yes — definitely.

3. "Perhaps it may be low because for years councils did not take care of the necessary repairs and maintenance of vital services."

I am glad he said "Perhaps". The fact is, necessary repairs and maintenance of vital services were taken care of far better prior to 1947 than they have ever been taken care of since.

4. "Why then should we not spread the payment for these services, (sewage service, water service, housing, artificial ice and good permanent roads) over as long a period as is wise and see that the people that use these services, ten, fifteen, or twenty years from now help to pay for them?"

One good reason is the interest on the debentures. In twenty years on sewer debentures alone we will have paid over \$225,000 in interest. Does this seem fantastic? It's true.

A sinking fund should be set up for these large expenditures and the work should not be started until the fund amounts to at least half of the estimated cost of the project. This fund could be invested with perfect security in government bonds and would bring the town 3% interest.

Another good reason is that unless this sick old world makes the snappiest recovery in recorded history, the young people of today will have their own troubles 10, 15 or 20 years from now, without having a millstone of debt around their necks.

I may be old-fashioned, but I confess that I like to have the money before I spend it, and only in a great emergency and as a last resort would I borrow money on my account or on the ratepayers' account. Interest is killing — it takes no holidays and like Tennyson's Brook, it goes on forever.

However, that is all water under the bridge now. I still maintain the council should have consulted the ratepayers before making the huge expenditures they made. Had they done so, the ratepayers would have bowed to the will of the majority, I would

have no complaints and I would not now be running for council.

For this space, Mr. Editor, much thanks.

S. W. ORR

December 6th, 1949

Dear Mr. Editor:

At nomination meeting it was pointed out that ratepayers are inclined to criticize the council among themselves, but lack the courage to make known their complaints to the council as a body.

Here is a chance to be entirely frank: Just how many ratepayers in Georgetown approve of the members of council being paid for the meetings they attend?

This idea which the ratepayers never had a chance to approve or disapprove has been decided by our own town councillors, like it or not.

If our council is genuinely high-minded and wishes to serve their fellowmen, then why make a mockery of it? Just why should they not give voluntary service, just as school trustees and members of other public services do? Yes we know there are definite personal expenses connected with the duties of Mayor and Council. So there are with Lodges, Service Clubs, Churches, Fair Boards, Veterans, Red Cross, Women's Institutes, etc., etc.

There is something genuinely fine in voluntary service, but who can get sentimental about electing a body of men who set their own price for service after they get elected?

Very truly yours,
W. F. Bradley

Restaurant Proprietor Weds Acton Man

At a quiet ceremony performed in the vestry of Knox Presbyterian Church on Friday evening, November 25th, Rev. Alex J. Calder officiated in marriage Myrtle Hodgson of Georgetown and Ellis Rognvaldson of Acton. The couple were attended by Miss Verna Rognvaldson, niece of the groom and David Dills of Acton. The bride is proprietor of Duffy's Restaurant in town.

Shows for Recent Bride

Prior to her marriage Saturday, Mrs. Douglas Hodgins (formerly Eleanor Graham) was feted at several showers in Toronto. Mrs. Hodgins held a miscellaneous shower; Mrs. Joseph Findlay, the bride's aunt, also held a miscellaneous shower; Mrs. James Gault and Mrs. Scott, a kitchen and a bathroom shower. The office staff of Howlett and Smith, a photo engraving firm, also honoured Eleanor with a luncheon and presentation.

STEWARTTOWN

The Junior W.A. held their annual meeting last week at Mrs. Bally's home. Reports showed that during the year there were 13 members, 36 meetings. Average attendance 9. Two members perfect attendance. We learned 10 hymns during the year, 2 verses of Scripture for roll call. The parcel sent out for a mission contained 3 large cot quilts, 3 babies' layettes, 14 scrap books, Sunday School lesson books, writing books, pencils, rulers, erasers and pencil sharpener. A parcel was sent for European children containing: 1 baby's layette, 1 large cot quilt, towel, wash cloth, soap, powder and safety pins. To the Dominion Pledge \$1.00; to the Sunday School by Post, \$1.50

Officers for 1950 are: Secretaries — Ruby Tennant, Betty Humphreys; Treasurers — Gail Smith, Ann Humphreys; Dorcas Secretary — Verna Pickett, Roma Farragher; Pages — Service Books, June Farragher; Study Books, Susan Cannon; Tidy Pages, Jo Ann Hodge, Jean Corley.

The December meeting of Esqueving Women's Institute will be held in the school. Mrs. Robert Harris, convener for social service is responsible for the program and asks that the roll call be answered by the gift of a toy used or new to be later given as Christmas Gifts for some children who would otherwise be a little short on toys at Christmas. Miss E. Duffy, from the Children's Aid, Milton, will be guest speaker.

The W.A. held a candy and home baking sale at their meeting last Thursday at Mrs. C. Smith's home.

THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor:

November this year was close to the normal average for the month, as the maximum of 41.66 was only 1 degree below normal and the minimum of 25.30 was only 2 degrees below normal even with the morning when it registered thirteen below zero.

We are almost a week into December and winter is still with us. Quite different than the start of December last year, as the thermometer was up to 56 during the first week.

Date	Max.	Min.	Snow
Nov. 28	36	17	
Nov. 29	37	24	
Nov. 30	38	32	
Dec. 1	35	20	
Dec. 2	33	19	
Dec. 3	37	1	
Dec. 4	38	22	

Average 36.28 20.57 Nil

Hodgins - Graham Wedding in Toronto Church

Eleanor Jean, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Graham, R. R. 3, Georgetown, and Douglas Edgar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hodgins, Toronto, were united in marriage on Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 3:30 o'clock, at Dovercourt Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. Ross K. Cameron.

The bride wore a street length gown of grey Chantilly lace over ice-blue satin, and a small hat, with matching ostrich plume. Her corsage was of roses. The bride's sister, Mrs. W. H. Sproule, was matron-of-honour, choosing a dress of navy-blue tissue faille, and a small pink feathered hat. Groomsman was the brother of the groom, Mr. Gordon Hodgins, Toronto.

A reception for the immediate family followed, at Mrs. Sproule's apartment, 401 Indian Grove. For a wedding trip to the States, the bride changed to a hunter's green dress, with black coat and accessories. Upon their return, Mr. and Mrs. Hodgins will live in Dundas, where the groom is a member of the Provincial Police Force. He was stationed in Georgetown for a few months, prior to going to Dundas.

EARLY COPY, PLEASE

Advertisers and correspondents are asked to submit copy for next issue just as early as possible.

Many Deer Bagged By District Hunters

Venison steaks and roasts make for good eating, and judging from the luck the hunters in town and district had during the recent deer hunt a great many families will be enjoying the delicacy. It would be practically impossible to obtain information about all the hunting parties, but we have managed to hear about a few.

Clare Wilson got a 240-pound 6 point buck deer and Steve Norrie, bagged another one in Esqueving Township, with a party composed of W. G. McDowell, Wm. Shelbourne, Limehouse, Steve Norrie, Vic Swindlehurst and Clare Wilson. Mr. Wilson also shot two foxes.

Also during the three-day Township shoot, Art Speight and a party of about fourteen men from Hornby got eleven deer, in the Spey-side vicinity. Their hunting party was led by Bill and Alvin Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Muckart and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin enjoyed two or three days at the Muckart cottage on Ox Lake, Muskoka, when the men got a deer. A snowfall of over twenty inches forced them to leave sooner than they had intended.

Jack Crichton was Captain of the Hunt for the Pine Lake Hunt Club of Brudenbridge. The party of twelve included Russ Salmon who played hockey for Georgetown some years ago. The hunt netted two bears, seven deer and numerous partridges and ducks.

Another party of district men included Messrs. Newton, Fred, Jack and Frank Ruddle, Colin Cousens, George Henderson, George Burt, Jack Lawson, George Stringer, Doug Ismond, and they got three buck deer and two foxes. They saw ample proof of how plentiful the deer are in Esqueving, sighting fifteen the first day out and twenty-seven the next.

A number of hunters from Acton, got six deer. The Norton brothers, Norman, Bob, Joe and Les, of Glen Williams hunted in Esqueving, with Norman and Joe bagging one deer. Another brother, Art, hunted up north with a party from Woodbridge, and got one also.

Bob Lane and "Chic" Askin went to Manitoulin Island, and were lucky enough to get one each.

Also getting their full quota on Manitoulin was a ten-man party, Art Scott, Nels and Dunc Robinson, Ted Bludd, Harry Goldham, Vern Archer, Edward Carney, John Hanna, George Woods and Ed McLean.

Along the Boards with Steamboat

Dear Readers:

I always told myself when the time came for my column to fade from the pages of the Herald I would reveal some of the secrets that popped up in the column under the heading "Everything in General. People are still asking 'Who is Speedy?'... 'Who woots you the letters?'... 'Who woots the players seen at...' Now the time has come, and they must all go unanswered.

I want to thank the hockey club executive, the Board of Parks and the numerous friends who helped me with the job. Going back over some hockey nights we can recall a lot of people who helped create humorous situations and accepted it all in fun when it appeared in the column. It never was our intention to discredit teams or individuals and if anyone was ever offended by our remarks we are genuinely sorry.

Wanted! A sports reporter. Experience not necessary but helpful. If not experienced two home games and one away will give you all the experience necessary. If accepted you must be prepared to accept praise, criticism and insults, without throwing punches or back-slapping. You must be able to read, write and spell. The last joker on this job had to dictate everything into a dictograph and he suffered from laryngitis. As a result the play back on the dictograph was four rolls of wheeze, groan, squeak, blah and no sports. You must be willing to go to the ends of the earth for hockey news. (Our last reporter says you don't have to go that far if you keep in with the right gang). You must be able to smell a story a mile away. (That certain reporter smelled a mile away on a calm day.) The editor reserves the right to print only what he sees fit. He doesn't want another mess of law suits, libel suits and slander.

Suppose you've heard the sequel to "Don't cry Joe, let her go..." "Look out Jack, she might be back..."

Raiders failed to hold a two goal lead against Oakville the other night and were forced to settle for one point only. So far this year the cry has been "What's wrong with the Raiders?" Is it the club, the executive, coaching or what? At present coach Kenny Brathwaite is experimenting with what material is on hand. Kentner and Marzo from Acton have been dropped. Durant, with Acton last year, is now in a Raider uniform. Spike Scott is again in the line-up. Johnny Haines has been resting for a couple of games. Bruno Scilizzi is retiring from Intermediate play and will line up with Businessmen in the mercantile league. Del Beaumont was sidelined for a few games but is back in uniform.

If one or two good sound players should arrive within the next week or so it might be just what the doctor ordered. It is usually play-off time before things really start perking and we're still calling the Raiders to wipe out the deficit yet. If a good crowd shows up at a game it might do more than anything else to give Raiders the zip they seem to lack.

At Esqueving Council ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 25th

The tender of the Canadian Bank of Commerce was accepted for purchase of \$97,000 in debentures for Glen Williams School. Interest is 3 1/2 per cent and the purchase price was 100.872.

A \$20,000 temporary loan was made from the bank on the security of the debentures to be issued.

Fox claims of \$5 each, totalling \$115, were paid for foxes shot. These were to Wm. Sheppard, Acton, 6; John Chisholm, Acton, 4; Mike Bennett and Frank Jones, Acton and Bob McMenemy, Georgetown, two each; James Roe, W. G. McDowell, James Stark, Cofin Cousens, Clare Wilson, George Henderson, all of Georgetown, Roy Hills, Glen Williams, one each.

Sheep claims paid totalled \$150. Emmett McGibbon, lamb killed, \$40; N. A. Robinson, lamb killed, \$23; James Russell, sheep killed, \$20; Donald Lindsay, lamb and sheep killed, \$47; valutors, Mel-drum Stark, F. W. Shortill, Spencer Wilson, A. N. Stark (2 trips) at \$4 each.

Week-end guests with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lambert were Mr. Phillip Robertson-Fortay of Oxford and McGill and Mr. Barry Mason of Dorset, England.

NORVAL

AC 2 Aubrey Hudson spent part of his week-end leave in Norval. At present at Manning Depot, Aylmer, he expects to receive his posting in the near future.

Mr. Leslie H. Boyd of Montreal visited with Mr. and Mrs. Paterson recently. Mr. Boyd was the first chairman of the Grain Commission of Canada and for two years was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Masonic Order, in Quebec.

The Fall meeting of the Norval Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society was held on Tuesday, November 29th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wilson. The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Alex Cowan. M. Maxwell read the minutes of the previous meeting, and the Treasurer, Mr. Sam McClure, gave the financial report. The total collections during the year amounted to \$138.35, which was a splendid increase over previous years. It was decided to hold the Annual meeting in the early part of March in St. Paul's Church and have the collection in by April 1st if possible. Rev. J. Maxwell closed the meeting with prayer and the benediction, following which Mrs. Wilson served refreshments.

Water Shortage Over

THE NEW WELL IS NOW OPERATING.
THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

GEORGETOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

BAPTIST HIGHLIGHTS

On Sunday morning, Rev. C. R. Gower read from the second chapter of Acts, one of the most important chapters of the most important chapter of the Bible which is filled with scenes significant for their meaning and teachings. It records the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, as the Lord had promised his disciples. The people of Israel were deeply conscious of their sin and three thousand souls were saved with Peter's gracious assurance "Repent and be baptized." These early Christians maintained unity among themselves and were united in Christ's spirit. It is still our only hope today — for the individual, the country and the world. We can save ourselves only by accepting the salvation which God has provided.

In the evening the pastor continued with lessons from the Book of Jonah. Jonah disobeyed God's commandment to go to Nineveh and preach, and God caused a whale to swallow him. He repented and was saved. Some people pay a great price to escape the voice of Jesus. It is better to die doing God's command than to try to escape. There is no place in the universe where God is not.

NORVAL

Friends and neighbours of Mr. and Mrs. John Rawlins and Miss Ivy Rawlins gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Barnett to wish them a pleasant voyage and fair sailing on their trip to the Old Country. They leave this Friday Tuesday, December 6th and will sail on the Queen Mary.