

# THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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FIRST SECTION

## Election Monday for Council, Hydro

### Acclaim Armstrong Mayor Allen, Norton County Men

Ten Candidates, "Question" Vote, Make for Interesting Election

Eight of ten nominees for council at last Thursday's nomination meeting in the library have qualified as candidates for the six council seats. They will contest the election next Monday which also sees Don Barrager opposing W. E. Binkley in his bid for another two year term on the hydro commission. Third item on the ballot is a "Question" vote: Are you in favour of electing public school trustees by general vote rather than by wards?

Mayor Jack Armstrong was the only nominee and was acclaimed for a third term. Acclamations were also received by Stan Allen as reeve and Allan Norton as deputy reeve. Both men are members of this year's council. Reeve Kenneth MacDonald and Deputy Reeve Frank Petch, only other nominees had both previously announced their intention of retiring.

Those in the field for council are three present councillors, Garfield McGilvray, Harry Hale and Doug Sargent, a former councillor, Thomas L. Lyons, and four newcomers, W. O. Brownridge, Irwin Noble, Del Wallace and Walter Gray. James Goodlett, retiring council member, and an ex-mayor, Harold Cleave were also nominees. Two year terms on the public school board were awarded by acclamation to Edwin Wilson, Harry Shortill and Robert Stewardson, the latter replacing Ross Duncan who is retiring from the board.

**Poorly Attended Meeting**  
The meeting which followed the close of nominations was one of the most poorly attended in years. One candidate noted that he had counted only fifteen present who were not directly concerned in the evening's proceedings. Reeve MacDonald was absent through illness and Councillor Hale had another engagement and could not attend. Town clerk John D. Kelly acted as chairman for the meeting.

**Taxes Will Be Higher**  
In a straight from the shoulder talk, Mayor Armstrong gave no promise that town affairs will follow a placid path in the years ahead. "Taxes will be higher next year, there's no doubt of that," he warned, pointing out the great expansion which the town is undergoing, with new housing divisions under-way.

Although there has been no new industry this year, expansion of the Smith & Stone plant has been a bright spot on the industrial scene and the mayor said that constant enquiries for industrial locations, will lead to other industries coming here in the future, he is sure.

**Surplus Used Up**  
Starting the year with a sizeable surplus, the mayor said this had been almost all used up, as it was council's opinion that a higher tax rate should not deprive those living in town at present of money savings for future residents. An interim statement shows that there is possibility of an \$1800 surplus at the year end.

**Pleasant, Strenuous Year**  
Deputy Reeve Frank Petch characterized his past year on council as "pleasant and strenuous"—pleasant because associations had been so cordial among members; strenuous because more and more contentious problems seem to appear as each year goes by. Time is the only factor in his retirement, he emphasized, and he does not believe it is fair to the town to be a representative when he cannot give the proper time to the job.

Mr. Petch touched on county affairs in his speech and said that a disgraceful eyesore is being eliminated with extensive improvements to the county buildings in Milton. Georgetown's Old Town Hall was thing of beauty compared to the

courthouse in years past, he said. Assessment Squabble Averted  
This year numerous meetings between county assessors and the council committee had resulted in equitable solution of the county assessment without the appeals which have characterized it in the past. Mr. Petch said Georgetown's assessor, Joseph Gibbons had represented the town worthily at the meetings and had done everything possible in the town's best interests. A \$32,000 expenditure for indigent patients in hospital is a heavy drain on county finances, he mentioned.

**Public Works**  
As public works chairman in town this year, the deputy reeve reported such matters dealt with as sewer extensions on the highway from Harrison's Garage to the town limits, extension in the Orr subdivision and remedy for an Ostrander Blvd. drainage problem. Work on sewer in Sunbeam Heights was to begin the day after the meeting.  
In three years on council, Mr. Petch said he is willing to take his share of praise or blame for such major advance as a new fire hall, a high school addition, and the Elm-Street road extension, as well as the new water system which is planned for 1954.  
"I favoured them all," he said, "and think they will all prove decided assets for the town." He had sat under two mayors and complimented both of them in filling the office in a dignified and business-like manner.

**Can't Stand Still**  
"We can't stand still, and Georgetown wants to go ahead," was finance chairman Garfield McGilvray's way of explaining why debentures are necessary.  
At present the town has \$750,000 in debenture debt, with another \$140,000 soon to be added for the high school.

However Mr. McGilvray is not concerned about the total, for the auditor has said that the town is in a sound position and is only at one-third of its maximum borrowing power.  
He reviewed highlights of the year - appointment of a new clerk, John D. Kelly, who had proved a good choice, house numbering, new fire hall and planned new water system, and hopes that street signs will be arranged in 1954.  
He, too, forecast a higher tax rate, explaining that a \$12,000 surplus carried over from 1952 had helped keep this year's rate down. He is pleased to see tax arrears down from \$18,000 to \$5,000.

**Wants Raise for Mayor**  
"I think the mayor's salary should be increased at least \$500 a year," said Councillor James Goodlett, who said council work now takes so much time that he finds it impossible to carry on.  
In council for five years, except for a year in which he was asked to take a "holiday" he looked back with pleasure on such things as the new water system, erection of Halton Centennial Manor, artificial ice in the arena, appointment of an assessor, wartime housing and garbage collection, and building of a new municipal building with funds realized from sale of the former building to the Royal Bank at a substantial profit.

He praised town clerk Kelly, foreman Ern Hyde and Assessor Gibbons as conscientious employees. Georgetown is one of the few towns, he said, where there had been no appeals against the assessment.  
With the town surplus used up, and no way of deriving revenue except by taxation, Mr. Goodlett also forecast higher taxes. He suggested the possibility of subdividing the town-owned property on James Street and thought Georgetown might get back more than the \$18,000 paid many years ago for this for waterworks purposes.

Mr. Goodlett complimented the Chamber of Commerce on park improvements including toilets, picnic tables and swings, and also pointed out the town's painting job on the grandstand.  
**Streets, Roads Important**  
"I've been getting reports all year on roads, and it's a pleasant change to give one," said the new reeve, Stan Allen, who as road chairman has been in charge of this department of town affairs.  
Mr. Allen said future councils should allow more in their budgets for sidewalk repairs and for road work as it is difficult to decide where money allotted can best be spent.

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### Georgetown Nominations

**MAYOR**  
JACK ARMSTRONG  
**REEVE**  
STAN ALLEN  
Kenneth R. MacDonald  
**DEPUTY REEVE**  
ALLAN NORTON  
Frank Petch  
**COUNCIL (6 to be elected)**  
W. O. BROWNBRIDGE  
WALTER GRAY  
HARRY HALE  
THOMAS L. LYONS  
GARFIELD MCGILVRAY  
IRWIN NOBLE  
DOUGLAS SARGENT  
DEL WALLACE  
Harold Cleave  
**HYDRO COMMISSION**  
(1 to be elected)  
DON BARRAGER  
E. W. BINKLEY  
**PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD**  
ROBERT STEWARDSON  
HARRY SHORTILL  
EDWIN WILSON

### Diamond Wedding Date For the T. L. Leslies

St. John's Memorial Hall was the scene of a very happy occasion on Saturday, when Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Leslie celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary.

At one o'clock a turkey dinner was served by the Women's Association of St. John's United Church to fifty-one guests. A toast to the bride and groom of sixty years was proposed by Rev. John M. Smith, Mr. Leslie replying fittingly and hoping that those present would be able to celebrate their 70th anniversary with them. Other speeches were made by H. M. Thornton, Toronto, George H. Leslie and Percy Leslie, and many amusing and interesting reminiscences were told.

Miss Mamie Campbell read an address and a television set was presented by the family and guests.  
During the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie received many more friends all of whom showered congratulations that they have come so far together along life's highway.  
Mrs. H. M. Thornton, Toronto, Mrs. Bertha Cole, Brampton, Mrs. Edgar Lyons and Mrs. Albert Dolson poured tea during the afternoon and four young girls from the Durham Street neighbourhood assisted in serving. Jill Chapman, Gail Thompson, Ann Fiddler and Judy McCumber. Yellow and mauve chrysanthemums were used as table decorations.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie, she is the former Harriet Dolson were married on December 6th, 1893, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Dolson, Alton, by the Reverend Campbell, minister of Cheltenham Presbyterian Church at that time. Mr. Leslie's parents were Mr. and Mrs. George Leslie.

There has not been a break in their family circle of five children, Miss Myrtle Leslie of Toronto Public Schools teaching staff, Percy and Wilfrid who farm near Georgetown, Miss Elizabeth Leslie of New York City, at present at home, and Lloyd, a teacher in Pasadena Junior College, California.  
As a young man of 30, he purchased the farm across from his father's property at Union, retiring 13 years ago to move to Georgetown. Both have taken a prominent part in community and church activities. Serving ten years on Esqueving Council, Mr. Leslie was honoured with the county's highest honour, the wardenship, in 1929. He was a director of Farmers Mutual Insurance for many years, served as president of Esqueving Agricultural Society and is a member of Credit Masonic Lodge. Both Mr. and Mrs. Leslie were active members of Union Presbyterian Church when they lived on the farm, and now attend St. John's here.  
The community joins in good wishes for their future happiness and prays that it will be long extended.

### Money, Supplies Stolen Public School Break-in

Police are investigating a robbery at Wrigglesworth School on Monday night when thieves, who gained entry to the building, stole money and a number of articles.  
Teachers' desks in the various rooms were ransacked, and about \$8.00 is missing, as well as a typewriter, a mantel radio and a radio-phonograph.  
—Don't forget to vote in the Georgetown Municipal elections next Monday.

### THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor:  
It is hard to believe weather like this and only about two weeks until Christmas. The normal averages for November were both above normal - the maximum average for the month was 50 degrees, which is 7 above normal and the minimum was 31, being 3 above normal. The total snowfall for the month was 6 inches, being 1 1/2 inches above normal, but the total precipitation was just about half the normal, which is 2.65 inches. But winter may be just around the corner.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain	Ern Batkin.
Nov. 30	35	28		Furries
Dec. 1	44	24		
Dec. 2	43	17	.08	
Dec. 3	55	24		
Dec. 4	56	34		
Dec. 5	46	35		
Dec. 6	53	28	.23	
Average	47	27	.51	

### Social and Personal

Mrs. B. Gollop of Hanover is a visitor this week with relatives and friends in Norval and Georgetown.  
Mr. Arol O'Neill, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ranson and Mr. Angus McQuinn, Markdale, were visitors on Sunday with Mrs. John O'Neill.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. William Burtenshaw were her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Bryan and their daughter Doreen of Cleveland, Ohio.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joel Leslie and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gordon of Ingersoll were among those from a distance who attended the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Leslie in town on Saturday.

A birthday supper followed by a birthday party at the Roxy celebrated the tenth birthday on Friday of Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Finlay. Guests were Judy Richardson, Jill Chapman, Carolyn Biehn, Myrna Cook, Pat Allen, Shari Harley, Joanne Duncan and Barbara's brother John.

Attending the annual dinner of the Quarter-Century Club of Provincial Paper, Ltd. last Thursday in the Legion Auditorium were the following club members: Clayton Allen, Albert Carter, Edward Francis, John Fry, Richard Grace, Harry Hale, Thomas Herbert, Ann Hickey, Walter Louth, Leonard Marchment, Fred McCartney, Janet McDougall, Lena McNally, Walter Peck, Orval Rayner, Robert Buchanan, Martin Cummins, Andrew Dewhurst, Hugh Dickie, Wilfred Gill, Wellington Greensward, Samuel Harrison, Arthur Herbert, James Hill, Isaac Hornby, Alex Kean, Jessie Leavitt, William Merritt, Fred McNally, Henry Preston, Thomas Treanor and Bert Weston. Guests at the dinner included Mr. John Buss, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Duncan, Alex Reeder, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biehn, Norman Marchment, Henry Hale, Mrs. Roland Haines, Mrs. Matthew Beaumont, Mrs. Marion Robinson, Mrs. Albert Carter, Mrs. Edward Francis, Mrs. John Fry, Mrs. Richard Grace, Mrs. Harry Hale, Mrs. Fred McCartney, Mrs. Walter Peck, Mrs. Orval Rayner, Mrs. Andrew Dewhurst, Mrs. Hugh Dickie, Mrs. Wilfred Gill, Mr. Albert Hill, Mrs. Alex Kean, Mrs. William Merritt, Mrs. Fred McNally, Mrs. Henry Preston, Mrs. Bert Weston and Miss Eleanor Treanor.

### ENGAGEMENTS

Mrs. John McTrash announces the engagement of her niece, Shirley Isabel Forbes to Robert James Sim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Sim, Milton. The marriage will take place quietly on Saturday, December the twenty-sixth in St. John's United Church, Georgetown.

### LIMEHOUSE

Mrs. Brian McCusworth's two sisters, Mrs. Nancy Archer and Mrs. W. Wallace, and the latter's son, Mr. Neil Wallace arrived to visit her and her husband on Friday, coming from Cheltenham, England.  
We extend sympathy to Mrs. Robert Paterson in the death of her brother, Robert Carlisle last week.  
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elnham and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McNery who each have new baby girls.  
The W.I. met at the home of Miss Ivins on Thursday evening when they had an exchange of Christmas gifts as well as the regular meeting.  
Visitors included: Mrs. Geary Sr. of Toronto at the

### WHAT COUNCIL DID

## Receive Over Par for High School Debentures

The Royal Bank of Canada will pay over par for a \$140,000 debenture issue for Georgetown's high school addition.  
Successful tender of 101.45, submitted jointly by the bank and Equitable Securities, was accepted at Monday's council meeting. Two bids were under par, the lowest being 99.25, and the bank bid was one of eight which were over 100 per cent. The debentures bear interest at 5 per cent for a 20 year period.  
Finance chairman Garfield McGilvray in moving to accept the offer, said he was pleased to see Georgetown did not have too many debentures, as he had heard at the nomination meeting.  
"It certainly shows we are a long way from being bankrupt" was his comment.

With a motion on the table to allow Keith Barber to build two houses on lots on King and Sarah Streets smaller than the building by-law allows, objections of some members to voting before they viewed the property led to the motion being withdrawn.  
Mr. Barber had been previously advised that council would allow him to proceed but size of the lot was smaller than originally thought and difficulties have arisen about one of the houses being closer to the street line than others on the street. Cr. Allen said others had been barred from doing the same thing and that the by-law is on the books to ensure sufficient landscaping around a house. King Street is an excellent residential street, he

## Was Early Toronto Livestock Trucker

A resident of this district since 1924, Robert A. Carlisle, 78, died in Acton last Wednesday. He had been ill for the past month.  
Mr. Carlisle was one of the first men to start trucking livestock to the Toronto Stockyards. Born in Osborne Township, Huron County, he was the son of William and Mary Carlisle. He farmed in Grey County, and later lived at Caledon and Hillsburgh.  
Predeceased by four brothers, he leaves one sister, Mary, Mrs. Robert Patterson. Rev. Robert Armstrong conducted the funeral service on Friday at the Runley Funeral Home, Acton with interment following Huxley's Cemetery, Hillsburgh. Pallbearers were Frank Smith, William Hillary, and four nephews, Ross, Elliott, Wilbur and Russell Patterson.

## HENRI MALON WEDS GIRL FROM NORWAY

In a wedding ceremony at the First Lutheran Church, Toronto on Saturday, Miss Rignor (Mona) Hovind, daughter of Mrs. Petra Larssen and the late Mr. Larssen of Oslo, Norway, became the bride of Henri E. Malon, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Henri Malon of Hovik, Norway.  
The impressive ceremony was conducted in this little old red brick church in the Scandinavian tongue by the pastor of the church, and confirmed in English by the minister.

Accompanying the bride to the altar was the groom's uncle, Mr. Trygve Wold, Georgetown. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Sitan Mollung of Boston, Mass. The groom was attended by Mr. Jack Campbell, Toronto and his aunt, Mrs. Wold.  
The bride wore a gown of blue lace over satin, with fitted bodice and a full skirt, matching fingertip veil, gloves and shoes. She carried a bouquet of sweetheart roses with stephanotis and forget-me-nots.

Afterwards the wedding party of 25 gathered at the Engineers' Club for dinner. The oldest guests were Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Sweeney of Toronto at whose home Mr. and Mrs. Wold were married on December 7th, 1931.  
After a short honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Malon will reside in the city, where he is employed as traffic manager by Ontario Seed Cleaners and Dealers, Ltd. The groom is well-known in Georgetown where he made his home for some time with his uncle and aunt.

**Fred Gearys**  
Mr. W. I. Newton of Barrie with his mother and Miss Ivins.  
Mr. and Mrs. Alex Henderson of Orangeville with the Russ Thompsons.

said, and he does not think the property is big enough for two houses.  
Reeve Petch and Cr. McGilvray wanted to view the property before making a decision. Cr. Hale, who seconded the motion, said others in town have built on small lots and also closer to street lines, and he could not see why Mr. Barber should not be given the same consideration. The matter will be decided at a meeting later this month.

The Public School Board asked that a better check on speeding on the highway near Wrigglesworth School be made by the police, and said the board is pleased to know that council is acting on their suggestion to put traffic lights at the Durham Street crossing.  
The board is arranging to have children cross at Durham Street in future, and asked council if some improvements could not be made on the south side of the highway where there is no sidewalk at present.  
Problems of collecting garbage in the Sunbeam Heights subdivision were discussed when a letter from a new resident, Ken DeRose, was received. At present roads and sewers are being put into the subdivision, and it is difficult for the garbage truck to enter the property.

The company holding the town liability insurance was asked to submit a detailed report on the claim which they rejected for flood damage in Stanley Wright's home on Ostrander Blvd.  
Mr. Wright had written council complaining of the rejection of the claim. The company will be asked to report all decisions to council in future.

Council paid a total bill of \$850 for the toilets installed at the park, which the Chamber of Commerce had sponsored. Much free labour and donations of materials were received and the Chamber paid a portion of the cost also. The building has a value of \$1500.  
Saturday, December 26th has been named Boxing Day and proclaimed as a public holiday.

The firm of Bowman, Black and Shoemaker will be asked to make a survey and supply a sketch of Central Park, to show what property is owned by the town. This action was taken on advice of the Hewson & Glancy law firm which was consulted when Art Scott submitted a request for purchasing part of the property.

Oil heating will be installed in the Municipal Building. The tender of Bill Sproule, Brampton for \$488 was accepted for supplying and installing the burner.

Possibility of a Town Planning Board next year was mooted when Cr. Goodlett pointed out the value of such a group. The mayor suggested that the three retiring council members, Goodlett, Petch, and MacDonald discuss such a board among themselves and possibly organize such a group.

## Family Gave Glen Williams Its Name

Members of the family which gave Glen Williams its name, Charles Edward Williams, 85, died in Simcoe on November 26th.  
Mr. Williams, who was the son of Joseph Williams, was born in the Glen in 1868. He worked in his youth in a grist mill where the Apple Products Company is now located, then went to Chicago where he spent most of his life in the brokerage business. He was one of the founders of the British Empire Club there. Retiring several years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Williams moved to Simcoe which had been her home. He was fond of music and was probably the oldest living person who had sung in the choir at the old Methodist Church in town. He was in town renewing acquaintances at the St. John's anniversary service this fall.  
Surviving are his wife, the further Carrie Woolley, and one brother, Harry D. Williams, Toronto. Two sisters predeceased him, Mrs. Harry Holdroyd and Mrs. William H. Willson. A nephew Charles Williams of town was one of the pallbearers at the funeral service in Simcoe on November 26th.