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BIRD IS REEVE, LINHAM DEPUTY IN ESQUESING

Sinclair, Wilson Councillors As Reeve Leslie, Schenk Retire

Esquesing Township will have two new faces on council next year, and one new member of county council.

All offices were filled by acclamation at Monday's nomination meeting in Stewarttown. Reeve George Leslie, who is county warden, is retiring, as well as William Schenk. Glen Williams, who has been a council member for two years.

Deputy Reeve Wilfrid Bird will step up to the reeveship and Councillor Walter Linham becomes deputy reeve. Councillor George Currie remains on the council, and Spencer Wilson and Campbell Sinclair are the new councillors.

Willilam Dobbie, John H. Bingham and Robert J. Cunningham were returned as members of the school area board for two year terms and James Kirkwood, Ballinafad, was nominated to serve a one year term vacated by Hector Bird.

Leslie Retiring

Retiring after seven years on council, and holder of the highest honour in county politics this year, Reeve George Leslie spoke of the problems of assessment and equalization which a fast growing county faces.

There has been a ten million dollar increase in assessment in one year. In 1953, an equalization was arrived at, after several meetings between municipal assessors and the county committee,, avoiding appeals which have hampered county administration in the past.

Mr. Leslie spoke of certain aspects of county work, including roads, the court house and Centennial Manor. A $30,000 government cut in the road budget had reduced estimates for gravelling, grading, and work on county links. Extensive renovation work is being done on the county buildings, which will include a new vault, a law library and redecorating.

He spoke of growth in the township, reflected in $200,000 in building permits issued, and said future councils would face heavy expenditures for roads, schools and services which suburban development entails.

Bird New Reeve

The new reeve, Wilfrid Bird, dealt with other aspects of county work, including the important reforestation program. This year purchase of 65 more acres makes a total of 1200 acres now owned by the county for this purpose.

A $250,000 debenture issue for the Centennial Manor, bearing intest at 4½% was sold at slightly over par. The Health Unit, an important county service, is carried on at a cost of $1.20 per capita, half of which is paid by the province.

Suggests Trailer By-Law

A by-law to regulate trailers was suggested by Walter Linham who will enter county council this year as deputy reeve. He spoke of the building by-law, and said it was not designed to force anyone to build an expensive home, but rather to ensure that any building constructed would be an asset to the community.

Roads are wider nowadays, and increased maintenance should make the township give serious consideration to purchase of a second grader in 1954, in Mr. Linham's opinion. He reviewed bridge and road repair work.

"Where to draw the line and give ratepayers what they want at what they can afford to pay is the problem which faces today's councils" said Mr. Linham. "We must remember that we do not own the township, but are just custodians. We want to leave it better than it was when we took office, but not loaded with debt."

Pay-As-We-Go: Currie

Councillor George Currie reiterated his faith in a pay as you go policy, saying that it is not sound business to go running to the Municipal Board for debentures.

"We mustn't let expansion go to our heads," he warned, saying the township had so far paid for most things as they were needed. "A municipality, like an individual, will never get into trouble that way" he said.

Mr. Currie criticized road spraying, saying that if it won't kill wild carrot, it isn't much use. Road expenses are mounting, he said, due to gravel trucking to the south of the township, but it is something over which council has little control.

He forecast expansion in the Hornby district, where surveying, [illegible] a new highway and a clover-[illegible]

Schenk Retires

Saying he had enjoyed his two years as a councillor, William Schenk said he was not a candidate this year because he did not feel he could spare the time from his business which the work entails.

A nominee, William Dobbie said he was considering running for council because his section of the township was not represented, but later changed his mind and remained a school board member. Candidates Spence Wilson and Campbell Sinclair spoke briefly, as did a former council member Edwin Harrop, who declined to run.

R. L. Davidson reported for the school board as chairman, telling of expansion which has led to a new school at Norval and an extra classroom at Glen Williams. Messrs. Bingham, Cunnigham, Kirkwood and Elliott also spoke briefly.

The financial report for the year was presented by the treasurer K. C. Lindsay, who acted as chairman in the absence through illness of clerk I. M. Bennett. At the close of the meeting Mr. Lindsay asked a former reeve, William Hampshire to speak, and he spoke stirringly of the obligations of municipal service.

Erin Resident Was Native of Ireland

Father of three Georgetown residents, Thomas Henry Coburn, 85, died in Erin on November 24th. He had been in ill health for over a year.

Mr. Coburn was born in Lisburn, County Antrim, Ireland. A shipbuilder by trade, he came to Canada in 1926 and had lived in Erin since then.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret Jane McMaster and eight children, Mrs. John Pinkney (May) and Charles, Erin;; Robert, Mrs. Wray Matthews (Elsie) and Mrs. Gordon Lingard (Ethel), Toronto; Jack and Norman, Georgetown; and Mrs. Mervyn Kirby (Margaret) of Glen Williams. There are nine grandchildren. One sister, Mrs. John Bell, lives at Lisburn.

Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson conducted the funeral service on Thursday at the Weddell Funeral Home, Erin, with interment following in Erin Cemetery.

Attend Liberal Ladies' Anniversary in Ottawa

Representing Halton at the 25th anniversary meeting of the National Federation of Liberal Women of Canada, were Mrs. Percy Leslie of Georgetown and Mrs. Frank McNiven, Milton. Mrs. McNiven is president and Mrs. Leslie 2nd vice president of the county organization.

The meeting was held last week in Ottawa at the Chateau Laurier. Besides the business session, the ladies had a wonderful social time, which included a tea at which Madame St. Laurent was hostess, a visit to Kingsmere, the home of Mackenzie King which is being converted into a public park, and a dinner meeting addressed by Prime Minister St. Laurent. They attended the session of parliament at which Lester Pearson, Minister of External Affairs, explained Canada's position in the Gouzenko controversy. They saw Halton's member Sybil Bennett in her seat in the House and also visited her in her office.

FARM NEWS

NIGHT SCHOOL CLASSES PASS 550 ENROLMENT

Tuesday evening of last week saw the enrolment at the Halton Night School go well past the 550 mark, staes Mrs. Velma Norris, secretary of the Halton Planning Committee.

Due to the number of requests received from those who would like to attend some of the sessions of the course in Farm Business and who are not in a position to attend regularly, chairman A. T. Woodley of the county planning committee has approved of the suggestion that such individuals may do so by paying a fee of fifty cents per night if they do not wish to enrol at the regular fee of $3.00 for the duration of the night school. Such a concession does not apply to any other course at any of the three centres, Acton, Georgetown, and Milton.

Long Illness Fatal For Mrs. Alex McKay

A resident of Esquesing Township all her life, Mrs. Alex McKay died in Guelph General Hospital on Friday. Seriously ill for the past two years, she bore her suffering with heroic fortitude. She had entered the hospital only a day before her death.

The former Agnes Jane Cole, she was born while her parents, William Cole and Margaret Jane Reid lived on the 6th Line. Later they moved to a farm on the 10th Line, and she attended Clay Hill School. She married Mr. McKay 22 years ago, and for the past few years they had been residents of Silvercreek.

Mrs. McKay was a faithful member of Ballinafad United Church, where she was active in the Woman's Missionary Society. Besides her husband, She is survived by a brother and three sisters, Fred Cole, Emma Cole and Mrs. John McLean, Acton, and Mrs. J. Kirkwood, Erin Township.

Rev. E. A. Currey conducted the funeral service at the Rumley Funeral Home, Acton on Monday, with Rev. Robert H. Armstrong assisting. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown. Six nephews were pallbearers, Wilfred, Harvey, Gordon, and J. P. Kirkwood, William McLean and Archie McKay. Flower bearers were Marshall McLaughlin, Thomas Allen, Bert McMenemy, Charles Thompson, Robert Miller, Harding Price and Wilfred Harding.

Winners Declared as Marathon Euchre Ends

Mrs. Thomas Warnes and Mr. William Lyons were winners in the Oddfellows marathon euchre which ended with a big party in the Oddfellows Hall on Friday.

Mrs. Warnes had a total score of 796 and Mrs. Norman Snyder, 792, was second. Mr. Lyons' score was 801 and second prize went to Edgar Lyons, 794.

Members of the Rebekah Lodge served lunch at Friday's party and a large number of prizes featured the evening. Mrs. J. R. Scott received a prize as the oldest person present and Billy Wilson as the youngest. Other prizewinners included Mrs. Blake Leslie, Mrs. Hamilton, Grace Warren and a birthday prize to C. Deforest.

Prizewinners on the night's play were Mrs. Hamilton, 115, Margaret Cain, 108, John Cain, 108 and R. D. Williams, 103 who won a cut for second place with H. Cudden. Mrs. Belle Robinson and Mrs. E. Forrave won consolation prizes and Mrs. Hamilton and John Cain prizes for lone hands.

In a special lucky draw, Mrs. Clare Wilson won a 16 lb. turkey and Mrs. J. R. Scott a Christmas cake. S. Teepska, Oakville, won a hamper of Northern Spy apples.

—Only 19 shopping days are left until Christmas.

Shortill Promoted Hugh Dickie Retires

ROSS DUNCAN NOW MILL MANAGER

Retirement of Hugh Dickie as assistant superintendent of Provincial Paper's coating mill here has resulted in two promotions of local men.

Harry Shortill succeeds Mr. Dickie as assistant superintendent and Herb Arnold assumes Mr. Shortill's former position of finishing room foreman. At the same time Ross Duncan has been promoted from plant superintendent to manager of the mill.

Mr. Dickie came to Georgetown from Scotland in 1913 as colour room foreman, and held that position until his promotion four years ago. He is a past president of the Quarter Century Club at the mill.

On Monday afternoon, all members of the staff gathered during a shut-down period to present Mr. Dickie with a trilight lamp and Lazyboy chair as a parting gift. That evening, foremen and members of the office staff held a dinner in his honour at the Yellow Briar, Brampton. Among those attending were Bruce Brown of Montreal, president of the Whyte-Hook Paper Co. who was the first man hired by Mr. Dickie when he took over his position in Georgetown, and Walter Barber, a former general manager of the mill.

NORVAL

MEN'S CLUB HEARS CITY SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Rev. John V. Mills gave a survey of Ontario's educational system in a speech Monday night delivered at a dinner of the Men's Club of Norval and Union Presbyterian Churches.

Mr. Mills is seeking reelection this year to Toronto Board of Education. He is general secretary of the Ontario Public School Trustees' Association. The Norval ladies catered for the dinner in the Norval church, which also featured a Christmas carol singsong.

BROTHER DIES THIS MORNING IN BRAMPTON

A Brampton resident and brother of Thomas L. Lyons of town, William A. Lyons, 79, died this morning in Peel Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. J. C. Stevenson, another brother, Dr. G. W. Lyons, Toronto, and six sisters, Mrs. R. W. Gladstone, Guelph, Mrs. James Lyons, Mrs. Bertha Cole, Mrs. George Anderson, Miss Ellen Lyons and Miss Maria Lyons, Brampton.

—Mr. and Mrs. William Ditchfield of Windsor were week-end visitors in town with her mother, Mrs. C. Sargent.

CONQUERING THE FAR NORTH — Donald Gordon, chairman and president of the Canadian National Railways, drives the last spike at Lynn Lake, Manitoba, to officially open the new 144-mile line from Sherridon northward. Completion of the railway coincided with the start of production in Sherritt Gordon's new nickel and copper mine. Participating in the recent ceremony were federal and provincial government officials, mining and railway executives and 500 Sherritt-Gordon and CNR employees of the newly-created frontier town, more than 500 miles northwest of Winnipeg. "One of Canada's greatest storehouses of natural resources has been linked with the rest of the world by the completion of this railway line," said Mr. Gordon. "It joins Lynn Lake to every point on the Canadian National System, to every point served by the 175,000 miles of railway in North America, and to the rest of the world through the seaways that lead from [illegible]

Several Rumoured as Georgetown Candidates

THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor:

With all the snow reported around us, during the past week, we are fortunate to record ONLY snow flurries SO FAR.

Ern Batkin.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain Snow
Nov. 23	48	34	
Nove. 24	46	28	.26
Nov. 25	44	33	
Nov. 26	41	24	Flurries
Nov. 27	35	26	Flurries
Nov. 28	43	20	
Nov. 29	39	26	Flurries
Average	42	27	.26

FETE ROBERT ANDREWS ON 80th BIRTHDAY

A Main Street North resident, Robert W. Andrews was twice honoured on the occasion of his 80th birthday last week when friends in Shelburne and in town held parties for him.

A surprise party on Saturday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gordon Price in Shelburne, saw members of the family gather for a turkey dinner. He was presented with a well-filled wallet. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Price, of Hornby, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Price, Shelburne, Mr. and Mrs. James Andews and Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Andrews, Georgetown, Mrs. Robert Tully and son John, Cannington, Fred Andrews, Alliston and Reg Andrews, Guelph.

Monday night at his home, a group of employees of the Dominion Seed House where he was employed until his retirement, surprised him with another party, at which they presented him with a pair of slippers and offered congratulations. Those present included Fred Fryer, Herb Cleave, Frank Petch, John Cornelius, John McDonald and Albert Pattenden.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ure and Mr. and Mrs Frank Petch visited on Sunday in New Hamburg with Mrs. V. T. Cavanagh and Mrs. J. Fasken.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gunning spent the week-end in Windsor, where they visited with Mrs. Gunning's mother, Mrs. J. W. Elley.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McMurchy of Huttonville motored to Florida last week and plan to spend the next two months in the south.

Miss Victoria Webster of Windsor was a week-end guest in town with her sister Mrs. Keith Barber and Mr. Barber.

Mr. Jim Linton left for New York City yesterday and is flying to Bermuda today where he will spent a week at Belmont Manor. He expects to be playing a lot of golf during his vacation, and will stop in New York enroute home to attend a company sales meeting.

Mr, and Mrs. Edward Wodson and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shildrich, Toronto, visited with friends in town on Friday, spending the afternoon with Mrs. H. Hutt. Mr. Shildrich, at one time music director at Toronto Bible College, has been in town before when he brought his choir to St. John's Church and also to Cedarvale School for entertainments.

A theatre party followed by a birthday supper at her home on River Drive marked the seventh birthday of Sharon Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Allen on Saturday. Sharon's party guests were Jane Bradley, Ellen Biehn, Mary McNamara, Judy Nash, Lynn Ritchie, Carol Rayner, Joan Handy, Heather Allen, Dale McCartney, Alan and Judy Gilchrist, David and Vicki Greygoose, and her sister June.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Cleave announce the engagement of their daughter Helen Mildred to William Gerald Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson of Unity, Saskatchewan. The marriage will take place quietly on Friday, December the eighteenth in Victoria B.C.

ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Leslie are celebrating their diamond wedding and will be pleased to received their friends in St. John's Memorial Hall, Guelph Street, Georgetown from three to five on Saturday, December [illegible]

Keen interest is being shown in Georgetown nominations for the 1954 council. Nomination meeting is Thursday night at the Public Library and if all those rumoured to be interested in seeking office are nominated, there should be more than a full slate for the December 14th election.

Mayor Jack Armstrong is standing for office and there has been no mention of a mayoralty race. Prominently mentioned for the offices of reeve and deputy reeve thrown open by the retirement of Frank Petch and K. R. MacDonald are councillors Stan Allen and Allan Norton, as well as such former council members as Harold Cleave, W. G. Marshall, Thomas Lyons and Alex Maclaren.

Members of this year's council who are almost certain to seek office are Garfield McGilvray, Harry Hale and Doug Sargent. James Goodlet announced some time ago that he is retiring. Among those mentioned as interested in running for council are Irwin Noble, Mrs. Clarence Hayes, Del Wallace, William B. Hamilton, James McCaig, William Clark and Ray Whitmee, a former council member.

Raiders Still Seek That Elusive Win

Georgetown Raiders lost their fourth straight game last night, when Durham, a peppy new entry in the league defeated them 8-3 at the local arena.

It was a disappointing showing for the Raiders who had their hearts set on winning after a good showing against the strong Milton team on Saturday. In that game the 8-3 score did not indicate the play, for after a shaky start, the Raiders played equal hockey for the last two periods. Fred Lever was in goal, and he has been signed to share duties in net with Fred Lawrence this season.

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Though not discouraged, coach Leigh Bradbury is disheartened about the team's inability to break into the win column . . . It isn't for lack of trying, for players have been turning out faithfully to practices, which will pay off as the season advances . . . Jamie Cunningham, Norval, is being groomed for a spot on the team though to date he hasn't been dressed for a game . . . The fund appeal is slowing down, and anyone who wants to donate is asked to do so. Win or lose, it takes money to run a hockey club!

MORRIS HAT-TRICKER WILSON WARRIORS WIN

Wilson's Warriors led by Morris, who incidentally notched himself a hat trick in the third period gave the Combines an 8-4 trimming, in Sunday's industrial tussle. Only some great stops by Charlie Jones in goal for Combines prevented a higher score.

The club, operated by Jack Wilson is a powerful unit of young boys who are giving the fans a very pleasing brand of hockey. Paul Barber has been added to the club and should prove a worthwhile opponent.

Hornby looked for a while last Sunday as if they would give the Commuters a rough time of it. Within seconds Commuters had scored but Hornby came back to score two fast goals and checked the strong Commuters team closely until bench strength proved the deciding factor.

The Commuters well stocked with power were too much for Hornby's shallow line and soon ran the score up. Kenny Adamson scored two for Commuters along with Cliff Norton, while Gillies was the big gun for Hornby, scoring their two lone markers. Final score 7-2 for Commuters.

Ormie Carter, the 'Ted Kennedy' of the Burns' club, scored 2 goals to lead his mates for a 5-1 victory over Smith & Stone. M. George T. Wylie and A. Gillis were the other marksmen. Jack King scored the only goal for Smith & Stone.

Burns are again this year a hard team to beat and will provide quite a lot of excitement for the fans when they meet the Computers.

All the teams now have their new uniforms and certainly make an impressive showing.

Mike Lorusso and Bungy Ward are officials and are doing an excellent job. White sweaters have [illegible]