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RAPID GROWTH, INFLATION CAUSE \$7000 TOWN DEFICIT

SMITH & STONE EXPANDING, NEW INDUSTRY THIS YEAR. PROSPECTS BRIGHT: CLEAVE

"We didn't allow enough for expansion. Georgetown had the greatest growth in history last year," said Mayor Harold Cleave at Monday's nomination meeting in the public library.

Major Cleave was explaining to the eighty-odd ratepayers present, the reason for an estimated \$6889 deficit on the year's operations which is forecast by an interim statement of finances as of November 15th.

The Mayor said it had been hard to keep up with work on roads, water and sewers because of the opening of new subdivisions in a growing town. He made no secret of the deficit, but pointed out that last year Georgetown had been in debt \$540,000 at this time, while present debenture debt was \$302,000.

"That's a \$30,000 gain, and taking off the deficit, we are still \$30,000 to the good" said the mayor. "That's a step in the right direction. We have been going the other way for several years."

A contributing factor in the deficit, he continued, was that council at the start of the year thought prices had reached a peak and budgeted on this basis. Instead of this, prices had risen, factories had increased their wages and the town had to do likewise for its employees.

Freddie's Bigger Town
Predicting a town of five thousand in a short time, Mayor Cleave said the census just completed showed over 3400 resident here. Buses are bringing commuters to town every day, and many of these are anxious to become residents when they can secure housing.

One new factory had come to town this year to occupy the lower paper mill, three years idle, and it expects to employ twice as many workmen before another year goes by.

Smith & Stone is at present increasing its floor space by 15,000 square feet with a new addition. The plant employs three times as many as when the new management took over five years ago.

"Prospects for next year are really bright" said the mayor, as he concluded his speech. "People are more and more building and owning their homes, and I like to see it."

Town Dump Headaches
One headache which still faces the council is the question of the town dump. He confessed he did not know what was to be done, but that some action would be necessary in the new year. An incinerator has been suggested, but competent opinion is that the town is not big enough for this.

He complimented council as a good one to work with. He had given each councillor a responsible job as a committee head and all had done an excellent job. He appreciated the people asking him to stay in office for another year.

Surface 9th Line
Promise of a hard surface road on the 9th Line, from Hunter's Inn to No. 7 Highway, was made in a speech by Reeve W. G. Marshall who said he had been assured that this was on the county list for road work next year.

This year a surface has been put on the road from Ballinacree to the highway, which cleared up a situation which had long been aggravating.

Opposes New "Home"
Mr. Marshall expressed his personal opposition to the building of a new House of Refuge in Milton. It will cost \$20,000 plus at least another \$20,000 for furnishings and other things not included in the accepted tender. Even though the government pays half, it will mean an increase of 1 1/4 mills on the Georgetown tax rate, and he does not believe the expenditure is necessary at this time. However, nothing can be done about it, as county council voted it in 9 to 7, Georgetown, Acton and Milton voting against it.

Better Fire Protection
The reeve briefly reviewed his work as waterworks chairman. During the year major improvements included a six inch main up Durham Street to the King Street plant of Smith & Stone to provide them with better fire protection. Water mains had been laid to the Orr survey, also a new main to the disposal plant to boost water pressure. Six new fire hydrants had been put in town at a cost of \$225 each.

Over Budget on Roads
"I asked for more money for streets, but council wanted to keep the tax rate down," said Deputy Reeve K. R. MacDonald, whose department overspent by \$6000 this year.

The street department had some unexpected blows this year. The grader was damaged by fire, and shortly after it was back in service, a mechanical breakdown again rendered it unusable.

then had damaged Queen Street, and this had caused some unbudgeted expense, as had fixing caved-in cause by sewer laterals. County council has since passed a new by-law limiting trucks to half-loads when weather conditions are bad, and there shouldn't be trouble in future.

Newsmandy Sidewalk
Mr. MacDonald recounted troubles encountered in building a sidewalk promised for two or three years along the highway to Newsmandy Boulevard. There had been difficulty in obtaining cement but just recently it had been obtained and part of the sidewalk is laid. It will be completed as soon as weather permits.

Snow removal, especially on Main Street, is a heavy item in the road budget, said the deputy-reeve, but the present system is a good one and he thinks people appreciate the service rendered.

Two situations which will be corrected next year, he said, are poor drainage in the Ostrander Blvd. and Victoria St. districts.

Taxes Going Up: McGillivray
"I'm sorry that as finance chairman I cannot present a balanced budget," said Cr. Garfield McGillivray. "Had I been able to convince council that 70 mills was a better estimate than 68, the picture would be brighter."

He pointed out that the lower debenture debt would be short-lived, for sewer and water extensions and the new public school would be boosting it again next year.

Next year we can expect a higher tax rate, he predicted, for costs are increasing in every line.

The budget had been exceeded due to a heavy increase in road expense, disposal plant maintenance, police and salaries.

Disposal Plant Damage
Cr. Hale explained his work as public works chairman, and told of difficulties at the disposal plant caused by soil washing down and damaging the system. The firemen had been asked on several occasions to wash out the bed, and finally it had been necessary to spend money to fix it permanently.

He was disappointed that sewers had not been put on Arletta Street and the Orr subdivision, but these had been delayed by the Municipal Board.

He said good progress is being made towards a solution in cleaning up the condition caused by dumping of Alliance Paper Mills waste.

New Industry?
"Two gentlemen from Toronto are interested in locating a new plant here. I had hoped to have definite word tonight of their decision," said Cr. Frank Petch, who is chairman of the industrial committee. He said another firm had said that before locating anywhere else, they would investigate every possibility here. He was glad to report the coming of one new industry. Commercial Displays Ltd.

Suggests Town Planning
Mr. Petch thinks that before any more subdivisions are opened, serious consideration should be given to better town planning. He didn't intend this as criticism of any past council, but he pointed to poor drainage on Victoria Crescent and Ostrander as conditions which might be avoided in future.

Mr. Petch said he favoured the establishment of a basic wage rate for town employees based on the cost of living index, with revision made up or down as the index changes. The present system, he said, puts both employees and council in an embarrassing position and this could be overcome by such an agreement.

Strict Economy: Will
Cr. Norman Hill reported as chairman of fire and veterans' affairs and said that he was seeking office for next year on a program of strict economy in all public business.

Growing Pains
"The town has growing pains and it means spending money on hydro, water, sewerage and other things to keep up with the growth," said Cr. Thomas L. Lyons. This year

but it means high taxes in the initial stages.

The road program needs some drastic redrafting, in his opinion. We spend too much money on gravel and would be dollars ahead if most of this money was spent on hard surfacing.

Urges New Bridge
Referring to the dangerous traffic hazard at the John Street subway which would cost the town \$35,000 to fix; he said it would be cheaper and better to build a bridge across the river near the Smith and Stone plant, to care for the heavy traffic from the plant. Another needed improvement in town is the placing of a traffic light at the four corners on Main Street where recently two men were struck by cars.

Cr. William Tuck said that as chairman of buildings and property it had been his hope to have renovations made to the library and town hall, but the money just didn't seem to be available. He had investigated every complaint which a ratepayer had made to him and would continue this policy if reelected.

Hydro Going Up
Reporting for the Hydro Commission, chairman Graham Farnell said that hydro too was faced with increasing costs. There had been no rate change since a downward revision in 1943 but an increase could be anticipated soon. Since hydro's formation in 1908, it had been the policy to give power to the consumer at cost. Rates had not been changed last year, in spite of an increase in charges by the Ontario Commission.

Busy Year in School
Chairman Edwin Wilson reported for the public school board, referring to a busy year which had included a vote and planning for the new school. Negotiations have almost been closed for purchase of the property.

He referred to the sad blow suffered in the sudden death of Principal Howard Wrigglesworth and the board's regret at the retirement of two valued teachers.

Following the hearing of council and board members, town clerk Charles Willson, who acted as the chairman of the meeting, asked other nominees for office if they wished to address the gathering.

"Economy Council" Defeat
James Goodlet, a former councillor and deputy reeve, who declined a nomination for this office, said that this was his ninth appearance on the speaking platform at a nomination meeting. He had served four years on council until his defeat last year.

The electors last year had elected an "economy" council by a good majority. The previous "spend-thrift" council had left them a \$900 surplus, but in spite of this and a four mill rise in tax rate, there was a \$7000 deficit.

"I have no axe to grind with anyone," said Mr. Goodlet, "for I know every councillor goes in to do his best and it is always chop, chop to keep the tax rate down."

Any member going into council this year deserves credit, he said, for he is starting with a five mill handicap.

Expresses Criticism
He criticized council for increasing the garbage contract in the middle of the year with a \$200.00 bonus to the collector and for increasing police costs by asking for "stripes" for Cpl. Sheffield. He charged that while the new water system had been designed to give water users a rebate over cost, the surplus was being used for other purposes and an \$8000 profit which

should have been rebated to consumers had been spent for other things.

He also criticized the granting of four mill exemptions to farm properties within the municipality, saying that he knows of only two properties which are properly entitled to it.

Disagrees With Reeve.
Jack Armstrong, who declined nomination as mayor and councillor, said he disagreed with Reeve Marshall on the new House of Refuge and thought it was very necessary.

"I visited the Home in Brantford when I was on county council," he said "and found inmates sleeping on beds in the basement on a cement floor. The fire marshal has condemned the building as a fire trap. It is our duty to see that our old people have a decent place to live."

He was glad to hear Mr. Marshall say that the town had a good waterworks system and plenty of water, for this had been one of the 1949 council's biggest headaches.

He praised the work of assessment commissioner Joseph Gibbons for doing a fine job and having the new assessment completed for use next year.

Silence Is Golden
Cecl Davidson, a former councillor, said he had found by experience that "if you don't say much, you get reelected" so his remarks would be brief. He had been surprised not to hear a report from the mayor as police chairman.

As police chairman in 1949 he had had his troubles, he said, but finally was convinced that provincial policing was the best and cheapest system.

"After last summer's 'schlamozle' I think Mayor Cleave will agree with this too," he continued.

Mr. Davidson urged people to vote for the GRC fund grant, pointing out the advantages which the recreation program had given to town children.

Will Be Candidate
Fred McNally announced his candidature for council. It is his first try for council but his previous experience as a school board member for ten years should be valuable, he said.

"If the ratepayers feel I am big enough for the job, I will be happy to serve" said Mr. McNally.

A former councillor, Vern McCumber said he would not be in the field this year.

Joan Tuck Marries Special Force Soldier
On Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the United Church parsonage, Rev. John M. Smith officiated at the wedding of Joan Marguerite Alice Tuck, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Tuck and Pte. James Thomas Brandon, son of Mrs. J. T. Brandon of Hamilton and the late Mr. Brandon.

The bride wore a navy blue gabardine suit with corsage of red roses. Her attendant, Miss Margaret McQuarrie wore a navy blue gabardine suit with grey accessories and a corsage of yellow roses.

Mr. Fred Tost was best man for his cousin.

The wedding party went afterwards to Fairview Inn for a wedding supper. The groom, who is a member of the Princess Patricia Regiment, 3rd Battalion, returns to his unit in Calgary this week-end and expects next week to be transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington, for advanced training with the Canada Special Force, which is part of the United Nations army.

Seven Seek Six Council Seats GRC \$2500 Grant Vote Monday

Cleave, Marshall, MacDonald, Return by Acclamation
Hydro, School Board Also Acclaimed

THE WEATHER

Nice variety of weather again for the weekend — fog, thunder and lightning added this time for good measure.

The month of November was 3 degrees above the average maximum of 42, but was 3 degrees below the average minimum of 29. The rain was one half an inch below average; but the snow made up for it with a total for the month of 30 inches. This is just 6 times the average of 5" for the month of November. There were only nine days in November on which we did not get either some snow or rain and the month was away down in sunshine. Maybe by Christmas we will wish we had a little bit of this snow.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain or Snow
Nov. 27	31	6	
Nov. 28	31	0	Flurries
Nov. 29	32	21	Flurries
Nov. 30	31	26	Flurries
Dec. 1	31	21	Flurries
Dec. 2	43	19	Sleet
Dec. 3	47	32	18
Average	35.14	17.85	R.18

Instantly Killed in Quarry Accident

A tragic accident at Sykes Quarries near Glen Williams this morning took the life of quarry foreman Robert Cain.

The accident occurred at 9.15. During the moving of a heavy stone, two cables on the derrick snapped and Mr. Cain was struck by the falling boom. He died a few moments after the accident.

Mr. Cain who is a brother of Jack and Margaret Cain of town is survived by his wife, the former Mabel McNally and a family of six children.

At press time funeral arrangements had not been completed.

MRS. F. BURTENSHAW DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Frederick Burtenshaw died suddenly at her home on King Street on Wednesday, November 29th.

Mrs. Burtenshaw, who was the former Mary Anne Kitchen was born in London, England in 1874. She came to Canada in 1907, residing in Regina, Sask., until 1912 when she moved to Winnipeg, later coming east to Hamilton to take up residence for a number of years.

In later years she had lived in Georgetown with her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Burtenshaw and had made a host of friends in town. Her husband predeceased her almost four years ago.

She is survived by four daughters and one son, Mrs. Minnie Burtenshaw, Georgetown, Mrs. Ivy Brydges, Mrs. William Hamilton (Regina), and Mrs. T. Bryan (Dorothy) of Hamilton and Edward Paul of Hamilton Beach. Two sisters, Mrs. George Duff and Mrs. Charles Dent live in Kent, England.

The funeral service was held on Saturday at the Marlatt Funeral Home, Hamilton with interment following in Woodlawn Cemetery, Hamilton. Pallbearers were two grandsons, William Burtenshaw, Jr. and Edward James and four nephews, Fred James, Ted James, Frank James Jr. and Frank James Sr.

MERCHANTS BOOST VOTE FOR \$2500 G.R.C. GRANT
December 5th, 1950
Dear Sir:
I am instructed by the Georgetown Retail Merchants' Association to inform you that on Wednesday, October 27th, 1950, at their monthly meeting the Association passed a resolution endorsing and lending their support to the Georgetown Recreation Commission in the plebiscite seeking approval for their request for a grant of \$2,500 for funds to carry on the work of the Council.

Yours truly,
Georgetown Retail Merchants Assoc.
F. P. Benner, Sec'y.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. Harris who are celebrating today their 45th wedding anniversary. Mrs. E. H. Benner has returned to Woodstock after spending a week in town with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benner. Mrs. J. H. Wilson of Colchester spent a few days visiting in town.

Seven men are contesting the six council seats at next Monday's municipal elections. It will be the first time that Council will be elected by general vote in place of the former three-ward system.

All present council members are seeking reelection, Harry Hale, Norman Hill, Theo. L. Lyons, Garfield McGillivray, Frank Petch and Bill Tuck. Fred McNally, who served ten years as a member of the Public School Board, including a term as chairman several years ago, is making his first bid for a seat in council.

Ratepayers will also be asked on Monday to express their opinion on whether in 1951 a \$2500 grant should be made to the Recreation Commission. This vote is not restricted to property owners, and anyone entitled to vote for councillors has a vote on the question.

Other elected offices have been filled by acclamation, all candidates being reelected. Harold Cleave, will return for his fifth term as mayor, William G. Marshall and Kenneth R. MacDonald, their second terms as reeve and deputy reeve. Graham Farnell, chairman of this year's hydro Commission, was awarded another two-year term, and Stan Finlay, Cecil McNamara and Ray Salter all were reelected to two-year terms on the Public School Board.

While election of Council is by general vote, ratepayers are reminded that they must vote in the ward on which they are listed in the voters' list. Ward 1 votes at the Old Town Hall, Ward 2 at Thomas Grieve's home at the corner of Queen and McNabb Streets and Ward 3 at the Municipal Building.

A voter is entitled to mark his "X" opposite six of the seven names on the ballot. He can also mark "X" to signify approval or disapproval of the GRC grant on the separate ballot provided for this. A voter can vote only once on the question, even if he has voting privileges in two or three wards. This varies from a money by-law such as the public school vote where voters who owned property in two or three wards had a corresponding number of votes. He likewise can receive only one ballot for council.

The polls will be open on Monday from nine in the morning till seven in the evening. Town Clerk Charles Willson is Returning Officer and will be in charge of the office and the count.

Any residents who have queries about their vote should consult the Voters List before Monday. Copies of this are available at the Municipal Office.

BERT McMENEMY WEDS SATURDAY

On Saturday, December 2nd, the marriage took place at Oapring of Grace Gibson Anderson, daughter of Mrs. John Gibson of Acton and the late Mr. Gibson and Herbert W. (Bert) McMenemy, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George McMenemy of Glen Williams. Rev. A. O. W. Foreman, former minister of Ballinacree United Church performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a royal blue dress with grey accessories and a corsage of red roses. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Reid of Glen Williams, Mrs. Reid wearing a fuchsia taffeta dress with velvet trim.

After a honeymoon trip in Western Ontario, the couple will live in their new home in Georgetown at the corner of Durham and Elgin Streets.

LIONS ADD SUPPORT TO MONDAY FUND VOTE
December 6, 1950
Dear Mr. Editor:
I am instructed by the Georgetown Lions Club to write you, advising that we as a Service Club, which has as one of its primary interests, the health and welfare of all boys and girls, are solidly behind the work being done by the Recreation Commission, and intend to support it by a "yes" vote in the plebiscite next Monday.

We respectfully request all persons entitled to vote to do likewise. Yours very truly,
Cecil Davidson, Sec'y.

RAIDERS WIN SECOND

Georgetown Raiders scored their second win at the local arena Tuesday night defeating New Toronto Blackie Graham. Nick Frost of the Raiders was the star.

GEORGETOWN Municipal Elections

MONDAY DECEMBER 11th

FOR SIX COUNCILLORS
(elected by general vote)

AND THE QUESTION:

Are you in favour of organized recreation in the town of Georgetown with an annual grant of \$2500 to the Georgetown Recreation Commission?

WARD ONE—AT OLD TOWN HALL
WARD TWO—AT HOME OF THOMAS GRIEVE
(corner Queen and McNabb Streets)
WARD THREE—AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Polls open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

CHARLES WILSON,
Returning Officer