

# THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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## Town Purchases Reid Lot on Highway for New Fire Hall

### Council Calls for Tenders For Sale of Old Town Hall

Developments during the past week have changed the picture regarding the location of the proposed new fire hall for Georgetown.

Council had previously called for tenders for the wrecking of the old town hall, but in the meantime a tender for the purchase of the hall has been received, along with an initial payment of \$1000.00. Council decided to immediately call for tenders for the purchase of the hall and the property appertaining thereto, withholding the name and amount of the tender until all have been received.

At Monday's council meeting, council also purchased a lot on Guelph Street, the property of Mrs. J. P. Reid, for the amount of \$1,000 and plans and specifications will be ready by the middle of April so that tenders for the erection of the new hall may be called. It is expected that clearing of the lot will begin at once.

Town auditor, H. A. Lever was present at Monday's meeting to present the 1952 auditor's report. He said the town was in an excellent financial condition, and that the debenture debt was only at a third of the town's borrowing power. While he did not advocate increasing the debenture debt, he said the town was sound financially.

The report showed a surplus of \$14,000 with back taxes amounting to \$18,000. He hoped these would be cleared up the end of the year.

A tender was received for the collection of garbage in town, but as council had not called for tenders it was not opened, and the matter turned over to the finance committee for consideration.

A donation of \$25.00 was made to the Canadian Legion towards their 25th anniversary celebrations and the town will place a message in their official programme.

Mr. William McNally of McNally Construction, addressed council about having a road and water supplied to a subdivision in the park district. He had not yet purchased the property, a continuation of Joseph Street, on the McDonald and Swackhamer properties, but wished council's feelings before doing so. Council agreed to do this upon approval of the Department of Planning and Development. Sewers run through this property at the present time. Mr. McNally plans to erect ten homes on this property this summer.

Applications will be received by the town clerk for a water meter reader.

### THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor:—  
By the calendar spring has arrived. In case you think the maximum temperature of 50 was exceptionally high for March 21st—the following table will give you comparative readings for the same date of the past five years.

Year	Max.	Min.	Rain
1952	50	30	
1951	27	1	
1950	36	19	
1949	55	24	
1948	65	33	

### Summary for the past week.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
March 16	36	32	Flurries
March 17	48	30	
March 18	45	22	
March 19	45	30	
March 20	40	28	Trace
March 21	50	22	
March 22	60	27	
Average	48.28	27.28	28

### MRS. A. E. FARNELL IN HOSPITAL WITH STROKE

No change is reported today in the condition of Mrs. A. E. Farnell, who was taken to Brampton Hospital Sunday night after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage at her Guelph Street home.

Mrs. Farnell, who with her son Graham operates a Main Street grocery store, was partially paralyzed and a wide circle of friends are hoping for better news in the next few days.

### LACROSSE ON ICE NEW ARENA FEATURE

Something novel for Georgetown is lacrosse on ice, which will make its first appearance Saturday night in the arena.

This new sport has been catching on in various centres this season. A team from Alliston will be opposed by Georgetown - Glen Williams Combines.

It is rumoured that this might be the start of a summer arena season in a town which at the turn of the century was known across Canada as a lacrosse centre. Players on the team would be drawn mainly from last year's Acton entry which had a successful season. Most of the team came from this district and the nucleus of a good team is already here.

### School Board Purchases Cripps Property in Acton

Cost of a \$6,000 property acquired from Darwin Cripps, Acton, for the site of the new Acton high school will be increased by \$2,000 because a hydro power line must be moved.

North Halton high school board decided to stand the extra expense at their meeting Monday in Acton, as it is felt the 7 acre property is the best location for the new building.

No Smoking signs will be erected in the schools. At Milton, particularly, it was felt that this was important as so many outside organizations make use of the building and there is a fire danger. A new set of Encyclopaedia Britannica was ordered for Georgetown, and some minor changes made in the transportation arrangements at Acton. Inspector's reports for Acton and Georgetown were received. No teacher has yet been hired to fill the vacant mathematics post at Milton and the board is still advertising for applicants.

### Married at St. George's



Gordon Campbell, Brampton

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mellor, Acton, were married in St. George's Church, Georgetown, on March 6th and are pictured at the reception, which followed in Esqueving Community Hall, Stewarttown. Mrs. Mellor, the former Marnie Herrington, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Corey Herrington, Stewarttown. The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Finlay Mellor, Acton, is a member of the Mellor Construction Company.

## Social and Personal

Dr. J. T. Biehn of Sarnia visited on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biehn.

Mrs. Nettie Drummond of Barrie and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Miller, of Guelph, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Turner, Bobby and Barbara of Leaside were visitors on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biehn.

Mr. Frank Harding, of Lake Lenore, Sask., called on Mr. and Mrs. Len Harding, Monday, and will be visiting with relatives and friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William McNally and Mr. and Mrs. John Bell are motoring to Florida this week, where they will spend some time at Daytona Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Squires of Lambeth spent the week-end in town with his sister, Mrs. Edwin Hall and Mr. Hall at their home on Queen Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lusty, Mrs. E. Hodge Bob and Ken Harris, attended the funeral of Mrs. Harris' brother, Frederick Leader, in North Tonawanda, N.Y., last Wednesday.

### ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruddell, Ashgrove, announce the engagement of their daughter Gladys Pearl to Sherwood Watson Hume, son of Mr. William R. Hume, Milton, and the late Mrs. Hume. The marriage will take place Saturday, April the eighteenth at three o'clock in Ashgrove United Church.

Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas, Rochester, Michigan, visited a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Godfrey. Mrs. James H. Wilson, Barbara and Marion of Dundas, also visited with her parents here during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Eames of Toronto spent a day last week in town, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pattenden and Mr. and Mrs. William Hazelwood. Mr. Eames was a former member of the local OPP detachment and now works in the city with Canadian Pacific Railways.

Katharine Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Williams celebrated her fifth birthday with a party for her little friends at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Cleave, Tuesday afternoon. Her guests were Patricia Tost, Trudy Emmerson, Carol McGilvray, Barbara and Carol DeForest Keith and Elizabeth Allen, Donna Stamp, Shirley Stamp, Lynne Coffell, Donny Maveal, her little brother Hugh and her cousin Judy Williams of Glen Williams.

### Local Council Hears Story of Library

Library board chairman J. L. Lambert gave a most interesting talk on the history of Georgetown Public Library to members of the Local Council of Women, meeting on Friday at the home of Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie.

No minutes are recorded before 1899. In that year R. D. Coultis was chairman and Miss Glass librarian

## Bennett is President Royal Winter Fair

### Britain-Holland FLOOD RELIEF FUND

Acknowledged	\$ 2388.32
Anon.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ward	
Brownridge	5.00
William Wright	3.00
Loyal Orange Lodge,	
No. 245	10.00
Mrs. Bert Graham	3.00
Salaries Employees,	
Smith & Stone, Ltd.	60.00
Georgetown W.I.	25.00
	\$ 2405.32

### WORKED ON ENGINE FOR ROYAL TOUR

A lifetime employee of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Sidney George Barrand, 61, succumbed to a coronary at work last Tuesday.

Mr. Barrand, a native of Barrie, was a frequent visitor in town with his daughter, Mrs. Roy Wiggins, and had many friends in Georgetown. He worked at the CPR shops in Toronto, was at Mactier for fourteen years, and returned to Toronto ten years ago. While in Mactier, he had the honour to work on the engine of the train in which the King and Queen travelled during the Royal tour in 1939, and he was presented with white gloves and a satin band when he inspected the engine before the train left the station.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Dobson and four children, Mrs. Wiggins of town, Mrs. J. A. Turton, Raymond and Gordon of Toronto. Four sisters also survive, Mrs. Joseph Coulter who is seriously ill in hospital, Mrs. Frank Harris, Mrs. George Stonehouse, and Mrs. D. B. Sproule, all of Toronto.

He was buried in Prospect Cemetery following the funeral service on Friday.

### Smith & Stone Manager Gets Radio Fellowship

John W. Bell, general manager of Smith & Stone, Ltd. has been awarded a fellowship by the Institute of Radio Engineers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell are in New York this week and will attend the annual IRE convention dinner at the Grand Central Palace where the award will be made. Mr. Bell is one of two Canadians honoured this year. The other nominee is J. C. R. Panchard, a radio engineer at Northern Electric in Belleville. The two men have been personal friends for years and worked together in Ottawa with National Research Council during the war years.

at a salary of \$100 a year. During the years when the library was contained in the public school, other chairmen were Ralph Ross, J. A. Willoughby and J. B. Mackenzie. The Carnegie Foundation was approached to help in building but the request was refused because the town was not big enough. In 1910, Mr. Willoughby offered a building lot, but in 1912 the Congregational Church donated their church property for library use. Chairmen since this time have been Miss Georgina Young, Ralph Ross, Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson and Mr. Lambert.

At present the library has 8,000 books, and a circulation of 11,695 books. Membership is 301 adults and 366 children. Numerous improvements were made last year and this year repairs to the basement are planned, and the library can become a real cultural centre and an asset to the community.

A discussion took place on the current question of whether margarine should be allowed or prohibited, and the meeting decided to sign a petition to continue the manufacture of margarine, which will be added to a petition which the National Council of Women will present to parliament.

Five dollars was voted to the St. John Ambulance Brigade fund appeal. An appeal to all ladies was made for absorbent white articles (old sheets, pillow cases and linen) for dressings to be sent to the Toronto Cancer Society. These are to be left at the home of Mrs. R. T. Paul before April 1st.

S. G. Bennett, whose Scotsdale Farms Shorthorn herd is internationally known, is the new president of the Royal Winter Fair.

Mr. Bennett has been a Georgetown district resident for 15 years, and has increased his farm holdings to 600 acres with his recent purchase of the Harding Price farm where an auction sale is being held today.

He is president of Beardmore & Co., Acton and vice president of Canada Packers, as well as being a director of several other Canadian companies.

### NORVAL TEAMS TOPS YOUNG CANADA NIGHT

The Kitchener midget team, mostly made up of Norval boys, won the Lions trophy at Young Canada Night on Saturday.

The event was the wind-up of a successful season of Legion-sponsored kid hockey and drew a good crowd to watch the final games. Another Norval team, Rangers, copied the Bantam championship and the Leonard Bell trophy, when they eliminated Canadiens 4-3 in the semi-finals, and defeated Black Hawks, 2-1. Others beat another Norval team, Bears, in the PeeWee league 2-1 and won the Simmons Jewellers trophy.

### Two War Veteran Was Local Man's Brother

A native of Acton, and a veteran of two wars, Ralph Swackhamer, 58, died at Westminster Hospital, London, on Friday.

Son of the late Hiram Swackhamer and Mary Chisholm, his father was once awarded of Halton County. He had lived in Guelph many years and was employed there with National Motor Supplies.

He went overseas in the first war with the 164th battalion. He was injured early in the war in an explosion in Hamilton when a hand grenade being demonstrated to a group exploded and killed several of those present. In the last war, he was an RCAF technician at Malton.

Surviving are his wife, Edith Demonnis, five sons, Lloyd, Ralph, Jr., Murray, Bruce, Allen of Guelph, two grandchildren, a sister, Mrs. E. L. Unwin, Rochester, N.Y., and two brothers, Brant of Georgetown and Joseph of Toronto. A brother Ross died in Toronto two years ago.

The funeral service yesterday at the Tovell Funeral Home, Guelph, was followed with interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

### HOWARD GARVIN WINS SUIT IN LUCKY DRAW

Winner of a new suit of clothes from Silver's Dept. Store which was prize in a lucky draw, is Howard Garvin, Glen Williams.

The lucky draw was conducted by the Glen hockey club as a fund-raising activity for their club's season in ORHA hockey this year.

### ACTON PAPERS ASTRAY

Apologies to people in Acton and vicinity who did not receive their Herald until Monday.

The papers are all put in their proper mail bags before they leave the Herald office and last week we apparently got the bundles mixed and shipped the Acton papers east instead of west. They were returned to the local post office on Saturday, and re-delivered.

### Queen Mary

Queen Mary is dead. The 85-year-old lady who stood for so much in the British Commonwealth, had been ill for two months but only this week the seriousness of her illness was made known.

Since the death of George V in 1936, she had continued a busy round of public appearances, her personal life saddened by death of two sons and the tragedy of war, yet always "every inch a Queen." She will be long remembered.

### Initiatory Degree for Eight New Oddfellows

On the past two Mondays, the initiatory degree was conferred on a number of candidates at Orion Oddfellows Lodge.

Charles Hill and Herb Hancock were the candidates on Monday, and a week ago Monday, candidates were John Davidson, Edward Arnold, Herman McLellan, John MacDonald, Gilbert Preston, and George Johnson. After the degree was over, a delicious lunch was served by Bro. Harvey Dewhurst and his committee and the degree team was congratulated on conferring the degree in such a fine manner.

Tomorrow the candidates are receiving their 1st degree in Brampton by Golden Star Lodge and on Saturday in Orangeville, Oak Lodge, Springfield, will be in charge of the 2nd Degree.

### EXPLORERS TEA WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

So successful was the St. Patrick's supper served by the Explorers Club in St. John's auditorium on Friday that meals had to be called off when food ran out after some 180 people had been served.

The W.A. ladies had a bake sale earlier in the afternoon which was also well patronized. Supper was conveyed by the club leaders, Mrs. Frank Whitnee and Mrs. Jack Watson. The girls, all in uniform, who served were: Lynda Whitnee, Toni Lee, Ruth McClements, Paulene Watson, Joy Barber, Frances Ernewein, Lois Niven, Lois Denham, Carol Bradley, Sharon Sayers, Sharon Parmeter, Myrna Cook, Sandra Leu, Bernice Sutherland, Norlene Hardwick, Margaret Abell, Margaret Foster, Barbara McKerron, Betty Carey, Elaine King, Brenda Bell and Joan Craig.

## BRITAIN — HOLLAND FLOOD RELIEF FUND

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APRIL FIRST

If you intend to donate, please do so by this date, in order that all the money can be sent immediately to central headquarters.

REMEMBER — Donations may be left at the Municipal Office, either bank, or the Herald Office.

JOHN D. KELLY,  
Treasurer — Georgetown Fund.