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## TAX RATE STAYS AT 43 MILLS

### School, County Costs Up In 1952 Budget Estimates

#### TOWN EMPLOYEES TO COLLECT GARBAGE

Georgetown taxpayers will not have to dig any deeper into their pocketbooks this year. Council, at a meeting on Monday set the 1952 tax rate at 43 mills, the same as last year.

A slightly over twenty thousand dollar increase in the cost of running the town has been offset by an increase in assessments. Last year the town spent \$137,000 while this year expenses are budgeted at \$167,500.

The tax rate was established over strenuous opposition of finance chairman McGillivray and Mayor Armstrong who argued that it would be possible to lower the rate one mill and still provide adequate civic services. Voting on a 42 mill rate was disapproved by a majority and the 43 mill rate carried.

A new item in the budget which has not appeared for several years is a \$750 estimate for relief. Minor increases are noted in most departments. The Board of Parks, which last year accepted half a mill this year has reallocated their full amount and will get \$2,000 more of the tax dollar. [Education costs are up sharply—\$5500 for public school and \$2500 for high school. A rise of \$3000 in the county rate is also noted.

Increased costs, however, have been offset by increased revenues. Debenture charges recoverable are up \$8,000 due to sale of War-time Houses.

Purchase of a new town truck, reorganizing of the municipal building and installation of an oil furnace are among new items in the budget. A major change, by which council hopes to pay for a new truck is the cancellation of the \$42000 garbage contract held by Lane's Haulage. It is council's intention to have present town employees add garbage collection to their duties.

The "Big Three" of the \$204,000 gross expenditures are debenture charges of \$53,000, school costs \$48,000, and road expenses \$23,000. The county rate is the fourth largest item of municipal expenditure.

### JUNIOR W.A. BRANCH DEDICATED AT SERVICE

On opening his Sunday morning sermon at St. George's Church, Archdeacon Thompson pointed out the appropriateness of the church designating Mothering Sunday in close proximity to the feast of the annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He deprecated the tendency to make the Virgin Mary into a goddess. It was because she was a true representative of humanity that she was fitted to be mother of the Son of Man, he said, and her modesty and simplicity are a model for all mothers.

The Archdeacon dedicated a new banner for the Junior W.A. in a short ceremony at the start of the service. Members of the Juniors, wearing their arm bands, preceded the choir up the aisle, with Carolyn Blehn carrying the banner, supported by Jean Penrice and Ruth Hancock. The handsome purple and gold banner was made by Mrs. Stan Lyon.

The anthem for the morning service was "O God of Bethel" and hymns included "Christian Dost Thou See Them" and "The King of Love."

The choir sang the anthem "Lead Me Lord" by Wesley at the service for evensong. Some of the hymns sung were "Jerusalem the Golden" and "All People that on Earth Do Dwell." In his evening sermon the Archdeacon told of Joseph's reunion with his brothers, and later his father. He pointed out the good which had come out of the brothers' evil and expressed his desire that beyond the curtain of the hidden future we may find peace and God.

### SILVER-WOOD

#### Spends Winter With Sister at Port Colborne

Mrs. John Miller has returned home after spending the winter with her sister at Port Colborne.

Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Miller were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hosker and children of Guelph and Mr. Gerald Shea of Mount Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Corbett and children of Toronto spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Corbett.

With Mrs. W. J. Roe on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Robinson and children of Guelph. Mr. Frank Miller of London spent several days last week at the same home.

### LIMEHODGE WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT MARATHON EUCHRE

The final in a series of marathon euchres sponsored by the Hall board resulted for the night as follows: Ladies, Miss Eleanor Stark, Mrs. S. Matthews; men, Mr. C. Storey, Mr. S. Wright; lone hands, Mrs. N. Stark; travelling prizes, Mrs. F. Geary, Mr. W. Mitchell. Grand prizes for the series were: Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Mrs. S. Matthews, Mrs. C. Storey, Mr. R. L. Davidson; lone hands, Mrs. R. L. Davidson. These social evenings have proven a decided success and players report good card playing.

Mr. Walter Hall and Miss Marion Hall of Stayner spent a few days with the Ellerbys recently.

A number of the small fry have had the chicken pox.

The financial committee of the W.I. sponsored a euchre in the Hall on Tuesday evening with first prize going to Mrs. F. T. C. Brown and second to Mrs. E. Miller and Mr. Miller. Mrs. Kirkpatrick winning the chair prize. Lunch was served.

Quite a number from the village were forced to leave their cars on one of the various hills surrounding us and finish the trip on foot due to the ice. One of the three telephone lines in the village was broken down, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Bradbury moved on Tuesday to the cottage on the fifth line owned by Mr. France of Toledo. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil McCallum of Milton visited them on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller and Mr. Gerald Warren visited the Brock Millers on Sunday.

Mr. Glendon Scott was home from Midland last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Brock Miller and little Diane motored to Clinton on Tuesday. Mrs. Miller and babe remained a few days with her sister in law.

Mr. Sam Glasby in Sunnybrook Hospital has had another painful few days of arthritic spasms recently. We hope that he may be feeling better by now.

Little Marsha Jones was brought home from Sick Children's Hospital on Sunday where she has been for treatment for eczema, during the past three weeks.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. George Marsden of Brampton were week-end visitors in town with Mrs. Fred Laws.

Art Scott of Arthur Scott Motors Ltd. is attending a GMC truck sales school at the Queen's Hotel, Barrie, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Tedder of New Toronto are away for three weeks on a motor trip to Florida. Mr. Tedder, a former Georgetown resident, is manager of the steel purchasers department of Dominion Bridge Company in the city.

Ricky Alcorn, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Alcorn had a birthday party at his home on Market Street on Thursday. His guests included Gladys Smith, Catharine Saxe, Andrew and Jackie Rugg, Christopher Frost, Douglas Malcolm, Donald Calder, Mrs. George Tizzard and Brenda, and Ricky's brother Douglas.

Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson officiated at a christening service on Sunday afternoon for Charles Blehn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blehn. The baby's godparents are his grandfather, Mr. A. H. Feller and his grandmother, Mrs. C. E. Blehn of Chesley.

Cpl. and Mrs. Bruce Collins and daughter Patricia were here from Camp Borden to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Collins. Cpl. Collins is recovering from a foot injury which he suffered in training at the army tank range at Meaford.

On Thursday, Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Bowman celebrated her twelfth birthday. Present at her party were Barbara Alcott, Dorothy Scott, Judy McCumber, Gloria Boyd, Gloria Bain, Gail McGillivray, Carolyn Copland, Jean Jennings, Pat Given, Doris Chaplin, and Joan Penrice.

Celebrating her 11th birthday last Friday, Ruth Hancock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hancock had a party at her home on Riverview Crescent. Her guests were Jean Penrice, Gilliane Chapman, Virginia Barber, Virginia Walker, Brampton, Marina Emmerson, Jean Engleby, Paulene Watson, Joan Charlery, Barbara Lusty, Sherron Bradbury, Charlene Day and Toni Lee.

### Brill's Fashion Show Features Spring Styles

A fashion show, sponsored by the Young Ladies Auxiliary and presented by Brill's filled Knox Church basement two evenings last week as Georgetown ladies flocked to see new spring and summer fashions in dresses, suits and coats, plus some furs as well. Also shown were jewelry accessories from Harber's.

Mrs. Sam Mackenzie assisted Fred Cotton of the Brill's staff as commentator while Jack Cotton directed activities backstage. Make-up was by Tiffany Cosmetics and Tiffany local outlet, Robb's Drugs, brought a lady from the company for this, who also talked briefly on personal makeup during the intermission. Flowers were supplied by Norton Floral and Ernie Alcott designed the stage settings.

Models in the show, many of them auxiliary members, were Helen Ritchie, Mrs. Vic McNeven, Mrs. Mervyn Cook, Mrs. J. Gillis, Eleanor Spitzer, Betty King, Elizabeth Coffin, Helen McGill, Shirley and Jean Muckart, Marna Mackenzie, Pearl Scott, Mrs. John Lenz, Jean Beckett, Joan Lalimer and Brenda Robinson.

Rev. Alex Calder contributed vocal selections both evenings and background piano music was provided by Marion Hepburn and Mrs. J. L. Harber.

On both nights a number of prizes were donated by local and out-of-town businesses. Included in these were gifts from McClure's Home Furnishings, Roxy Theatre, Georgetown Motors, George Muckart, J. B. Mackenzie & Son, Brill's, Robb's Drugs, Canada Bread, Coca Cola Co., Goodlet's Hardware, Smith & Stone, Ostrander's Jewelers and Eaton's.

Winners of prizes included Mrs. Vincent Hepburn, Mrs. D. L. Herbert, Mrs. W. G. Marshall, Mrs. Jack Runham, Jennifer Humphreys, Mrs. Rupert Beaumont, Karen Norton, Mrs. Will Hunter, Mrs. Stan Wright, Mrs. Steve Eason, Mrs. Fred Masterman, Miss Broadfoot, Mrs. John McLaren, Mrs. E. B. Swackhamer, Mrs. R. B. Foulis and Mrs. Stan Finlay.

### LEGION LADIES PLAN BIG MUSICAL REVUE

A big musical show, featuring members of the Legion W.A. and other local people will be presented in the Legion Hall two days next week.

"Shooting Stars" produced by the same company which directed the Lions Club "It's A Date" show two years ago, uses a television show as a background, and features impersonations of well-known stars like Kate Smith, Fred Waring, and Milton Berle, as well as the Queen for a Day show.

Members of the W.A. which is sponsoring the show, are busy selling tickets and it is anticipated that there will be a full hall for both shows. The production is under the direction of Miss Nyla Jester.

### RAIDERETTES BEAT BRAMPTON ADVANCE TO SEMI-FINALS

Georgetown Raiderettes will play either East York or Aurora in the semi-finals for the championship of the Ontario Women's hockey league.

The girls defeated Brampton in two straight games, the second in Brampton Wednesday when they won 5-1. Joyce Herrington tallied 4 goals and the fifth was scored by sister Spike. Julia DeVries played a good game for the locals as well as Jean Hancock who did a stellar job in the net.

### G.H.S. NEWS

by Staff

This column is being written mainly to congratulate the Juveniles. After a very good year, and much travelling, they beat out Havelock two games to one to win the Ontario juvenile C championship.

There were five players on the team from GHS: captain George McClure, Paul Barber, Fred Dickenson, George Webster and the school's old man, Butch Schenk. Butch missed a few games with a dislocated elbow. The team, sponsored by the Legion, was very well coached by "Scotty" Patterson.

Still on the subject of hockey, Milton H.S. challenged the Georgetown H.S. to a hockey game, but it was held off until the Juveniles finished their games. Arrangements are now being made for a game in the near future.

Don't forget Commencement on April 2, in St. John's Hall.

### What Council Did

ON MONDAY, MARCH 24th

Set the 1952 tax rate at 43 mills. (One mill is equivalent to \$3872.)

Auditor H. A. Lever reviewed the town's financial position before the budget debate, and he pointed out that a \$14,000 deficit of the previous year had been converted to a \$12,000 surplus. The town had been greatly helped financially, he said, by the sale of 70 wartime houses which had given an unexpected revenue of \$8400. He warned future councils that spending should not exceed the budget without Municipal Board approval as the board is keeping a sharp lookout in this direction.

Mr. Lever and tax arrears are out of line with other towns. Outstanding taxes have doubled to \$16,000 and back water rates almost tripled to \$3000 in a one-year period, and he recommended a real effort be made to improve the picture. At the end of 1947, Georgetown could boast not a single dollar of delinquent taxes, he said, and the town should aim at this again.

He suggested the cemetery board consider rates in the light of present costs. The board cannot break even, he said, on a charge of \$10 to open a grave when it takes ten hours to dig one.

Finance Minister McGillivray, in his budget speech, suggested a tax rate of 42 mills, advocated a \$200 salary increase for the town foreman, garbage collection by the town employees (though personally, he said, he was not whole-heartedly for this), a closer check on long distance calls from municipal employees telephones, and a \$700 increased grant to the fire department.

Mr. Lever, noting that the town had asked for subsidy on \$30,000 road expenses, yet had budgeted for only \$23,000 expenditures, warned that it would be difficult to exceed the smaller figure. Reeve Marshall and Cr. Goodlet were of the opinion that the budget figure should be \$30,000.

Goodlet—There are people who think we have too many town employees, but the foreman says he needs them all at certain times of the year. Maybe we could work them in on garbage collection and save some money.

McGillivray—I'm satisfied we can get by on a 42 mill rate.

Armstrong—If we can give a mill rate reduction it will be wonderful publicity for the town. Industries are on short time just now and people can use the extra money, and we have a surplus from last year.

Mr. Lever—Your surplus is only on paper. You can't spend uncollected taxes.

Marshall—One mill of the average taxpayer is very small. It's good publicity, yes, but why go down this year and up next year.

Armstrong—People haven't enough money to budget for a surplus. They need it now.

McGillivray—It will give people in arrears a chance to catch up.

Goodlet—The tax collector says he has already collected \$5000 of these back taxes, so I don't see why we can't have a 42 mill rate. Other municipalities in the district have jumped 10, 20 and 25 mills. We'll be in a wonderful position to attract new industry.

Marshall—I think people would feel better if we took an extra mill and fixed up some sidewalks.

Sargent—Even holding our own is good publicity.

Allen—I'm not pessimistic about poor times. Malton is booming and the Ford plant is coming to Oakville. I can't see reducing taxes and interfering with a road and sidewalk program. There's going to be a boom and present industrial conditions are unnatural.

The budget debate was interrupted by a motion for a \$10 weekly increase to the town foreman, proposed by Goodlet and Hale.

McGillivray—As finance chairman I can't support the motion. I feel we would be severely criticized. I'm willing to increase his salary to make a bigger margin between him and the town men, but not that much in local plants. Hale—He works Saturday and Sunday with no overtime pay. If he sent a man to do this work it would cost plenty in overtime.

Goodlet—A foreman should make more than his man and there is only a \$50 difference in pay.

In a recorded vote, Goodlet, Hale and Allen voted for the increase and Armstrong, Marshall, McGillivray and Sargent against. Deputy Reeve

### LEGION'S JUVENILES WIN PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

MacDonald and Cr. Petch were absent from the meeting.

A motion for a \$250 increase then carried, Hale voting against it, and Mayor Armstrong remarking that if there is sufficient revenue the matter can be reconsidered later in the year.

A 42 mill rate was then voted down, McGillivray, Armstrong and Goodlet favouring it. The 43 mill rate carried on the votes of Marshall, Allen, Hale and Sargent.

A motion by Goodlet and Sargent to amend the garbage by-law to provide for municipal collection in place of the present contract system carried unanimously.

Tenders will be called for redecorating the Municipal Building.

A motion was passed to start future council meetings with a prayer by the mayor.

### THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor:—Well, March 21st this year certainly demonstrated a spring day to perfection, with a high temperature of 50 degrees. This is considerably higher than last year, when it was only 27 on March 21st.

Have you forgotten 1949 when spring came in with a temperature of 53 degrees, or 1948 with almost a summer temperature of 65 degrees? Says you "That is as it should be."

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain	Snow
March 17	35	20		
March 18	36	16	5 2"	
March 19	37	26	11 29	
March 20	43	33		
March 21	50	30		
March 22	53	37		
March 23	38	26		
Average	38.57	25.42	11.29	5.2"

### Three Playlets, Choir Feature Commencement

The annual high school commencement will be held next Wednesday in the auditorium of St. Johns United Church.

Three one-act playlets will highlight the entertainment for the night. Miss Rose Piercey is directing a play performed by the girls of Grade 9. Principal J. L. Lambert will direct the other two plays. Grade 11 will present a Mexican costume play with the intriguing title "It Costs Five Pesos on Sunday." Starring roles will be played by Betty Ann Kerr and Donald Anderson, and members of the supporting cast include Nerotta Zilio, Ann Chalke and Sylvia Lambert. For Grade 10, Mr. Lambert has chosen a fantasy in verse "Ace, King, Queen" in which Leona Conn and Bob Allen head a cast of sixteen.

The high school girls' choir will sign several numbers also.

### BIRTHS

KAY—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kay are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Janet Lynn on March 13th, 1952, at Toronto General Hospital.

### CARDS OF THANKS

EMMERSON—To all friends, relatives and organizations for their kindness and floral tributes during the illness and at the passing of our dear wife and mother, we extend sincere thanks. We appreciate also the comfort and help of Rev. A. J. Barker, the nurses at Peel Memorial Hospital and Dr. C. V. Williams.—James Emmerson and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lowrey.

### GLEN WILLIAMS

#### ONE HUNDRED ATTEND GLEN SUNDAY SUPPER

The second annual Sunday Supper served by St. Alban's Guild in the parish hall on Sunday was attended by over one hundred people, many of them from outside the village. The tables were decorated with tulips and pussy-willows.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hancock, Shirley and Jimmy visited in Toronto on Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Engwell. Visitors on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Eddie McDermott were her mother, Mrs. S. Upton and her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hedley, Brampton. Monday evening at the Junior

### SEDORE AND INGLIS LEAD CLUB 128 TO 10-3 VICTORY

Last Friday night saw a great array of local cars, plus a busload of hockey fans, travel to Lindsay to see Georgetown Juveniles take the provincial championship in the crucial game. The number of spectators from Georgetown far outnumbered the rest of the crowd.

The first period opened with a "push" on the Georgetown goal by Havelock, reminiscent of the game in Georgetown. After some sensational saves by Carman Maltby, our boys seemed to take a new lease on life and started to press hard. However Newman of Havelock netted the first one on an assist from Pollock. Then after a number of fruitless attempts, Dale Sedore finally bulged the twine on an assist from George Webster. Rutton of Havelock put the eastern boys ahead again for the second (and last) time in the game at 11:14. From there on Georgetown never lost command of the play. Butch Schenk, who had played nice hockey, just failing to click on several tries finally put it in at 17:22 on a combination effort of Inglis and Grasby. Dale Sedore picked up a pass less than a minute later from Varcy to make it 3-2 and Sedore finished the scoring for the period by shoving it behind the Havelock goalie on a play by Webster and Jarvie.

The second stanza opened with a determined rush by Havelock, but aided by nice defensive work the local goalie, Maltby managed to turn them back, until finally Laing of Havelock batted one in on a long pass from Newman. Time 3:19. From here on in the 120's took over and the Glen line started to come into their own, with Inglis taking an assist from Grasby and balking it in at 7:48. Dale Sedore, really playing a sensational game, came back at half time to bulge the twine on a pass from Varcy, also playing a steady game. Inglis notched 2 more the first at 1:40 from Dickenson and McClure and the second at 15:11 from Schenk. Two penalties were given in the second period one to McClure and one to Schenk for tripping.

The third period settled down to a slower pace, seemingly Havelock, although still in there fighting, not being as dangerous as before. At 15:38 Blake Inglis pushed it in on a set-up from Bud Haines and Varcy ended the scoring at 17:35. Maltby lived up to this period by receiving what at first looked like a serious injury, sending coach Patterson out over the boards and thereby getting him banished for the rest of the game.

At the end of the game Premier Leslie Frost came over to the dressing room to congratulate the team and management. He had intended being present for the whole game, but had been held up at Queen's Park, until late that night, only arriving in Lindsay in time to see part of the third period.

### MacCormack Youngest Queen's Hockey Player

A local athlete who learned his hockey in Georgetown midlet and juvenile ranks distinguished himself at Queen's University this year. Not only was he the youngest player to make a berth on the junior team, but he also played with the senior team.

Seventeen-year-old Bill MacCormack, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. MacCormack, is completing his first year in Geology at Queen's after graduating from Georgetown High School.

The Juniors played in a league with Napanee, Kingston Frontenacs and Royal Military College, losing out in the Kingston District Junior B finals by a 4-3 score in two games.

The seniors were teamed with Loyola University, Montreal, Bishop's College, Lennoxville, RMC and the McGill seconds in the St. Lawrence District intercollegiate league.

AYPA meetings, plans were made for a sale of cookies and hobby projects during the Easter holidays.

Mr. Ambrose Hancock, who has been quite ill for several months, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, on Monday for further treatment.

Betty Lucas, who has been suffering from a foot ailment for two months, has been able to return to school part time.