

• Tax Rate Remains at 43 Mills •

Lowest Rate in North Halton, Says Mayor

Good news for Georgetown property owners, is council's decision to make no increase in the 1953 tax rate over last year.

The 43 mill rate was maintained when council passed a \$217,000 budget of expenses, a \$6500 increase over last year. Taxpayers will have a total levy of \$164,500 to pay.

No essential services have been reduced, although the road budget was topped by \$3,000, and the finance committee recommended a decrease in the street staff from 7 to 6.

On the credit side, council budgeted for \$3,500 from the sale of the Old Town Hall, and \$4,000 in supplementary taxes, mostly from building of the new Smith & Stone plant.

Council plans to use \$6,000 of surplus to keep the tax rate constant. It is hoped to realize this by converting a large share of uncollected taxes into cash. A \$1300 increase in garbage collection costs was in the budget. The Cemetery Board, which last year took only half their grant, has asked for the full amount, boosting expense about \$1900. Public School costs increased \$5500. High school costs, though not increased in total, added \$2,000 to Georgetown's tax rate, because the town has agreed to drop a financial gain at Esquesing's expense, in order to proceed with building a high school addition.

Finance Minister McGilvray and his committee were congratulated by Mayor Armstrong, on their work in keeping the tax rate down. He said Georgetown could be particularly proud of the fact that the rate is lower than in any other North Halton municipality. This rate has also been held for a three-year period.

Taxes will be payable in three instalments, May 15th, July 15th and September 15th.

THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor:-

This week's summary shows an average Max. and Min. which are both 14 degrees above the normal average for the month of March.

—Ern Batkin

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
March 23	60	32	.28
March 24	58	39	
March 25	51	34	.06
March 26	43	32	.06
March 27	46	34	.07
March 28	42	31	
March 29	43	32	Flurries
Average	49	33.42	.49

Smith and Stoners in Quarter Century Club

Twenty-three members of Smith and Stone, Ltd. became charter members in a 25 Year Club of Duplate and associated companies Saturday night.

Col. W. E. Phillips, himself a charter member, and president of the Duplate, Fibreglas and Smith and Stone companies presented engraved watches, company pins and framed certificates to a total of 65 men and women at a dinner at the Royal York Hotel, which was followed by an evening at the Royal Alexandra Theatre.

FIRST GRASS FIRE OF THE SEASON

First grass fire of the season occurred yesterday when a fire originating in the Glen, swept up the hill towards Meadowglen Growers in the region of Basil Hadley's home.

The fire brigade was unable to take the truck into the area, and fought the fire by hand, beating it out before any damage was caused.

Many Prizes Given at True Blue Cooking School

An enjoyable time is reported by all who attended the Canada Packers cooking school, sponsored by the Loyal True Blues on Thursday and Friday in St. John's Memorial Hall.

The Thursday evening show was dedicated to the preparation of meats and meat dishes, and the Friday afternoon show to pastry and cake baking. Both shows, which were opened by W.M. Mrs. Albert Carter, were enlivened by the congenial presence of Vince Mountford of Brampton, well-known as an entertainer and district representative for the company, who acted as emcee.

The committee in charge of arrangements consisted of Mrs. A. Taylor, Mrs. Harry Shortill, Mrs. Victor McEwen and Mrs. Bob Harris. Mrs. Don Arthur and Mrs. McEwen assisted the dietiticians and Mrs. Pearl Barber was pianist at the evening show. The Frigidaire range and refrigerator used throughout were supplied by McClure's Home Furnishings.

Grand door prizes of a Sunbeam Mixer, donated by Goodlet's Hardware, and a 12 lb. decorated ham from Canada Packers were won by Mrs. J. Douglas and Miss Helen Armstrong, respectively. Five dollar vouchers from Carroll's were won by Mrs. Robert Barber and Mrs. D. Copeland. Daily door prizes of Swing-a-way can openers, donated by Ernie's Radio were won by Mrs. Fred Tucker and Mrs. Charles Sayers. A week's supply of bread from the Ovenette Bakery was won by Mrs. Ted Stigler.

Winners on Thursday night of bags of groceries were:

Mrs. G. Riddall, Mrs. S. Walker, Mrs. G. Harley, Mrs. S. Lyon, Mrs. T. Harlow, Mrs. E. Cole, Mrs. L. Peters, Mrs. Dybar, Mrs. Pearl Barber, Mrs. J. Fry, Jr., Miss D. Hazell, Mrs. E. Rawson, Mrs. E. Hodge, Mrs. A. Henney, Mrs. J. Emmerson, Miss Shaw.

On Friday afternoon: Mrs. Lawton, Mrs. R. Webster, Mrs. A. Tost, Mrs. W. Roney, Mrs. J. Douglas, Mrs. George Eason, Miss F. Alcott, Mrs. C. Allen, Mrs. G. Campbell, Mrs. H. Harlow, Mrs. F. Black, Mrs. D. Pridoux, Mrs. L. Peters, Mrs. N. Wilson, Mrs. G. Preston.

The food prepared by the dietiticians was won by:

Thursday night, Mrs. J. E. H. Ev-

William Van Sickle Was Halton Warden

Warden of Halton County in 1943, William Van Sickle, 68, died suddenly last Wednesday at Wellesley Hospital, Toronto. He had been ill three months with a heart condition.

He was general manager of King Calcium Products, Campbellville, and prominent in civic life, serving as reeve of Nassagaweya, a member of St. David's Presbyterian Church and Campbell Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are his wife, Lillian Eleley, a son Ormer of Campbellville, and three daughters, Mrs. James Dick, Alliston, Mrs. William Mahon and Mrs. Robert McPhail, Campbellville.

The funeral service was held on Saturday in St. David's Church.

NORVAL

TWO NORVAL TEAMS WIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

by J. R.

As this is the first column in some time we will try to summarize the news of the past few weeks to bring you more or less up to date on the happenings in the little capital of Halton.

We feel as though we should put something in about the successful hockey teams who won trophies at Georgetown because last week the only mention of Norval winning was made in a little corner containing about fifty words. Could it be that the Georgetownian who wrote it was short of paper?

We would like to have been able to congratulate all three teams instead of just two but the Pee-Wees, coached by Nels Robinson, didn't quite make it. Nevertheless, they played a fine game. The Bantams coached by Duncan Robinson, was in our opinion the fastest team on the ice. Standout players on this team were Bill Richardson, Bill Donaldson, Peter Pomeroy and goalie Bill Patterson. Many others deserve honorable mention. They played two games.

The Midget game proved to be nothing more than giving Georgetown their usual Saturday morning shellacking 7-1 with goals scored by nearly everyone except the spectators. How did that one get in? You ask... Well yours truly, the goofy goaltender let it in; one of two shots. How about that? The midgets were coached by Don Jarvie who has been doing a stalwart coaching job all year.

Rev. R. B. Copland of Kensington, P.E.I. is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Copland.

A very successful hayride, sponsored by the Norval United Y.P.U. was held on March 24th. Ashgrove United and Norval Presbyterian Young People's were also in attendance.

For Young and Younger

The biggest problem on the minds of young Norvalites this week is, where is Pogo? (ed. note: maybe Churchy or Albert swallowed him and then again maybe Owl will contact him on the telephone. Well, anyway, Grundoon has a solution. "SKMVTST.")

An accident on Saturday afternoon opposite the home of Rev. C. Gilbert brought injury to Reginald Rust of Brampton and practically demolished his '51 model car. The automobile was rounding the turn at the bottom of the hill going towards Georgetown when it went out of control on the slippery pavement and came into violent contact with a maple tree in front of the Gilbert home. Mr. Gilbert who was pumping water at the time was first to reach the car and after pulling the unconscious man from the wreck took him into the house where he administered first aid and phoned an ambulance.

Our Scout troop now has eleven boys. In patrol order they are: Wolf Patrol: P.L. Laurie Reed, second, Bill Donaldson, Ron Fishburn, Bill Bailey; Beavers, P. L. Ross Cunningham, second Peter Pomeroy and Charlie Carney; Fox patrol, P.L. Julian Reed, second Donald Smith, Ronald McLean and Bill Richardson. Lately two of the members took a two-day, Bronze Arrowhead course in Brampton. This course is designed to give P.L.'s advanced training in their positions. Just lately the troop staged a father and son night which was highlighted by an act entitled "Tommy-Tenderfoot" and done very well by Pete Pomeroy and Laurie Reed. Commissioner Jack, Atkinson was present for the occasion. The ladies of the local association provided a

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Lady MacDougal, on her way back from Florida, visited with her niece Mrs. Ernest Ball before returning to England this week.

Mrs. W. P. Brill of Guelph is visiting her sister, Mrs. Herb Cleave, and attended the Institute 50th anniversary dinner on Wednesday.

Mrs. Florence Smith, Toronto, and Mrs. Norman Cameron, Brampton, were visitors on Thursday with Mrs. John O'Neill.

Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bradley, Mr. Fred McNally and Miss Lena McNally, attended the funeral service in Grace Church, Waterdown, on Saturday for Mrs. A. B. Higginson, wife of a former rector of St. George's Church here.

Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie has as her guests her sisters, Miss C. G. McQueen and Mrs. J. H. McRae, from Lacombe, Alberta. Miss Margery Mackenzie is at present on a trip west to California, travelling mostly by plane.

Mayor Jack Armstrong and Councillor Douglas Sargent, industrial chairman of council, attended an industrial conference in Toronto on Monday and Tuesday, called by the trade and industry branch of the Dept. of Planning and Development.

Season ends as Commuters lose

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What Council Did

Britain-Holland FLOOD RELIEF FUND

Acknowledged	\$ 2405.32
A.Z.C.	1.00
L. DeVries	10.00
John R. Barber	15.00
Legion W.A.	
Fashion Show	124.00
Jack Gunning	5.00
Russell Hepburn	5.00
Ashgrove W.I.	31.03
Lourens-Wildebeut	8.00
	\$ 2,604.35

Main Street Merchant Died This Morning

Seriously ill since suffering a cerebral hemorrhage a week ago Sunday, Mrs. A.E. Farnell died this morning at Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton.

Mrs. Farnell, with her son Graham, had operated their Main Street grocery store since Mr. Farnell's death in 1949.

The funeral service will be at the McClure Funeral Home on Friday afternoon.

NEW TORONTO HERE FOR MINOR HOCKEY

Teams from Georgetown and New Toronto played the final games of minor hockey for the year at the arena Saturday morning.

Midgets and Bantams played two games and Pee Wees a 15 minute period which ended in a 1-all tie, Doug Davis scoring for Georgetown.

Georgetown midgets won their round 17-3 and New Toronto took the bantam series 8-4. Midget scorers for Georgetown were Pomeroy, Hillier, Spence, McGuigan, Hurren, Denham, Hulme, Hill and Boyle. Bantam goals were scored by Ward, Davis and Richardson.

Mrs. Alex Lewis of Milverton spent a few days last week with Mrs. Fred McNally.

ESQUESING LIBERALS ENTERTAIN STEWARTTOWN EUCHE, DANCE

Esquesing Liberals entertained at a euche and dance in Esquesing Community Hall on Friday, with over two hundred attending.

Lorne Bird, president of the township association, was in charge of arrangements and during the intermission between cards and dancing, Murray McPhail, federal Liberal candidate, and Ken-Giles of the county association spoke briefly. Guests at the party also included two vice presidents of the association, Frank Petch, Georgetown and Jack Kehoe, Burlington.

J. P. Kirkwood and Mrs. George Burt were first prize winners at cards, and Frank Fendley and Mrs. R. L. Davidson won second prizes. Doris Hull's Orchestra played for dancing after lunch.

Among those at the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Murray McPhail, W. O. Brownridge, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wilson, Bernice Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Neilson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gibson, George Gibson, Marjorie Gibson, Elizabeth Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wilson, Ruth Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. John Schertel, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. George Burt, Shirley Burt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, Ruth Brown, John and Joe Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Petch, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dolson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gordon Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Charles LaRiche, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sproule, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. George Leslie, Joe Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Goldie Gillies, Lorraine Gillies, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Denny, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Giffen, Mrs. A. S. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. Manley Densmore, Mr. and Mrs. Denney Charles, Mrs. George Herrington, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Presswood, Gordon Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fisher, Howson, Ruddell, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Brownridge, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Leslie, Bob Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Giles, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Snow, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Dredge, Richard Stouff, Gordon W. Erigden, James Collier, Mrs. Edwin Bailey, Mrs. Abe Neilson, Lorne

OPTOMETRIST INJURED

O. T. Walker, Brampton optometrist, who for many years conducted a branch office in town in conjunction with Dr. Frank Watson's dental office, was injured in a car accident last week.

Mr. Walker was walking across the street at the four corners when he was struck by a car driven by a Tottenham man. Mr. Walker suffered a fractured knee.

PLANS FOR Georgetown's Coronation Day

will be discussed at a meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 9th

COUNCIL CHAMBERS — 8 p.m.

All organizations are asked to send a representative to meet with a committee of Council to plan for the day.

ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th,

Sold the Old Town Hall to Sid Silver for \$3500, with the stipulation that it may be used to house the fire truck until September.

Council had previously talked of wrecking the structure and rebuilding on the site, but at the last meeting an offer to purchase was received and it was decided to offer it for sale as is. Two other offers were made, \$3,000 by Austin Corner, Belfountain, and \$1,006 by C. P. Boutelle.

Crs. Goodlet and Allen spoke in favour of the motion to sell, while Cr. Norton was strongly against it. Mr. Norton pointed out the danger of putting a fire hall on the Reid lot across the highway, where it will be a menace to school children. Four people had already called him, he said, objecting to this.

"I don't want to be a councillor who has to look into a mother's eyes over her child's dead body, and feel responsible" said Mr. Norton. "We talk of town planning, yet we turn down the psychological location for the fire hall."

Mr. Norton also asked where the firemen would park their cars when they were out on the truck.

Cr. Petch said he could not see any more hazard to children by moving the fire hall a few hundred feet away. When the vote was put, Reeve MacDonald, and Cr. Norton voted against it.

Will print 100 copies of the Auditors' Report for 1952.

Agreed to install necessary water and sewer services into a planned subdivision in the Tyers survey, when an agreement from Alwood Construction Co. indicates the company will build at least ten houses.

John Hunt and George Salge spoke for the company, indicating that they plan to build a minimum of 10 houses, which could increase to 40 or 50 if the houses prove readily saleable. The company will put in roads if they go ahead with the subdivision. They have built 60 houses in Oshawa and others in North York.

Struck the mill rate at 43 mills, the same as last year.

Will observe Daylight Saving Time for the same period as in Toronto.

Appointed a council committee to have a meeting with representatives of organizations to discuss plans for a Coronation Day celebration.

Will have the road committee investigate possible changes in some street names to avoid confusion, especially as an aid to the fire brigade.

One suggested change is to continue the Victoria Crescent name along one of the present Victoria Streets. Another is to provide a new name for the 9th Line and another to establish a name for what is now known as Mill Road.

Will have a broken water main on College Street fixed immediately, when Cr. Hale pointed out that property is being damaged because of the break.

Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McEwen, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cotton, Roy Cotton, Bonnie Cotton, Neil Cotton, Wayne Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Early, Chester Early, Mrs. W. J. McDonald, Charlie Thompson, Mrs. John G. Irving, T. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Devereaux, Mr. and Mrs. F. Robinson, Barbara Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hunter, Mrs. Cam Sinclair, Peter Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Bird, Thomas Norton, R. Robinson, Max Hodder, G. A. Youngs, W. G. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Michie, Mamie Johnson, Frank McGibbon, Ronald Moffatt, Frank Wilson, Gordon Bird, Pete Waller, Ruddy Whiting, Gord Rusley, Ken Giles, John Blair, Tony Stavjanik, Jim Jesseman, Clarence Harding, Spencer Wilson, Mrs. W. J. Snow, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McEwen, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Brown, Mrs. M. Leslie, James McDonald, Mrs. Sam Mileham, John Michie;

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fendley, Mr. and Mrs. John McNabb, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kirkwood, Shirley Kirkwood, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Leslie, Bob Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Giles, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Snow, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Dredge, Richard Stouff, Gordon W. Erigden, James Collier, Mrs. Edwin Bailey, Mrs. Abe Neilson, Lorne