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SUBDIVISION

TOWN ASKS 1000 ACRES

Convert Seven Farms to Factories, Stores, Houses

Rumour became fact when it was learned this week that Mayor Jack Armstrong and clerk-treasurer John D. Kelly after council endorsement signed an agreement on the town's behalf with Delrex Developments Limited which may lead to an unprecedented industrial and commercial growth and a house building program which could double the town's population within a few years.

The agreement, ratified by a town by-law, came after weeks of speculation since it was first known that the W. Duffy and Sons real estate firm of Weston had exclusive listings on close to 1,000 acres of property, abutting the eastern town boundary, for an unnamed client.

The man behind Delrex is Rex Heslop, whose Rexdale subdivision in Etobicoke is one of the most fabulous planned communities in Ontario. While Georgetown's possible addition will be on a smaller scale than this, it will surpass anything previous in Georgetown's history.

At least seven farms will go out of production if present plans materialize. Purchase has been completed by Delrex of properties owned by H. Craig Reid, W. T. Craig Reid, Wilbert Cleave, Campbell Sinclair, William Emalie, Bruce Reid and Mrs. W. A. McClure. The former farms will become the site of a new town-sized subdivision of homes and factories and stores.

The agreement hinges on the outcome of an annexation by-law passed by Georgetown council which will require the approval of the Municipal Board. The town's promise to provide trunk sewers and water mains, to the boundaries of the development is contingent on the development being within town limits. A new feature of the subdivision which may set a pattern for the future locally is the company's agreement to provide their own sewers, water lines and roads within the property. Five per cent of the land area on the south of No. 7 Highway is also being deeded to the town for public use, primarily as a new public school site.

Harry A. Willis, Q.C., Toronto lawyer and local barrister George Hewson have been retained to act in the town's behalf in business dealings. An important feature of the agreement is that 40 per cent of the area will be industrial and commercial and the remaining 60 per cent residential. Present split-up in town is 23 1/2 per cent industrial, 18 per cent commercial, 58 per cent residential and 1/4 per cent farms.

The lands north of No. 7 are slated to become the industrial part of the subdivision. Located close to the CNR, Toronto-London main-line, spur lines could easily be run from the McClure property adjoining the railway. The southern portion of the properties will be mainly residential, with some light industry along the highway frontage and a business section also concentrated along the highway.

Mr. Heslop's wide connection with industry in Canada, the States and Europe, leads to interesting speculation on what the future may bring to Georgetown. It is a reasonable assumption that he already has some parties interested, for success of the subdivision on his part hinges on his 40 per cent industrial and commercial commitment.

New Minister Inducted At St. John's United

Rev. Morgan McFarlane preached his first sermon in St. John's United Church on Sunday.

Successor to Rev. John M. Smith, now in Whitby Mr. McFarlane was inducted as the church's minister on Thursday when local and district clergymen from the various protestant denominations joined the congregation for the event.

Rev. J. L. Blair, Milton conducted the impressive service in the church,



with Dr. J. M. Miller, Cooksville, preaching a sermon which he titled "The New Life."

Mr. McFarlane was presented for induction by Rev. W. J. Holley, of Freeport, and Rev. E. A. Curvey, Acton, read the Scripture and led in prayer. The church choir and organist Norman Laird presented Send Out Thy Lights as a musical portion of the service.

After refreshments were served in the church hall, an impromptu program featured duets by Isobel Dobson and Mrs. Jack Bailey, with Mr. Laird accompanying and greetings were voiced by Rev. Alex Calder and Rev. Alfred Barker, local Presbyterian and Baptist ministers, the latter representing the ministerial association. Mr. Holley also spoke on behalf of the presbytery. P. B. Harrison was chairman. Mr. McFarlane introduced his wife from the platform and a bouquet of flowers was presented to her by Mrs. Harold Cleave.

Pack Lodge Rooms for 100th LOL Anniversary

Members of Loyal Orange Lodge 68, Stewarttown, officially recognized the 100th anniversary of its founding Monday night when visitors from half a dozen district lodges joined with them to pack the lodge hall.

Dignitaries present included District Master Ernie Wilson and County Master Jack Fox. Lodges represented included Hornby, Georgetown, Campbellville, Acton, Oakville and Milton.

A highlight of the evening was exemplification of the Royal Arch Purple degree on candidates George Greig and John Beattie.

The lodge is planning a big public social event later this month in Esqueping Community Hall, Stewarttown, a euchre and dance.

Disappointing Attendance Set Another Meeting Date

"If at first you don't succeed..." is the motto of George Louth, mercantile hockey president, whose organization meeting on Sunday at the arena, had one drawback, lack of attenders.

George has set another meeting for this Friday night and those who are interested in playing and on serving in an executive capacity should take note. There is only one way to organize a league and that is for a fair share of interested parties to attend a meeting.

Mrs. Freeman Kersey Faithful Church Worker

A resident of Norval and Georgetown all her life, Mrs. Freeman Kersey died suddenly early Saturday morning at her home on Young St.

Formerly Ida Bell Cunningham, she was born on a farm near Norval, daughter of the late John and Jane Winlaw Cunningham, and attended Norval Public School. She later lived in Norval when her father retired and then came with her family to Georgetown where she was married to Mr. Kersey in 1921. A faithful church worker, she remained her membership in Norval Presbyterian Church while also being an attendant at the local Knox Church. She was a Sunday School teacher for many years at Norval and was in charge of the mission band at Knox for many years. She also devoted a great deal of her time to work of the Women's Missionary Society in the churches.

Mrs. Kersey is survived by her husband and one brother William C. Cunningham, Georgetown. Another brother, Robert, died in British Columbia twelve years ago.

The funeral service on Monday at the McClure Funeral Home was conducted by Rev. Alex Calder and Rev. G. L. Royal. Pallbearers were nephews, Gilbert Cunningham, Salmo, B.C., Kenneth Kersey, Oakville, Tobias Kersey, Strathroy, William Hollingsworth, Watford, Robert Cunningham, Norval and Jack Cunningham, Georgetown. Interment was in Hillcrest Cemetery, Norval.

Mr. Wray Watson of Grimstby, a former Georgetown druggist, was a visitor in town this week.

Thompson Back Again In Hockey Picture

THE WEATHER

The normal averages for the month of September were maximum 68 (which is 2 degrees below normal) and minimum 47, being 1 degree below normal. The rainfall of 2.40 inches was only 1/18th inch below normal.

The averages shown on this week's summary are much above even the average for September and may it continue over Thanksgiving week-end.

Date	Max	Min	Rain
Sept 27	70	40	
Sept 28	72	48	.06
Sept 29	68	43	.72
Sept 30	80	56	.11
Oct 1	73	62	.58
Oct 2	64	57	.82
Oct 3	78	53	.04
Average	72	51	2.33

SILVER-WOOD

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Burt on the 7th Line this past week-end, were Mrs. Burt's mother and brother — Mrs. J. Foster and Mr. Tush Foster of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marchington have returned to their home after almost three months of travelling in England, Scotland and the continent.

Returning to the local hockey picture after several years' retirement, Ern Thompson was elected new president of the hockey club at a well attended Monday meeting in the arena.

Mr. Thompson will have a capable group of seasoned club members, with a sprinkling of new blood to guide the destinies of whatever loop it is decided to enter this season.

Several suggestions were talked over at the meeting. A rumour that an OHA ruling will alter the "import picture" would work to Georgetown's favour in intermediate ranks if it comes about. The powers that be are considering banning imports after October 15th, which would bring a decided homebrew flavour in place of the import-loaded teams with which the locals have competed in recent years. It is believed that Milton, Oakville, and Fergus would be entrants this year. Elmira and Brampton are both going Senior B.

Serving on the executive will be Leigh Bradbury, past president; Jack Hart, 1st vice president; Bob Darof, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Clifford Reid and Mayor Jack Armstrong, honorary presidents; and executive members A. M. Baxter, Tom Beckett, Bill Marshall, Jack Crichton, Ross Duncan, Jack Gunning, Tom Haines, Bob Lane, Sid Silver, Art Scott, Muri Allison and Norman Hill.

ENTRY LIST SETS NEW RECORD AT GEORGETOWN FALL FAIR

McCLURE GRAND PRIZE GOES TO LUCAN MAN

Thomas Hill, Lucan was closest guesser to the 183 lb. weight of the Frigidaire range offered as a special prize during the expansion sale at McClure Home Furnishings.

Mr. Hill and Mrs. Stan, Wright, Oaklander Blvd. tied with their guess of 182 1/2 lbs and company official Harry Samwell drew to decide the winner at the store on Saturday. Mrs. Wright will receive a consolation prize valued at \$50.

When the sale ended Saturday, W. C. Kennedy, Toronto, sales manager of the Frigidaire Co. and a former Georgetown, was also present to compliment Harold McClure on the forward step he has taken to give Georgetown a fine large furniture store.

Every day during the sale, a lucky draw was made from weight guesses submitted, with prizes of pictures, mirrors and lamps. Those who won these were Elizabeth Leslie, Mrs. Bob Harris, Wm. G. Bell, Joe Hall, Jr., Mrs. J. Hiddleston, Pauline Tyers, Florrie Alcott, Mrs. Sam Walker, Mrs. Charles Ledwidge, Rev. Alex Calder and Francis Deans.

Roy Thompson is Top Junior at Streetsville

Topping his Brampton Fair record, where he won the showmanship prize, Roy Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Varr. Thompson, Union, took double honours at Streetsville Fair on Saturday.

This young Peel Calf Club member won a gold watch for his showmanship prize and doubled his luck when Elm Lawn Supreme Dorothy was judged top animal on parade.

Despite Early Morning Downpour, Gate Receipts were on Par with last year - Deputy Minister officially opened Fair - Sheep and Hog Show Broke all Records.

When the 108th annual Georgetown Fall Fair, which is sponsored by the Esqueping Agricultural Society, closed its gates on Saturday evening, officials were able to announce gains in many departments, some of them the most spectacular in history.

Despite early reports, and the fact that heavy rain drenched the fairgrounds in early morning, the crowd took advantage of the sunny afternoon and brought the attendance up on a par with 1953. Visitors to the hall display on Friday night made the largest crowd evidenced.

What pleased the directors most was the record-breaking entry in the hall display, when at no other time has there been such an array of home-baking and ladies' work, coupled with a good entry in fruit, grain and vegetables. As many as fifteen entries could be found in some of the domestic science classes. The special prizes for the most points in baking and ladies' work went to Mrs. Norman Robertson of Acton, and the most points in the hall to Mrs. Jim Dills of Milton, who was awarded the T. Eaton & Co. silver tray.

Boys' Pie Competition

Keen interest was displayed in the boys' pie competition, when 39 pies were entered for judging. Originally the prize list called for only two prizes, but the lady directors agreed to add a string of prizes due to the large entry. David Mackenzie and Kevin Waring were the first and second winners, followed by Gary Teeler, Gerald Roden, Bill Sanford, Donald Curry, Barry Hayward, Tom Lyons, Danny Golden, John Benham, David Goddard and want to attend.

Firemen in Action For Saturday Show

A highlight of fire prevention week will be a demonstration Saturday by Georgetown firemen, who will show modern firefighting methods.

The event is called for 2.00 p.m. in the Lions Club lot beside the post office, and, barring some actual work or unseasonable weather, should be one of the most interesting events in town.

According to Fire Chief William Hyde, the brigade intends to construct a smoke house, which members will enter to test equipment used in such cases, smoke bombs will be set off, and spectators will be shown how different types of fires, such as oil and gas are fought.

Firemen are going to a lot of trouble to make it interesting, and it is expected that a large crowd of citizens will be there to witness the demonstration. Rural residents who share costs of their Georgetown-manned fire protection will also want to attend.