

# THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

Georgetown, Ontario, Wednesday, July 26th, 1950

## What Council Did

ON THURSDAY, JULY 20th

Advised for tenders for installation of a sidewalk on Guelph Street from Kay's Grocery to Normandy Boulevard. Tenders to be in by August 14th.

(Moved by MacDonald and Marshall)

Proclaimed civic holiday on Monday, August 7th.

Turned over to the road committee a request by Al Norton for lowering the sidewalk across Cross Street to assist traffic coming onto Main Street.

(Cross Street is the street which runs from the fire hall to Main.)

Gave permission to the Dept. of National Defence to have a sewerage extension made to the Armouries.

Received word from Ontario Provincial Police headquarters that they were terminating the contract for policing in Georgetown at the end of the year following unjustifiable criticism of policing here. Council decided to write and ask if the contract could be terminated earlier than this.

Mayor Cleave said that Inspector Knight had visited him last week in response to a request made at the last council meeting and they had a long talk. The inspector had said that enforcement of town by-laws was definitely council's baby and that the provincial officers did not have to look after them. He had recommended that with the dissatisfaction police were giving here that the town should hire its own force and two men would be sufficient. One good man plus a slight man could do the job and full cooperation would be obtained from the county force. Mayor Cleave said he thought this would be the cheapest and best system and would ensure the enforcement of town by-laws.

Marshall — In view of this letter what I have in mind doesn't make any difference. I have fairly reliable information in the past week that if we went to Commissioner Stringer and stated the facts we would get a different reply. We would be told that the provincials would enforce town by-laws and would do within reason what council wants.

MacDonald — The Acton reeve said they are enforcing the by-laws there.

Tuck — I heard that too. That they look after by-laws within reason.

Marshall — The police should know more about law enforcement than the council and it is their duty to enforce it. If council wants something not within the law the police should be able to advise them.

Cleave — He made it quite clear to me that he didn't want to enforce by-laws.

Petch — They didn't want to enforce speeding.

Tuck — I didn't read it that way.

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## Eighth Straight Win for Norval Lacrosse Leaders

Norval Central Peels chalked up their eighth straight win last Thursday at Hespeler when they won an easy 12-3 victory over that team. Hespeler started out strong and at one time had a 3-2 lead but the sterling work of goalie Bob Bignell stopped them in their tracks.

Clure Cheyne was a 3-goal man for Norval. Lyons and Laidlaw each contributed two and singles were scored by Townsend, Haines, Moddison, Parkinson and Louth. Dundas beat Milton and Oshawa beat Brantford in other games played during the week. Monday's home game with Milton was rained out.

## G.R.C. NEWS

### G.R.C. Minor Leagues Playoffs On In

Georgetown and Norval Pee Wees will play an exhibition lacrosse match at Norval next Monday before the Norval-Oshawa intermediate game.

OLA lacrosse teams for bantams and midgets will be chosen next Wednesday night, August 2nd when boys who want to try out will meet at the Lions Bowl at 7:30 p.m.

Playoffs in the PeeWee hardball league start this Saturday morning when teams captained by Boyle and King meet for a game at the Park.

Due to postponed games, the OBA midget and bantam teams are not in action this week.

## THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor: This week's summary is very close to the corresponding week of last year. Both having started and finished with rain, last year being only 1 1/2 degrees higher temperature.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
July 17	78	65	.32
July 18	78	60	
July 19	75	55	.24
July 20	72	53	
July 21	78	50	
July 22	82	52	
July 23	80	54	.21
Average	77.57	55.85	.90

## Kenneth Harrison New Musical Director for St. Andrew's, Guelph

Kenneth R. Harrison, local musician, has been hired as organist and choir master at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Guelph. He will play his first service this Sunday and the morning church service will be broadcast over radio station CJOY, at 1450 on the dial.

Mr. Harrison, who was formerly organist and choir master at Knox Church here, will conduct a 30-voice choir in this large city church which has a two manual organ. He will be in charge of both junior and senior choir work. It is a coincidence that his teacher, Mr. David Ouchterlony held the position before moving to Toronto several years ago.

Mr. Harrison is completing a four week teachers' training course, this week at the Royal Conservatory of Toronto. He intends to continue his teaching of voice and piano in Georgetown and district, where he has a great number of students.

## Downsview Wedding for Elmer 'Sonny' Stockford

On Saturday, July 22 at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watts at Downsview, the wedding took place of Elmer Stockford and Miss Viola DeFields. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stockford of Georgetown.

Following the ceremony which was performed by the Reverend Kent of Thornhill, a reception was held and the couple left for a northern honeymoon trip. They will live in Toronto.

## LOST CORNET HAS NOT TURNED UP

A cornet and case, the property of Jim Golden still has not turned up since it was lost a week ago Friday night. The instrument was lost after the band had played at the garden party in Glen Williams and was misplaced somewhere between the Glen and Georgetown. There is a reward offered for its return. It is particularly unfortunate that it is missing at the present time for the band is practicing for competition at the CNE. Anyone knowing anything about it is urged to get in touch with Jim.

## Tim Mayberry Gets Important New Position with Firestone

A former Georgetown banker, T. M. (Tim) Mayberry has been appointed executive vice-president of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company of Canada, Ltd. Mr. Mayberry was a member of the Bank of Montreal staff here several years ago and later worked in Detroit with the Wayne County & Home Savings organization and worked in Indianapolis, Toledo, Detroit, and Akron before returning to Hamilton where he has been a director and treasurer since 1934 and a vice-president since 1945.

With his wife and family of two boys and two girls, he makes his home in Aldershot. He shares an interest in horses with his old friend Ken McMillan and brought his horse to a horse show in town which the Lions Club sponsored a few years ago.

Mr. Mayberry is a director of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce and of the Advertising and Sales Club. He belongs to Acacia Lodge is a member of the Scottish Rite and Burlington Golf Club and attends Trinity United Church, Burlington.

—THIS IS A TEN-PAGE PAPER

## MACKENZIE KING DIES



Prime Minister of Canada for almost 22 years until his retirement last year, William Lyon Mackenzie King died in Ottawa Saturday night. Leader of the Liberal party after Sir Wilfred Laurier and prime minister through the last war, he resigned this office in favour of Louis St. Laurent who went on to win an election to become Canada's chief of state. Mr. King established a record for length of office which may never again be equalled.

## LAUGHLIN REUNION HELD AT CLUREVALE

Over forty members of the Laughlin Clan gathered at Clurevale Farm, Georgetown, the home of Mrs. W. A. McClure for the fifth annual family reunion. Officers elected for 1951 were — president Elgin Laughlin, Caledon; vice president, Watson Wiggins, Caledon; secretary, Mrs. Harry Laughlin, Brampton; treasurer Mary McClure, Georgetown; place committee, Louise Wiggins, Harry Laughlin, Roy Laughlin, Egerton Wilkinson; lunch committee, Mr. and Mrs. Watson Wiggins, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hunter; sports committee, Mary McClure, Doreen Laughlin.

After a picnic supper president Eccles McClure extended greetings and conducted a brief business meeting. Letters of regret were read from several members of the family who could not attend. A prize to the oldest member present went to Mrs. Aggie Laughlin, Orangeville, and to little Lois Kirkwood, the youngest child.

Mary McClure and Doreen Laughlin were in charge of the sports program, the winners being: 6 and under, Margaret Wilkinson, Marilyn Kirkwood; 12 and under, Ruth Wilkinson; ladies, Edythe Wilkinson; men, Wesley Laughlin; throwing paper plate, Jean Harris; kicking shoe, Islay McClure; nail driving, W. H. Hunter; guessing jelly beans, Cay Laughlin; ladies calling their husbands, Mrs. Egerton Wilkinson; minute race, Louise Wiggins.

## Stay-at-Home Camp Closes This Friday

The two week Stay-at-Home camp ends this Friday with a big evening in St. John's Church auditorium when parents are invited to attend. Emergency awards will be presented as well as GRC crests for winning teams in football, hardball and lacrosse. Craft work made during the camp will be on display and there will be a short movie and refreshments for everyone.

The camp, jointly sponsored by the Lions Club, Ministerial Association and Recreation Commission has been a wonderful success this year, with attendance each day well over three hundred. A highlight of last week's program was the Lions campfire Friday at the DeVries when the club treated everyone to ice cream and chocolate milk and there were games and a sing-song. The trip to the lacrosse game at Norval on Monday was rained out, but all the Stay-at-Homeers have been invited to next Monday's game instead.

Yesterday the group went to Erin for an hour of swimming and sports. Today's feature is a 10c show at the Roxy with 10 comic films.

## Renee Diggins Weds In Cooksville Church

A former Georgetown girl, Renee Diggins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Diggins of Cooksville, was married last Saturday to Robert Pickett of Cooksville. The wedding took place in First United Church Port Credit and guests attended a reception afterwards at Crofton Villa.

Her brother Bill and Miss Shirley Muckart of town were guests at the wedding.

## WILLIAM HORNBY DIES SUDDENLY IN HAMILTON

A former Georgetown resident, William Arthur Hornby died suddenly in Hamilton on Friday. Born in Norval, he was the son of Isaac Hornby of town and the late Minnie Hills. He was in his 47th year. He moved to Hamilton fifteen years ago, where he was employed with the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. During the war, he served with the Princess Patricia Regiment.

He is survived by his father and step-mother, four sisters and two brothers, Mrs. H. J. Lucas (Viola) of London, Elmer of Milton, Earl Mrs. Keith Spence (Eleanor), Mrs. Joe McMenemy, Jr. (Margaret) and Doreen of Georgetown.

The funeral service at the Thorpe Funeral Home, Hamilton, on Monday, was followed with interment in Woodland Cemetery, Hamilton. Pallbearers were fellow-members of the Firestone Service Club.

## Smith & Stone Manager Takes University Course

John Bell, plant manager of Smith & Stone, Ltd., leaves this week end for London where he will take a five week management training course at the School of Business of the University of Western Ontario. Lectures will be given by professors at the university and by visiting professors from Harvard. The course at U.W.O. has been modelled along the lines of the famous American business school and there is a close association of ideas between the two universities.

During his stay in London Mr. Bell will be in residence at Huron College, an Anglican Theological college located in the central part of the city.

## ATTEND FUNERAL OF NEPHEW AT LONDESBORO

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Miller and Mrs. Thomas Leslie attended the funeral of their nephew, Eric Keith Miller at Londesboro, last Friday. The two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller died on July 18th at the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, after a long illness. His parents are former residents of the Limousin district. He was a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Miller and great-grandson of Mrs. W. J. Roe.

## NEPHEW LEAVES FOR EAST WITH THUNDERBIRDS

Flying officer A. J. Gauthier of Dorval, a nephew of Mrs. John S. Hughes of town is a member of the Thunderbird Squadron, RCAF, which has been ordered to leave for duty in the east in the Korean war. The squadron flew over town at 9:30 last night, enroute to Winnipeg, where they were scheduled to refuel and fly on to the west coast of the U.S.A.

## Too Much Criticism Says OPP Terminate Contract This Year

Get Own Police is Commissioner's Advice — Council Asks Contract End Earlier — Sheffield to Brantford, McBain is New Officer in Charge.

## Complete Text of Letter To Council from OPP Commissioner Stringer

Toronto, Ontario July 19th

Mr. C. A. Willison, Clerk - Treasurer, Georgetown, Ontario, Dear Sir:

Following receipt of reports dealing with the attitude of your Municipal Council in connection with the policing of the town of Georgetown under contract by the Ontario Provincial Police, I wish to inform you that after very careful consideration it is felt that it might be advisable if your Council considered the employment of their own police force to attend to law enforcement in Georgetown.

On several occasions, instances have come to the attention of this office whereby unjustifiable criticism has been directed toward Ontario Provincial Police personnel performing municipal duty in your town, and as a result therefore you are requested to accept this as Notice of Termination of Policing Contract dated the first day of January, 1950. Three months notice is provided in accordance with the terms of the contract and the termination of this agreement will be effective 31st December, 1950.

You are requested to kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter. Yours faithfully, William H. Stringer, Commissioner of Police for Ontario.

## Ken Norton is Top Recruit at Petawawa

Pte. Ken Norton was top soldier among the recruits attending Petawawa Camp for a week's military training last week. He was awarded the cup for the best recruit among the 240 young men attending the course.

CSM Thomas Barnes was in charge of six district men who took their training at Petawawa. They included Cpls. John Michie and Seymour English and Ptes. Ken Norton, John Gordon, John DeBeaulieu and Mervyn Taylor.

## Statement by Hughes Cleaver, Halton M.P. On Mackerzie King Death



Some men attract you by their comradeship and personal friendship. Some statesmen by their flare for publicity achieve even more public acclaim than they rightly deserve. In the death of Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King, Canada has lost a statesman, who in my opinion did not get full credit during his lifetime for his devotion to duty and for his unparalleled contribution to our national life. I am equally sure that history will give him full credit.

This man was content to sacrifice most of the usual amenities of life and devoted his entire life to public service. Some men have a depth and strength of character which you recognize but find it difficult to define. The impact on his life of the persecutions suffered by his grandfather was often apparent to those who knew him intimately and in my opinion was one of the dominant sources of his strength of character and his ever-apparent determination to keep Canada a united nation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Boyd and family and Mrs. D. Boyd are holidaying in Dunnville this week with Mr. and Mrs. Walter McGillivray.

The Ontario Provincial Police have notified the municipality that they will terminate their contract to police the town at the end of this year. A letter from Commissioner William H. Stringer was read to council at a special meeting last Thursday conveying this information.

Commissioner Stringer said in his letter that unjustifiable criticism has been directed toward personnel and that the department felt it advisable that Georgetown employ their own police force.

Mayor Harold Cleave has been an outspoken critic of the provincials and at a recent council meeting referred to two incidents which he termed "petty pinching" where he thought it had been unnecessary to lay charges. He had had several complaints from the public, he said, about charges laid. Council at that time decided to write to Inspector Knight concerning the enforcement of town by-laws. Recently a meeting was held between the mayor, who is police chairman, Inspector Knight and Corporal Jack Sheffield, head of the local detachment, when the matter was discussed at some length. The letter read at council meeting was the first public intimation that definite action was being taken.

Council as a body, while not committing themselves by resolution to accept the decision from headquarters, intimated that this was their feeling by instructing the clerk to write that office to ask if the contract could be terminated at an earlier date. No reply has as yet been received.

## Provincials Here Since 1947

Georgetown has had Provincial Police since the fall of 1947 when council engaged them following the resignation of W. G. Marshall as town council. Mr. Marshall was elected reeve of the town at last December's elections. Corporal Reg Reynolds, who is now in Oakville, was the first head of the detachment. Council pays a portion of the salaries of the policemen, plus a mileage allowance and also supplies office accommodation, and furnishings. In return the town receives the services of three men and the department supplies the car and their uniforms, weapons, and equipment.

## Sheffield to Brantford

Coincident with the news that the provincials would be leaving Georgetown was that Corporal Jack Sheffield, who had headed the detachment since Cpl. Reynolds left, had asked for and been granted a transfer to Brantford. Constable George Fyfe also had a transfer pending which is expected to take place in the new few weeks. Corporal Sheffield, a ten-year veteran on the OPP has been here for three years and received his stripes this spring. He came here from Dundas where he was on highway patrol and criminal work. His first two years as a policeman were spent on motorcycle patrol in the Niagara Falls district.

## New Man Arrives

On Monday Corporal Joseph McBain arrived from Perth to head the local detachment which is composed of Constables Vic Smith and George Fyfe. Mr. McBain, a Toronto native, has been with the OPP eleven years, serving at Alexandria, Ottawa, Gananoque and Perth. His wife is also a native of Toronto and they have two children, Barbara, 5, and Lawrence, 3.

## Lost Boy Causes Week-End Excitement in Town

The disappearance of a young Georgetown boy caused some concern on Saturday night. The boy failed to return home from delivering his papers and police were notified. Mayor Cleave, who is police chairman on council, enlisted the aid of members of the fire brigade and an extensive search was carried out. The lad was found on Main Street early Sunday morning and told police a story of being picked up by an unknown man.

Police made a thorough investigation and are of the opinion that there was no truth in the story and that difficulties in collecting subscription money caused the boy to stay away from home and concoct a story.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gunning are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Harold McClure at their cottage near Port Sydney on Mary Lake.

Mrs. John S. Hughes has returned from a visit with relatives in Smiths Falls and Ottawa.