

# THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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## Town's First Mayor Marks Forty Years As Practicing Lawyer

A lawyer in Georgetown for forty years, LeRoy Dale, Q.C. who celebrated the event on Saturday with an Open House, has been one of the town's most prominent citizens. Best known as first mayor when Georgetown was elevated from village status in 1922, he is still energetically engaged in law work in the practice on Mill Street which he shares with Sybil Bennett, Q.C., M.P.

Born at Madoc in Hastings County, he is a third generation Canadian on his father's side while his Canadian maternal ancestry goes back to the eighteenth century. His father James C. Dale was a private banker. His mother, Lily VanKleeck was a descendant of Baltus Van Kleeck who came to New Amsterdam previous to 1644 and settled in Tarrytown, N.Y., where the family homestead was built in 1702. In 1783, Simon VanKleeck, loyal to the British crown fled to New Brunswick, fearing arrest for his loyalty to England. In 1786 he was given 1800 acres of land in the Ottawa valley and as first settler, the town of VanKleeck Hill bears his name today.

Soon after graduating from Osgoode Hall, Mr. Dale arrived in Georgetown May 7th, 1914, and opened his law practice in the office now occupied by the Hydro Commission on south Main Street. He later had the Mill Street office which is now Magistrate Langdon's office, then moved to his present location.

In 1919 he was elected a village council member, reeve the next year and mayor in 1922. He brought honour to Georgetown in 1919 when he won the John Ross Robertson Cup emblematic of the singles lawn bowling championship of Canada. Retiring at the end of 1926 as mayor, he again ran in 1928 and served another two year term.

Mr. Dale has been one of the county's prominent Liberal politicians and for many years was president of Georgetown Liberal Association. In 1923 he made a bid for provincial office, running as Liberal candidate in the Ontario elections, but was defeated. The same year he became first president of Georgetown Arena Company when a group of private citizens built the arena which is now municipally owned.

In 1934 he was named King's Counsellor and two years later entered law partnership with Sybil Bennett, who is now Halton's federal member of parliament at Ottawa.

During the war he was president of an energetic local Red Cross Society and was several times finance chairman for Victory Loans which always stood near the top in sales across Canada. He served as president of Georgetown Lions Club for one year and last year was named honorary president of Legion Branch 120.

## Trousseau Tea, Showers Fete Donna Thompson

A trousseau tea on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Thompson was one of several delightful events for Miss Donna Thompson whose marriage takes place Saturday in Georgetown Baptist Church to Howard Graham of Hillsburgh.

The bride-elect's mother and the groom's mother, Mrs. Morgan Graham received guests during the afternoon and evening at the tea. Mrs. Ern Thompson of town, Miss Norma Whaley, Toronto; aunts of Miss Thompson, and Mrs. Russell Bullock, Preston, poured tea. Assisting in the tea and trousseau rooms were the bride's sister, Barbara, Mrs. Emery Thompson, and Misses Bonnie Carlisle, Irene Nelle, Marilyn Carter, and Norma Thompson.

On Monday, relatives in Hillsburgh gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Matheson for a miscellaneous shower. During the evening Mr. Graham was presented with a bible by members of the choir of Hillsburgh Disciples Church.

In town, Mrs. Ern and Miss Norma Thompson entertained on May 10th at a shower at which out-of-town guests included Mrs. J. E. Ostrom of Clinton, wife of a former local pastor. The Sunshine Club and ladies of the Baptist Church, numbering fifty, entertained at a shower for her in the church rooms, with club members providing entertainment during the evening.

Neighbours on George Street attended a cup and saucer shower at the home of Mrs. Sam Walker and Irene Nelle and Bonnie Carlisle were joint hostesses at the former's home at kitchen and pantry table.

## NORVAL BRIDAL COUPLE HONEYMOON SOUTH



Gordon Campbell, Brampton

Honeymooning in Florida and Cuba are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Walter Carr, who were married a week ago Saturday in Norval United Church. They will be living in Toronto where the groom is employed with a mortgage and loan company. Mrs. Carr was formerly Marion Joanne Pomeroy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pomeroy, Norval.

## THE WEATHER

MUCH IMPROVEMENT.			
—Ern Batkin.			
Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
May 10	53	32	Trace
May 11	53	39	Trace
May 12	60	38	Trace
May 13	67	35	
May 14	71	34	
May 15	75	35	
May 16	75	38	Trace
Average	65	38	

## Mrs. Joe Emmerson Home, School Prexy

Mrs. Joe Emmerson is new president of Georgetown Home & School Association. She was elected to succeed Sam Penrice, first president, at a meeting last week.

Other executive members include Mrs. Vern McCumber, 1st vice president; Ernie Alcott, and vice president; Reg Broomhead, treasurer; Mrs. Trevor Williams, recording secretary; Mrs. William Dwyer, corresponding secretary; and a committee composed of Mrs. Walter Townsend, Jack Runham, James Ritchie, Mrs. Sam Mackenzie and Mrs. L. G. Lloyd.

Activities last year, reported at the meeting included a theatre night with \$100 profit divided between the two schools for extra supplies, and help by lady members with costumes for a school opera. A travel film on Gaspé provided entertainment at the meeting.

## Leanne Darou Champ At OAC Play Day

A Georgetown High School student Leanne Darou was intermediate champion at Play Day at the Guelph OAC on Saturday.

One of a group of local athletes who competed, she placed first in three events, standing and running broad jump and the 75 yard dash, running this in 9.1 seconds to cut 3.10th of a second off her time last year. Leanne was also a member of the first place relay team, running with Dianne Harrison, Sandra Scott and Jean Engleby.

Other girls who won ribbons were Betty Ann Henderson, 1st in intermediate high jump, and Dianne Harrison, 2nd in senior running broad jump. Only two boys competed. Calvin King won a second prize and Francis Hulme two thirds. Claire Bradley placed fourth in high jump, and Betsy Wilson, Evalonne Harris, Sandra Bradley and Sandra Loudon entered individual events also.

The volleyball team, while not successful, made a good showing against Paris, final score 39-28. Members of the team were Sandra Scott, Betty Greig, Elsie Larsen, Jill Chapman, Donna Bennett, Margaret Bryden, Ann Hyde, Jackie Lucas, Mary Barber, Carole Seddon, Marlene Dixon and Marilyn Cleave.

Accompanying Georgetown's team to Guelph were athletic instructors Alan Prouse, Rose Piercey and Dorothy Parkinson and Mrs. John Patterson who assisted in coaching Leanne Darou.

## Over Four Hundred At Dale Reception

Over four hundred people called at the Legion Auditorium on Saturday to give best wishes to LeRoy Dale, Q.C. who held Open House to mark his 40th year as a local lawyer.

Receiving with Mr. Dale was his law partner Sybil Bennett, Q.C., M.P. A group of Legion ladies catered for the event and tea was poured by Mrs. Jack Armstrong, Mrs. Wilfrid Bird, Mrs. George Leslie and Mrs. Leslie M. Clark.

Friends from many parts of the county, who joined with a host of people here included Stan Hall, M.P.P., Judge Arch Cochrane of Brampton, Sherif W. J. Robertson, W. I. Dick, Miss Myrtle Field, the county registrar and all the lawyers from the north end of the county. Two honoured guests were nonagenarians Ralph Ross, 90, of Toronto, former high school principal, and Walter Diggins, 94, another former resident.

In recognition of his record as the town's first mayor, a pen and pencil set was presented to Mr. Dale at the reception by Mayor Jack Armstrong as a memento from members of council.

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Mrs. Fred McNally visited with relatives in Belleville and Coburne last week.

Mrs. Edgar Eyre, Buffalo, N.Y., is visiting in town for a few days this week.

Frances Deans and Marjorie Evans spent last week-end in Detroit, Michigan.

Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Todd of Niagara Falls were visitors on Sunday and Monday in town with Mr. and Mrs. Graham Farnell.

Enroute home to Kenora after spending the winter in the south, Col. Ashton T. Fife spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. William S. Wright.

Mrs. C. H. Barber and Mrs. Paul Barber were visiting last week at the home of the former's brother, Dr. and Mrs. H. Weagant, in Cornwall.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson and children Christopher and Kerry are arriving tomorrow from Ottawa for a visit with his parents, Arcandecan and Mrs. W. G. O. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cave, Dearborn, Michigan, and Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Cave, and Jimmy, Toronto, were week-end guests with their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Thompson.

Mrs. Bud Buckwold and son James are visiting in town at present with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Norton, Cal. Buckwold has been transferred from Bradford to an OPP posting at Parry Sound, and they will be joining him there soon.

On Saturday, Terry Ritchie who was twelve years old, had a party at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Ritchie. His guests were Phillip Rau, Doug McGillvray, Jim Lindsay, Doug Packer, John Cummins, Ricky and Versey Chapman, Mary and Elizabeth Hay.

Last week, Catherine, daughter of Mrs. David Saxe celebrated her 7th birthday with a party. Her guests were Carol Ann Barber, Pat Hyde, Gladys Smith, David Lounds, her brother Stephen and Cousins Stewart Saxe, Christine and Jody Hargent, Jane and Barbara Cleave and Jimmy Walker.

Lynda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lane, 10 Normandy Blvd., celebrated her fifth birthday last Wednesday with a party at her home. Guests were Lorne and Gail Rayner, Charlene Lee, Ann Gudgeon, Suzanne Kidd, Margaret Sargent, Carol Rayner, Carol Stevens, Judy Prouse, Barbara Gilchrist and her sister and brothers.

## APPENDIX COMPLICATIONS STEWARTTOWN MAN ILL

Dangerously ill in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, R. B. Canham, of Stewarttown, underwent a second operation on Friday. On May 8th, Mr. Canham underwent an emergency operation for removal of a ruptured appendix.

## WEXY COUNCIL DID

## Local Bank Bids 105.95 For Town Debentures

## Mrs. S. K. Ruddell 97 Next Tuesday

Georgetown's oldest resident, Mrs. S. K. Ruddell will mark her 97th birthday next Tuesday.

Although not able to be out as much as formerly, Mrs. Ruddell, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. R. H. Wright living at 24 Charles Street retains a lively interest in town and national affairs. She is blessed with good eyesight and get great enjoyment from reading newspapers and books.

## Lions Peanut Day Again Big Attraction

A fine Saturday drew crowds to Main Street to see the peanut float on its annual visit to town.

A publicity idea of the Planters Peanut Co., the Lions Club has sponsored Peanut Day for the past four years, deriving revenue from the peanut tag day, and from sale of tins of cocktail peanuts and banks.

Children and grown-ups again thrilled to the magnificent float, with its beautiful peanut queen and the dancing attendants, and the taggers were well patronized as they asked people to donate to club funds giving each donor a nickel package in return.

Guessing slips were provided and prizewinners for closest guess were Lynne Hyde, Ewing Street, whose guess of 200,573 won him a case of Party-Pack nuts, and Mrs. Paul Sweet, Water Street, who guessed 200,000 to win a case of cocktail peanuts. The number of peanuts on the float, announced after the contest was over, was 201,750.

A new feature was added this year when the club held a street dance Friday evening with Bill McDonald's Rhythm Tubes playing for dancing.

## BROTHER IN GUELPH DIES SUDDENLY

Brother of a local man, Charles Edward Goldham, 51, died suddenly last week at his Guelph home. Born in England, he spent his boyhood in Acton, and served overseas in World War 2. Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. W. Nein, New York City; Mrs. Florence Cook, Lindsay; Mrs. Doris Creamer and Mrs. H. Holmes, Acton; and a brother, Harry Goldham, Georgetown.

## BALLINAFAD

## Jim Kirkwood Speaker At Sunday Service

Jim Kirkwood, who leaves Tuesday for work in the United Church mission field near Havelock, was guest speaker at Sunday morning's church service. He based his sermon on the 6th chapter of Isaiah. At the close of the service he was presented with a pen and pencil set as a gift from the congregation. Mrs. Elwood Snow reading an address from the congregation and Mrs. R. Werne making the presentation.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jamieson and family were with friends in Burlington for the week-end.

Meetings of the church W.A., the Evening Auxiliary and WMS Easter thank-offering are included in this week's news budget, but have had to be held over for printing until next week's issue.

## News-Scheuneman Vows Baptist Church Ceremony

At an afternoon ceremony in Georgetown Baptist Church on Saturday, Rev. Alfred J. Barker officiated at the marriage of Phyllis Eunice Scheuneman and Norman Albert News. The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reinald Scheuneman of Pembroke was employed at Smith and Stone, Ltd. before her marriage, and the groom, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Absolom News is at Norval.

Pink and white snapdragons were used for church decoration. Mrs. W. Townsend played the organ and Mrs. Donald Hancock sang Oh Father Creating before the ceremony and O Perfect Love while the register was signed. Mr. Scheuneman gave his daughter in marriage.

This bride wore a ballerina length gown of french lace and nylon net over white taffeta with matching bolero. Long sleeve sleeves formed points over her hands. Her fingertip veil was caught to a Mary Stuart cap and she carried red roses and Stephanotis. Miss Doris Bilk,

Georgetown's financial position is certainly strong in the eyes of investment houses," said Mayor Armstrong at Monday's council meeting, commenting on bids from six bond firms on a \$70,000 debenture issue for the new fire hall, sewer and water generators.

Lowest tender for the bonds was 103.05, while the successful bidder, Canadian Bank of Commerce and Bankers' Bond Corporation offered 105.95.

Other tenders were J. L. Graham and Co., R. A. Daly Co., Galdriver & Co., A. E. Ames and Bell, Gouinlock-Dominion Securities.

To overcome a technicality in government grants, the town grant to the Library Board was raised from 81c to 82 per capita.

Films on a method of garbage disposal with use of a "Bulclam" shovel were shown by Ken McMillan and Messrs. Kilgour and Kelly of the International Harvester Co.

The machine, worth \$10,000, crushes garbage and covers it with earth each day and Mr. Kilgour estimated the job could be done here in three hours daily, releasing the machine for road grading and other work. It is used in such centres as Scarborough, Peterborough and Niagara Falls.

## 7th Line Resident Marks 95th-Birthday

On Wednesday, Walter Powle of Toronto will be 95 years old. Mr. Powle lives with the Charlie Greigs on the 7th line. Hale and hearty he enjoys games of euchre and he attended several parties at the Stone school this winter.

He was born in Scotland and came to Canada at 21. In Fergus he married. His wife died 40 years ago, and their son three years ago. They farmed near Port Perry until ten years ago when he went to Toronto to live with a niece. This winter he moved out to make his home with the Greigs.

## ATTEND MAY FESTIVAL AT ALMA COLLEGE

Three ladies from Silver-Wood district, Mrs. Archie Kerr, Mrs. Dave Russell and Mrs. Dave Williamson were in St. Thomas on Saturday. They attended the May Festival of Alma College, where Marie Kerr is a student.

## BANKER TRANSFERRED TO PETERBOROUGH POST

Bank of Commerce manager Fred Chapman has been notified of a promotion to manager at Peterborough and expects to be leaving within a few weeks. His successor here has not yet been named.

## FULL HOUSE FOR LIMEHOUSE PLAY

Making one of several appearances in the district, the Limehouse Players delighted a large audience last Tuesday in Knox Church with "Mrs. Simpkin's Boarding House." Rev. Alex Calder was chairman, Mrs. E. Kam solist, and Mary Barber played piano solos.

## TORONTO MAN CHARGED

Aftermath of an incident on George Street early Sunday morning, a Toronto man was charged in court here today with assault. He is alleged to have assaulted his wife during an argument while their car was parked on the street and police were called by neighbours who were awakened by the commotion.