

# THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

FIRST SECTION

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## Option Taken on Several Farm Lands on No. 7 Highway



It was a form of a "refresher course" in splicing for this trio of Midshipmen when they tackled the job of renewing decorative roping about the main entrance to the Seamanship School at HMCS Cornwallis, the RCN's east coast training establishment. The midshipmen

are members of No. 7 Junior Officers' Basic Training Course at Cornwallis. Here, busy with their splicing, left to right, are: Midshipmen Paul M. Barber, Georgetown; Paul Schweitzer, Kitchener, and Thomas Copeland, Halifax.

### PRIZES, GIFTS, DRAWS FOR IGA SUPERMARKET OPENING

With a staff of twelve, the new IGA Supermarket on the highway opens its doors Friday for the first time.

The huge building, 52x88 erected by Fletcher Construction for owner-operators Bob Caldwell and Bruce Williamson, marks the entry of one of the continent's largest food merchandisers into the local market. It will carry a stock of over 4,000 items, ranging from grocery staples, both IGA and nationally-known brands, to special foods for babies and diabetics. Concentrating primarily on food, the only nod to the tendency for grocers to extend their wares beyond the soup to nuts classification is a Kitchen Gadget department.

The huge grocery department has four islands running store length and shelving part way down the west side, leading to the dairy bar. George Bellak, Toronto, is grocery manager. The entire back of the store is in charge of meat manager Bill Smith who comes from Orangeville. It is self-serve meats, service meats and fresh fish.

The east side of the store has a 35 foot fruit and vegetable market with frozen foods and ice cream at the entrance end.

Three slide-type check-outs, fifty nestle carts plus shopping baskets will provide quick service for customers who are expected to throng the store opening day. A free chicken every hour to some lucky person, free shopping bags and a chance

### THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor:

To see the temperatures up over 80 degrees makes one feel summer is on the way even if we do get another feeling with the cool nights of the past week.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
May 24	78	38	.12
May 25	65	44	
May 26	68	31	
May 27	61	30	.02
May 28	61	44	.04
May 29	76	58	.11
May 30	74	37	
Averages	72	40	.20

### WHAT COUNCIL DID

#### Armstrong Construction Gets Grading Contract

Contract for grading Ewing and Elm Streets, as part of a new roadway from No. 7 to the Smith and Stone district, was awarded to Armstrong Bros. Construction, Brampton, at Monday's council meeting. The Armstrong tender of \$4732 was lowest of five submitted. Other tenderers were Lane's Haulage, Barclay Haulage, Mt. Forest Construction and King Paving Co., Oakville.

Permission was granted for two tag days, on June 10th to the Legion W.A. for the Navy League, and on July 3rd to the True Blue Lodge for their orphanage.

Alex MacLaren, former reeve and conservation enthusiast, was appointed Georgetown's representative on the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, which will hold its opening meeting in Georgetown on June 15th.

A by-law was given its first two readings for resurfacing Queen Street, cost of which is estimated at about \$7,000. A by-law will also be prepared for hard surfacing of Chapel Street East and Young Street.

### WHAT COUNCIL DID

#### Sunday Cycle Sport Mixed for the Park

Council was recessed Monday to allow a "gypsy tour" in the park as part of a motorcycle meet being sponsored by the Yellowjacket Club. It was finally decided to offer the club use of another town-owned property near the sewage disposal plant.

Originally the club had asked, and been granted permission to use the park Saturday and Monday, with assurance that it would not be used Sunday. A change in plans, outlined by Stan O'Connor and Jim Buck, has shifted the park events to Sunday. The men explained that there would be no undue noise and no admission charge, but a majority of members felt that with criticism already voiced by park district residents, they could not okay any Sunday show.

Plans now call for a 12 hour endurance test off town on Saturday, the "gypsy tour," a number of novelty riding events and games on Sunday, with supper served in the armouries that night. The club has been asked to avoid as much noise as possible when machines are passing through town.

A property mix-up in "Central Park" was explained by solicitor George Hewson, who had been asked to find what property was owned by the town. It was found that a small portion of the park had never been officially deeded to the town by the Lawson estate. A town-owned portion adjoining Scott Motors will be sold to Mr. Scott, if he so desires, for \$100 plus legal and surveying fees incurred by the town.

The town will share with the fire department the cost of \$100 for shrubs and landscaping at the new fire hall.

### NEW RESIDENTS MOVE HERE FROM LONDON

New residents of town are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bird, who have moved into an apartment on Victoria Street in the former Barker home.

Mr. Bird is employed at Pioneer Appliances, Etobicoke, and his brother Nelles is also planning to move here from London. Sons Robert and William will be attending Chapel Street school.

### Teacher 25 Years Miss Scott Retiring

Another veteran teacher will retire from the public school staff in June.

Miss Laura Scott, who has taught at Chapel Street School since 1929, will teach her last class this month and has announced her decision to retire on pension. She is one of two leaving the school staff for a year, and prior to that at Stewarttown.

To meet an expanding enrolment, four new teachers have been hired by the school board: Miss Hazel Hall of Streetsville, teaching this year at Milton Heights; Miss Thelma Whale, who teaches in her home town of Drayton; Mrs. Therese Austin of Durham, who is leaving the Woodside staff in Erin Township; and Miss Edna Moffat of Formosa, a teacher at Bluevale.

### Jim Kirkwood Graduates Plans Career in Ministry

A Ballinacraig man who intends to start training for the United Church ministry next fall, Jim Kirkwood received his Bachelor of Arts degree at Victoria College convocation last Thursday.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kirkwood, he graduated with an honour degree in Modern Languages and Literature. Graduate of Blue Mountain School and Georgetown High School, he is spending this summer near Havelock, as a student minister of the Belmont Lake charge, which includes churches at Victoria Road Lake and South Point.

An all-round athlete as well as a good student, Jim was president of the Athletic Union at Victoria this year. During his four years at college he has played hockey and soccer on interfaculty teams, while at home for several years he has played with various hockey and baseball teams, including several seasons with Georgetown's intermediate ball club.



JIM KIRKWOOD

### Norval Road May See Big Land Development

Georgetown may be on the threshold of a suburban development unparalleled in the town's history.

Yesterday's information became public that a real estate firm, acting for an unknown corporation, has optioned at least half a dozen farms on both sides of No. 7 between here and Norval.

Negotiations have been in progress for several weeks by W. Duffy & Sons, Ltd. of Weston. While Mr. Duffy could not be reached for comment today, it is reliably understood that at least 800 acres are presently under his control, on an "exclusive listing" basis for a 6 month period.

While no one, including the land owners, has any idea what purchase of the property might entail, best guess seems to be that the future buyer might be considering a planned community of houses and industry which could create an adjoining town as big as Georgetown.

As yet no representations have been made to Georgetown council, but it could be assumed that eventually there will be discussion of water and sewerage extensions which Enjuneing Township, in which the land is situated, does not possess. The optioned land is within easy access of these town services. A Toronto evening daily today revealed names of farm owners in the area, but some of these were "a little previous" as all options have not been signed.

Rumours are circulating as the story spreads. Streetcorner talk has Chrysler Corporation, the Aluminum Company and various other large industries on the verge of moving here. Another story is that oil might be found on the property (oil leases have been taken in the Churchville area.) Still another is that the government is behind the move, and that some government project is mooted. Another rumour is that a swank subdivision would be created for city people within easy commuting distance of the lakeshore.

### GUELPH CONTRACTOR GETS NEW SCHOOL ADDITION

#### Grandfather Officiates At Thompson Christening

Several out of town guests attended the christening of Elizabeth Kerry (Kerry) Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson, Ottawa, which took place in St. George's Anglican Church, Saturday. The baby's grandfather, Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson officiated.

Godparents present were Miss Frances Richardson, St. Catharines, Mrs. Morgan Tamplin, and Mrs. Reginald Kingshott, Orangeville, while Mr. Harold Cooke, Toronto was proxy for Kerry's uncle, Lawrence McMaster, New York City who could not attend.

Kerry wore the christening gown of her great-great grandmother on the maternal side. Other out-of-town guests included Mr. Kingshott, Mrs. Christie and Mrs. H. A. McMaster, Orangeville; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Haygarth and Miss Mary Haygarth, Dundas; Misses E. Read, Freda Farmer and Louie Thompson, St. Catharines. Afterwards, Mrs. Fred Armstrong and Mrs. Charles Renwick assisted at tea in the rectory. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Christopher and Kerry left yesterday for Ottawa after a two week visit in town.

#### SISTERS TAKE JOBS IN SUMMER HOTELS

Two Georgetown sisters are en route to opposite parts of Canada for summer jobs in hotels.

Joan DeVries, formerly of the local Royal Bank staff, who has been at the Illington branch for the past two years, leaves tomorrow for Lake Louise, Alberta for a summer clerical position in Chateau Lake Louise. Her younger sister Julia, who has completed the first year of a two-year home economics course at IYERON Institute, Toronto, is in St. Andrew's, New Brunswick, where she will work at the Algonquin Hotel. They are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lykke DeVries, R. R. 3

### Fergus Defeats N & G's New Yorkers Here To-Night

#### Father of Drowning Victim Lived Here

Faith Barrand, 11, was victim of a tragic drowning at Woodbridge Monday night. The youngster was wading in the river with other children and stepped into a deep hole. Efforts of her mother and grandmother to save her were futile. The accident happened with 800 yards of her home.

Faith was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Barrand, who had moved to Woodbridge only a few months ago from Nova Scotia. Her father, who lived in Georgetown with his sister, Mrs. Roy Wiggins when he worked at the Alliance Paper Mill, enlisted and went overseas from here with the Lorne Scots.

Surviving are her parents, two sisters and a brother, Carolyn, 8.

The 4-room addition to Wrigglesworth Public School will be ready by early fall, according to advice of the contractor.

A. Battaglia Construction, Guelph, were chosen contractors at Monday's school board meeting. Their bid of \$52,058 was lowest of five submitted. Only one local firm tendered, J. B. Mackenzie & Son and others were Town & Country Construction, Brampton; Trojan Construction and McKendrick Construction, Toronto.

J. B. Parkin associates, architects for the original school when it was built a few years ago, have been engaged again as architects.

#### VISITS IN IRELAND WITH GEORGETOWNERS

During a vacation trip to Britain, Mrs. William Ritchie is planning to visit a former Georgetown couple who now live in Ireland.

They are Mr. and Mrs. George Elliott who were married while he was working at Smith & Stone, Stewarstown. He is undergoing operations on her legs which were badly crushed at the papermill before her marriage.

Mrs. Ritchie sailed for England on the Ascania a few weeks ago and is at present in Stoke-on-Trent. She also plans to visit in Scotland. It is her first trip home since her family, the Russells, came to Canada when she was a teenager.

#### ACCIDENT VICTIMS STILL HOSPITALIZED

Three ladies who were injured in a tragic motor accident on May 21st are still in Peel Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Willett, least seriously injured, expects to be home soon. Her daughter, Mrs. Cecil Smith, Stewarstown, is undergoing operations on her legs which were badly crushed. Mrs. Mark Clark, Georgetown, who sustained head and chest injuries, was much better than expected during the week, but had a relapse last night and is critically ill today.

Short-handed, with just enough players for the required quorum, Georgetown N&Gs took a 14-7 trimming in Fergus Friday, to even their standing in lacrosse after an opening season win against Streetsville.

N&Gs play their first home game tonight at the arena with a new entry, Lewiston, N.Y. arrives for a game. N&Gs play a return match at Lewiston Saturday, with Dundas here for a game next Wednesday.

Fergus took an early lead in the game, rapping in seven goals in the first two periods against Junior Beasment's lone tally. N&Gs went into action in the third, with Hillsop, McCandless, Ross and Louth outscoring the home team 4-1. McCandless added two more in the final period, and Fergus scored six.

Save your good used articles for the annual Boy Scout auction.

### St. John's Minister Accepts Whitby Call

Rev. John M. Smith has accepted a call to the United Church in Whitby.

Minister at St. John's here for six years he expects to be leaving for his new post the middle of next month.

Mr. Smith, who came here from Old Windham Church near Simcoe to succeed Rev. R. C. Todd, has been one of the town's most active citizens and his influence has extended beyond the bounds of his denominational duties. Reorganization of Boy Scouts and Cubs under his guidance will be one of the lasting memories he leaves behind. He has sparked a program of improvements at the church, whose congregation has grown considerably in numbers under his leadership.

### Retires After 25 Years With Massey-Harris

Associated with the local Massey-Harris dealership for over a quarter century, Alex Hume retired the end of May.

Mr. Hume, who lives in the Market Street house adjoining the building, operated the business on his own for twenty years after purchasing the business from the late Stafford Groat, and for the past five years has worked with subsequent owners, Jim Taylor, Doug Swackhamer and lately Murt Allison.

Prior to moving to town he farmed on the 6th line homestead cleared by his grandfather. Present owner

### Eleanor Schenk Gold Medalist at Hamilton

Eleanor Schenk, who won a scholarship at Halton Music Festival, was a gold medalist at Hamilton Festival last week, placing first in the solo class for girls under 19. She was given a mark of 90.

She was one of several vocal pupils of Kenneth R. Harrison who competed in the Hamilton and Peel festivals. Donna McMillan won silver medal in solo for girls under 17 and also competed in the under-18 group at Hamilton. Douglas Dredge and Alan Emerson combined to win first prize in a duet class and Alan was silver medalist in boys' oratorio.

At Peel, the two boys also made a splendid showing. They were first in two duet classes and Alan was also first in solo for boys in