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5 Councils Vote New High Schools

Skuce Officiates, Wrigglesworth School Officially Opened Here

With school inspector L. L. Skuce officiating, the new Howard Wrigglesworth public school was officially opened Thursday. An overflow crowd filled the auditorium and corridors, where the stage ceremonies were carried by an amplifying system.

Mr. Skuce traced Georgetown's educational history and paid tribute to the work of past and present teachers and principals, particularly mentioning the late Mr. Wrigglesworth's work, and the fitting tribute paid by the school board in naming the new structure after him. Mrs. Wrigglesworth cut a ribbon which officially opened the school and Rev. John M. Smith dedicated the building.

Members of the school board were on the platform during the ceremony and chairman Edwin Wilson acted as master of ceremonies. Among those who spoke were Mayor Jack Armstrong, Stan Hall, MPP, principals William Kinrade and Harold Henry and Mr. Fred Wrigglesworth. Stan Finlay acknowledged gifts which included flags and a piano from the IOOE, swings from the Lions Club, a flag and stand from the Legion W.A., as well as a picture of the Queen for each room. Mrs. Skuce was presented with flowers by little Jill Runham.

A short musical programme included selection by choir and a double trio as well as a rhythm band all under direction of Kenneth R. Harrison and Miss Marion Scarlett. After the program, all rooms in the building were open for inspection. Members of the board and their wives had dinner in St. George's church basement preceding the opening.

THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor: November is off to a good start with a reading of 69 which is 26 degrees above the normal average for November.

October was certainly a very dry month. The total rainfall was only .67 of an inch, being about 2 inches below normal. The maximum normal average for October is 57 degrees and this year it was exactly 57, but the minimum average slipped 6 degrees below normal of 38 for October.

This time last year we had 61 1/2 inches of snow - but why bring that up?

Date	Max	Min	Rain
October 27	68	46	
October 28	58	30	
October 29	51	26	
October 30	57	30	
October 31	58	42	
November 1	69	38	
November 2	69	29	16
Average	61.42	34.42	16

EAMES LEAVES OPP NEW MAN COMING

Resignation of Cst. George Eames from the Ontario Provincial Police leaves a vacancy on the local detachment which is expected to be filled next week.

At present Cst. Ernest Allen from Dundas is relieving temporarily, joining Cpl. Joe McEtain and Cst. Ross MacLae.

Mr. Eames has resigned from this force to take his old position with the CPR Express at Willowdale.

Harold McClure Celebrating Quarter Century in Business

A quarter century in business is being celebrated by Harold McClure, who since 1927 has been the proprietor of McClure's Home Furnishings.

One of the best known and most public spirited of Georgetown's merchants, he purchased the business of the late W. H. Willson and two years later was granted his licence as an embalmer and funeral director.

Harold's roots are deep in Georgetown. Both he and his mother were born in the house on Maple Avenue now owned by Charles Henderson, only a few doors away from the present McClure home. The family moved to Hamilton when he was a boy, then his father, the late James A. McClure, bought a farm at Lisgar Station, and Harold attended public school at Whaley's Corners and high school in Brampton. They returned to Georgetown in 1920.

He first worked at the old Victoria Foundries, a company which preceded Smith & Stone, then with his father he operated theatres in Georgetown and Acton which were later sold to R. L. Gregory. Prior to entering the furniture business he sold cars and farm machinery for the late J. N. O'Neill.

His business career has been one of steady expansion. Seven years ago he purchased the Faram home on Edith Street and converted it into a handsome funeral home. Up to that time his funeral work had been carried on in an adjoining room of the store and this space was incorporated into the store proper. Later the upstairs apartment was taken over for the store also. Electrical appliances, radio and television, as well as a record bar, have become part of the business.

Mr. McClure's name has been identified with almost every phase of public activity for the betterment of the town. Twice president of the Lions Club, and a past deputy district governor, he has been prominent in various merchants organizations, hockey club, Masonic lodge and recreation activities. For five years during the war he was officer commanding "C" Coy, Lorne Scots.

Married in 1933, Mr. and Mrs. McClure, son George who is a Fifth Form high school student, and Mrs. McClure, Sr. live on Maple Ave.



HAROLD C. MCCLURE

Last Family Member Here for Dedication

Present for the dedication of a stained glass window in St. George's Anglican Church on Sunday morning, in memory of Edward Godfrey and Ellen McKay and their family was Mrs. Emma Johnson of Clinton. Mrs. Johnson visited with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong during her stay in town.

She is the last surviving member of their family of eleven children.

CLEVER COSTUMES AT LIONS ANNUAL DANCE

Another gay Halloween dance, sponsored by the Lions Club, filled the Rose Room Friday with the usual quota of clever costumes.

Harvey Smith's Orchestra from Guelph played for dancing. Costume prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murfin, Toronto, Doris Silk, Betty Dickenson, Joan Harrison, and Patricia Vance.

PARK PAVILION BURNED

A \$4,000 fire destroyed Stanley Park dining hall at the popular Erin resort last week.

SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

Mrs. Bob Meehan, wife of an Erin groceryman, won over \$50,000 with a ticket in the Irish Sweepstake.



National War Memorial, Ottawa. Photo by Bruce Harding.

Never allow busy everyday affairs to dim for a moment the memory of those who suffered and sacrificed for us.

Remembrance Day, Nov. 11th

Give generously for your poppy on Saturday, November 8th.

Social and Personal

Mrs. C. E. Biehn of Chesley spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biehn.

Week-end visitors with Mrs. W. V. Grant were Mr. and Mrs. Ian Stewart and Dr. and Mrs. W. Robb of Toronto.

Walter Biehn and Garfield McGilvray attended a meeting of district publishers in Harrison on Saturday.

Mrs. E. D. Shely, Birmingham, Michigan, spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. J. N. O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McKinlay of Toronto spent the week-end in town with Miss Hazel and Mr. P. B. Harison.

Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biehn were Mr. and Mrs. William Rennie, Jane, Teddy and Mary. Mr. Rennie is publisher of the Beamsville Express.

Mr. and Mrs. Sargent Brown and sons Bobby, Tommy and Donny of Kitchener were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Garfield McGilvray, and family.

Week-end guests at St. George's rectory with Archdeacon and Mrs. W. G. O. Thompson were Miss F. W. Richardson, Miss Ella Head and Miss Nita Jones, all of St. Catharines.

Mrs. Harry Matthews of Kitchener was a week-end guest with Mrs. Fred Laws. Mr. Henry Matthews was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dewhurst and joined St. George's Choir for the morning service.

Mrs. E. Deering attended a birthday party Halloween night in Toronto which friends were giving for her daughter, Mrs. W. Bettes. Mr. and Mrs. Bettes have recently moved and now live at 27 Hendrick Avenue in the city.

A number of local Lions accompanied their president, Don Barrager to a regional fall rally of Lions Clubs in Brampton Legion Hall on Wednesday. Numbered in the party were Spencer McKinnon, Clarence Kennedy, Jack Gunning, George C. Brown, Ray Whitmer, Art Scott and Joe Herbert, Norval.

John Prouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Prouse, entertained his friends at his fifth birthday party on Saturday. His guests were Glenn Bronnhead, Neil Young, Gladys Smith, Ronnie and Lynda Lane, Cynthia Lambert, Charlene Lee, Ronnie and Jimmy Richardson and John's sister Judy and brother Tommy.

Halloween is an extra exciting time for 5-year-old Frances Linton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Linton, for it is also her birthday. To her party on Friday she invited Mary and Michael Hall, Ellen Biehn, Barbara and Mary Evans, Carroll and David Farnell, Michael Kelly, Bobby Alcott and Laird Crawford.

Guests at the wedding of Bob Ezard and Sarah Wylie, which took place in Knox Church on October 25th included: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Littleton, Miss Doris Herbert, Mr. Franklin Ezard, Mrs. Jean Wylie and Mr. Jack Wylie, Brampton; Mr. Keith Hunter, Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Milt Hewgill, Mr. Russell Hewgill, Woodbridge; Mr. and Mrs. Barry Clarke, Acton; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shoobridge, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wylie, Mr. Tom Wylie, Mr. Ed Wylie, Miss Ann Wylie, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCandless, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Bradford and Miss Jean Bruce.

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Extra men will be engaged for a short period to help the town men with a program of sidewalk repairs and sewerage installation. There was some criticism of the town foreman being in complete charge of hiring men and it was ruled that in future permanent employees would be hired by council.

THIRTEEN IN CLASS
Thirteen New Canadian enrolled in English classes at GHS Tuesday.

Town Bows to Esqueing Equalized Assessment Plan

\$300 ROBBERY AT MAPLE LEAF DAIRY

Police are seeking clues in a daring break-in early Wednesday night when \$300 was stolen from the Maple Leaf Dairy office.

The theft occurred between 6:15 when proprietor Ernie Thompson locked up for the night and a half hour later when he returned to the building and found the office ransacked and the cash missing. Entry had been gained through a rear window, and the zipper door was opened by bending a bolt lock. Missing also were three pouches used by milk men on their rounds and two cotton bags which are used to take money to the bank.

A close check is being made of places where small coins might be cashed, for all the loot was in silver. The bulk of the money was in quarters, dimes and nickels. Fifteen dollars was in coppers and \$10 in 50c pieces.

What Council Did

ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27th

Agreed to pay high school costs on an equalized assessment basis, rather than on a ruling made 2 years ago by the Municipal Board, fixing the costs at a set figure for a five year period. Council also okayed a \$555,000 plan for new schools at Georgetown and Acton and a gym addition at Milton.

Chairman John Bell, Walter Biehn and Dr. J. B. Milne represented the school board at the meeting and pointed out the necessity for the new buildings. Particular haste is needed in inaugurating the program this year, Mr. Bell pointed out, because there is a rumour that the Dept. of Education may cut maximum expenditure on which they pay grants from \$30,000 to \$25,000 per classroom next year.

Mayor Armstrong was outspoken in expressing his view that the only thing Georgetown could do in view of the stubborn attitude of Esqueing was to relinquish a 3 per cent advantage in school costs in order to expedite building of schools. It would be costly and inefficient, he pointed out, to keep operating the present school and classroom in other parts of town, and a possible \$4500 the town might save in the next three years would be offset by these increased costs on which grants are not paid and by the possible drop in government grant on a future building program.

All members of council expressed themselves in the same vein, some remarking that they didn't like to see Esqueing getting the best of it, but that under the present circumstances they could see no alternative.

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An immediate start on new high schools in Georgetown and Acton and a gymnasium addition at Milton is anticipated in the light of developments in five municipalities this week.

The chain of events was started last Monday when Esqueing Council agreed to a \$555,000 building program, providing payment would be made under the equalized assessment. Wednesday night, chairman John Bell, Dr. J. B. Milne and Walter Biehn outlined the situation to Georgetown Council, and Georgetown agreed on the same basis. Council was unanimous in the opinion that it was hard to give up a financial advantage of over \$1,000 a year which the town had gained under a Municipal Board ruling two years ago, but that the urgent need for better school accommodation left no other course.

On Monday Nassagaweya and Milton Councils passed the plan, and last night Acton Council added their voice to give complete municipal agreement in North Halton school district for the first time since the district was formed five years ago.

The school board now has the municipal "go-ahead" signal for building 9 room schools in Georgetown and Acton, each estimated to cost \$255,000 and a \$45,000 dual purpose addition at Milton.

TERRA COTTA

Rangers Fight Fire Danger Seems Over

The bush fire which burned for over two weeks around Terra Cotta is believed quelled, and there seems little danger of it breaking out again.

Forest Rangers from Lindsay were called in last week-end after local people had been battling the blaze intermittently for several days. Elwood Carney's bulldozer cleared large tracts of land which were then soaked with water. Last night there was some smoke from sections of the fire area but as yet no sign of a recurrence of the fire is shown.

Reeve George Leslie of Esqueing took an active part in arranging for action to be taken to stop the fire from spreading further, and the action of many Terra Cotta residents in giving hours of their time to beating the ground played a large part in avoiding what could have been a serious fire.

NORVAL

Two Sets Grandparents See Baby Christened

On Sunday morning, October 26, at the United Church, Norval, Dianne Mary, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brownridge was baptized by the minister, Rev. C. C. Gilbert. The occasion was marked by the presence of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Brownridge and the great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Akroyd of Brampton.

CHECK LINE FORUM

Mrs. Hazen Graham and Mrs. L. DeVries were co-hostesses with Mrs. Denney Charles for Check Line forum on Monday.



The new Howard Wrigglesworth school, built to accommodate the town's increasing school population, is shown in an architect's sketch. This school was opened officially last Thursday by L. L. Skuce, school inspector.