

No Municipal Elections This Year in Esqueving Township

1954 Council Gets Acclamation Monday

All Esqueving municipal offices are filled by acclamation this year, as a result of Monday's nomination meeting.

The entire 1954 council was returned as a group. Reeve Wilfrid Bird and Deputy Walter Linham were re-elected in the nominations. Councilors George Currie, Campbell Sinclair and Spencer Wilson will also return to the council table. A fourth nominee, Robert Reid, who lives near Speyside, announced his candidature at the meeting, but later changed his mind and declined to run.

R. L. Davidson declined to seek another term on the board of School Area No. 1 and another nominee Murray Coles also withdrew. New school trustees are J. P. Kirkwood, Ballinafad, returning for another term, and a newcomer C. W. Taylor who lives in the Lorne School district. Mr. Taylor is son of a man who was mayor of Guelph a few years ago.

K. C. Lindsay, clerk-treasurer and tax collector, who acted as chairman at a meeting which followed nominations, reviewed the auditor's report and the 1954 interim statement, both of which showed slight surpluses of a bit over \$300. Spotting the former clerk, I. M. Bennett in the audience, Mr. Lindsay asked him to sit on the platform with him.

Surfacing for Limehouse
In his remarks on county business, in which he particularly spoke of road work, Reeve Bird promised residents of Limehouse a hard surfaced road next spring out to No. 7 Highway. The heavy gravel, which makes travelling troublesome at present, he said, is necessary to prepare the road for surfacing.

He warned that the county road budget is limited, and that traffic tests are taken each spring before the budget is made up. While some think the Ashgrove to Norval road should also be surfaced, he said that the survey has shown that it is not travelled enough to warrant this yet.

The county supervisor, a total of 154 miles of county road. It has always been customary for the 5-member road committee, but this year a change had been pushed through a Burlington, two urban members were chosen and Trafalgar Township had no representative.

Mr. Bird gave a brief sketch of county council work, outlining the number of members, how the warden is elected and the committee work involved.

Urbanization Problems
In his remarks, Deputy Reeve Linham predicted fringe development in this part of Esqueving which will follow in the wake of the urbanization of a 1800 acre annexation by Georgetown.

"We will need some sort of planning ourselves for houses and industry which will be locating in the township" said Mr. Linham. Extra houses will mean increasing school accommodation problems, he said, and good schools must be maintained for today's children are tomorrow's citizens.

As a member of the county assessment committee, he was pleased to report for the first time in years there had been no arguing or appeals when the equalization by-law was passed. The by-law apportions county taxes among the ten municipalities. Esqueving's population of 4,414 paid 6.49 per cent of the levy, a reduction of 2 per cent over 1953.

He paid tribute to the quarter century of service of former clerk I. M. Bennett, speaking his pleasure at seeing him at the meeting.

Veteran Councillor
A former county warden, whose council service totals 25 years, George Currie is still a believer in balanced budgets and avoidance of debenture debt.

He is proud of the township's sound financial position. This year Esqueving has purchased such major equipment as a \$475 road sander, an \$850 truck with spray outfit and a road grader and snow plow which will cost \$18,800. Esqueving has 144 miles of roads to look after, almost as much as the county, and with much less money to spend on them, he said.

He reviewed hurricane loss in Halton, which totalled \$13,200.

Credit to be Cleared
Councillor Campbell Sinclair told the meeting that under the new Conservation Authority, on which he represents Esqueving as a member, the government is planning next year to clear the Credit River of debris and change the course of the river in places.

"I'll be living in Georgetown for the first three months of 1955" said Mr. Sinclair, whose No. 7 farm has been purchased by Delrex Developments, "but I still own a farm at Limehouse and expect to be building a new home there" indicating his decision to again seek council office.

Review Weed Spraying
Also back on council for a second term, Spencer Wilson reviewed a weed spraying program which he felt had been satisfactory. The total cost of \$2,000 amounted to about \$14 a mile.

Robert Cunningham reported for the school area board, and Gordon Brown, secretary of the district high school board, reported that growing enrolment will mean a 3 room addition at Acton and 2 rooms at Milton next year.

Public school board members R. L. Davidson and J. P. Kirkwood spoke briefly, as did nominee Murray Coles and C. W. Taylor, who joins the board as a new member.

Changes Mind
Announcing himself a candidate at the meeting, Robert Reid later changed his mind and will not seek a council seat this year.

Mr. Reid introduced himself as an English emigre who came to Canada 7 years ago, worked at Glenapey Farms and now is in business for himself.

"Canada has been good to me, and I would like to show my gratitude by offering myself for public service," he said. The southwest part of Esqueving has not had a representative on council for some years, he continued. "I don't see many from my neighbourhood at this meeting tonight," he said. "Perhaps they aren't interested, but if I am elected I hope I can make them interested."

Satisfied With Annexation
Clerk Lindsay spoke briefly at the meeting closed about the annexation by Georgetown of 1765 acres. Esqueving will receive \$5800 a year for three years for tax losses and a cash bounty of \$3340.

"It's more than we would have got by fighting the case," he said, "and it is considered a very fair settlement." Answering a question from the floor, he said there is a \$173,000 assessment on the annexed land.

The annexation case which Esqueving is fighting with Acton is entirely different, Mr. Lindsay said. The land involved is over 8 per cent of the total township assessment and is mostly taken up by an established industry. The Georgetown annexation contained about 40 per cent farm land.

As the meeting closed former county warden George Leslie who retired from the reeveship was asked to speak, and he complimented council on their good work during the past year.

Bob Lane Chairman Board of Parks

At a recent meeting of the Board of Parks Management, a council-appointed group which operates the municipal arena, Bob Lane was chosen chairman, Harold McClure secretary and Dick Licata treasurer.

The board has had a change of personnel this year, with retirement of veteran members W. G. Bell and J. J. Gibbens because of ill health and Fred Chapman, who has moved to Peterborough.

Mr. McClure is one of the new members, along with Ivan Crabtree and Art Scott. Ted King, one of the original appointees when the town took over the arena in 1945, is still on the board.

Juniors Lose Opener Nobleton are Victors

Opening their season last night here, the junior hockey team were defeated by Nobleton 6-4. The teams were fairly evenly matched, and Nobleton proved a more experienced team against the newly-formed local squad. A few more practices may tell a different story.

Georgetown Juniors, entered in C competition this year, will bring some teams to town that have never been represented on local ice before. In the 8-team grouping are Aurora, Collingwood, Midland, Beeton, Nobleton, Stouffville and Unionville.

When the schedule was drawn up recently at a meeting in Aurora, Ab Hulse, OHA representative who acted as chairman, said that junior hockey has been badly neglected in the last few years. Too much attention paid to older clubs had resulted in a serious lag in hockey for fans and clubs alike. He said the OHA will be paying more attention to the younger teams this season.

Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. E. Eyres of Buffalo, N.Y. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Noble over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Carney had as their visitors over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. Austin O'Neill of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. George Glasford visited on Sunday in Maple with her brother Fred Martin.

Mr. Alex MacLaren, Jack and Douglas have returned after visiting in Yonkers, N.Y. with Mr. and Mrs. Bill MacLaren.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Needham of Norval left from Milton last Saturday on a trip to England for a month's visit with Mr. Needham's father.

A couple of weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Brown of Parkview Blvd. had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Philip Harrison, newlyweds from Toronto.

Mrs. Roy Hindley, Everton, wife of the well-known district auctioneer, is a patient in Guelph General Hospital after breaking her hip in a fall last week.

Mrs. Ken Nash, who sustained severe injuries in a motor accident last October, returned to Guelph General Hospital for another operation on her broken leg and will be there for another week.

Mrs. John S. Hughes had as her guests for the week-end, her sisters, Mrs. G. Collins of Rochester, N.Y. and Mrs. L. S. Dann of Fulton, N.Y., also Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gold and Charlene of Rochester, N.Y.

Mr. Fred Braisby returned home last week-end after a two month holiday in England where he visited with his brother and sister and other relatives in Kettering, Northants. This is the first visit Mr. Braisby has paid to his home town in 48 years.

Mrs. Walter Mendham, widowed last week when her husband died after a lengthy illness, has returned to town in Hagersville and is staying at present with her son Ron and his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Mendham had operated a general store near Hagersville since leaving town.

A supper and theatre party marked the 11th birthday of Barbara Finlay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Finlay, Durham Street, on Friday, November 26th. Her guests included Joanne Duncan, Sharon Harley, Judy Richardson, Carolyn Biehn, Karen Armann, Myrna Cook, and Marlene Ganton.

Hillis, Preston Back To Former Businesses

Two businessmen are returning to their former positions in Georgetown and Glen Williams.

Will Hillis, who moved with the Prudential Assurance Co. to a new position in Port Arthur a couple of years ago, is returning next week to take his old position back here. Fred Lawrence, who took over the job when he left, has left the company's employ.

George Preston, who sold his grocery business recently to Mr. McClelland, has bought the business back again and took over ownership on Monday. The sale was negotiated by real estate broker W. F. Hunter.

ST. GEORGE'S MEN JOIN BROTHERHOOD

The Men's Club at St. George's Anglican Church has decided to affiliate with the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen, a newly formed group which will establish a men's organization somewhat similar to the Woman's Auxiliary of the church.

Sunday morning, the church men attended the early communion service in a group and afterwards had breakfast in the church basement. Archdeacon A. C. Mackintosh of Hamilton, who has been acting as rector until Rev. Kenneth Richardson takes over these duties in January officiated at the communion service.

Orators in Action At Home and School

A group of pupils from the three senior grades in the two Georgetown public schools will compete in a public speaking contest Monday in Wrigglesworth School.

It will be a feature of the Home and School Association meeting that night. Trophies for the winners have been provided by Branch 120, Canadian Legion.

The following Thursday, the winners will join in Acton and Milton in a second contest at Wrigglesworth School when finalists will be chosen for the county contest in January. This will be held in Milton. A musical program is being planned for both nights.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan McGillivray and son Stuart, who have recently moved from Exeter to Stratford, spent a few days in town last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William King.

Before her departure from Georgetown, Flossie Jeanette Allen, who was married Friday to Russel Shier of Corbetton was honoured at a miscellaneous shower held by a number of her friends at the home of Mrs. George Wilson, where she boarded. The punch press department of Smith and Stone, where she was employed, presented her with a tritlight lamp and electric iron.

Sharon Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Allen, celebrated her 8th birthday with a party, on Friday, November 26th. Invited were the following little friends: Pat Allen, Heather Allen, Ineke Westley, John Handy, Linda Ganton, Dale McCarty, Judy Nash, Jane Bradley, Lynne Ritchie, Ellen Biehn, Sharon Colburn, Mary McNamara, Carol Rayner, Ellen and Judy Gilchrist, Norval and Mary and Jane Copland.

The annual dinner meeting of Esqueving Agricultural Society at Stewarttown on Saturday was honoured with the presence of two members of parliament who are honorary directors, Sybil Bennett, QC and Stanley Hall. Other guests attending included Mayor Jack Armstrong, Reeve Wilfrid Bird and Mrs. Bird of Esqueving, Harding Price, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield McGillivray, Mr. and Mrs. Perc Cleave, Mr. J. A. Carroll, who was guest speaker and Mrs. Carroll, AG Rep. Art Bennett and Miss Patterson of Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cunningham, Miss Barbara Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Brownridge, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Cleave, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Graham, Miss Jean Ruddell, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Chester, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brownridge, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Archer, H. Craig Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Linham, Mr. and Mrs. Val Stein, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. William Cromar, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gilmer, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Darou and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biehn.

Market St. Resident Mrs. Peterkin Dies

A resident of Market Street in the new Orr subdivision, Mrs. J. Ernest Peterkin, who had been seriously ill for several weeks, was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Thursday following a service at Bates and Meddock's Funeral Chapel in the city. She died on Tuesday in Private Patients' Pavilion, Toronto General Hospital.

Mrs. Peterkin, who was Mary Jane (Minnie) Slater before her marriage in 1913, was a native of Toronto. She was the daughter of the late Richard and Mary Needham, Slater. She was a graduate of Parkdale Collegiate and the school of nursing at Toronto General Hospital, and was a nurse at Wellesley Hospital before her marriage.

A cousin of Mrs. S. T. Faram of town, she was a frequent visitor here, and Mr. and Mrs. Peterkin became so fond of Georgetown that they decided to build their Market Street home and reside here permanently.

She belonged to Walmer Rd. Baptist Church, and First-Baptist Church, Georgetown, and was also a member of the Downhill Golf & Country Club, the Canadian Club, Evangelical Church of Death and the Canadian Red Cross Society. She is survived by her husband.

Rev. C. Bentall of Walmer Rd. and Rev. Alfred Barker, Georgetown officiated at the funeral service. Pallbearers were S. T. Faram, James McClelland, Harold R. Frost, John D. Williamson, Harry R. Winter and Alfred B. Ward.

Healop, Martin, Council Acclamation in Milton

Dr. C. H. Healop begins his second term as mayor, Dr. Carl Martin was returned as reeve and Sidney Childs as deputy when all Milton municipal offices were filled by acclamation at last week's nomination meeting.

Members of the 1955 council are C. Johnson, R. Reid, Ross Pearson, R. C. Cunningham, J. Charlton and C. W. Wilson. O. L. Hadley was returned as hydro commissioner. Public school trustees include a former Georgetown man Frank Dewhurst, H. E. Church and S. F. Deakon.

1929 County Warden, T. L. Leslie Prominent in Public Affairs

THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor:-
Wet weather was the order of the day, as the summary shows for last week. High temperatures keep away the snow—the sure sign of winter.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
Nov. 22	38	28	02
Nov. 23	43	24	03
Nov. 24	38	32	40
Nov. 25	38	30	00
Nov. 26	42	29	—
Nov. 27	39	27	Trace S.
Nov. 28	53	29	31
Average	42	29	85

SATURDAY OPENING FOR KID HOCKEY

Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Kid Hockey has its season's opening in the arena. Six games are scheduled for the young players, with teams matched as follows:

American League
Pittsburgh vs Buffalo
Hershey vs Providence

Junior A:
Marlboro vs Guelph
Galt vs Kitchener

NHL Midget:
Maple Leafs vs Canadiens
Black Hawks vs Rangers

Players are reminded that birth certificates must be turned in by December 11th. To obtain these, write the Registrar General, Parliament Bldgs., Toronto.

Smith & Stone Employee Corbetton Farmer's Bride

A Smith & Stone employee for the past two years, Mrs. Russell Delbert Shier will be making her home on a farm near Corbetton. The former Corbetton, Ontario, she was married in Dundalk Friday night, Rev. S. Littlewood officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Allen and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shier, Portlaw.

The new Mrs. Shier and her attendant, Mrs. Ernest Jack, Dundalk, were dressed alike in navy blue suits, pink accessories and corsages of pink roses. Mr. Jack attended the groom.

A three-tiered wedding cake, decorated by the bride's cousin Allen Smith, centered the wedding table at the home of the bride's parents where the reception was held. Pink and white accessories and a white bell with pink roses completed the decorations. The bride's mother received, wearing grey figured nylon and the groom's mother assisted, wearing navy crepe. Both had corsages of red flowers. Mrs. Clifton Smith, aunt of the bride, and two friends from Georgetown, Doris Silk and Jean McClelland, assisted in serving.

MARK 49th ANNIVERSARY
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harris will be celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary next Monday.

The couple have four children, Bob, Ken, Mrs. Harvey Lusty and Mrs. Ed Hodge, all residents of town, as well as 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Slippery Roads Cause Three Accidents Today

Damage to three cars which skidded into ditches near town this morning totalled \$1400. Several other minor accidents occurred on slippery highways, according to Sgt. George Moore, OPP officer at Milton who was in charge of investigation.

A 1954 Plymouth, driven by Douglas Head, Willowdale, turned over at the foot of Silvercreek Hill after going into a skid at 9:30 a.m. There was \$900 damage to the car. Mr. Head was shaken up and taken to the office of Dr. W. G. C. Kenney, Acton, for treatment of cuts and bruises.

Earlier in the morning, Robert Hess of Union was motoring south on the 11th Line near Norval, skidded on a curve, and there was \$500 damage when his car rolled over in the ditch.

Another morning accident occurred south of St. John's Church, Stewarttown on the 7th Line. William Proud, Palermo, driving a new 1955 Pontiac was the skid victim. Damage was \$100 when his car rolled in the ditch.

Two other accidents involved district residents last week. Friday in Norval, a truck going east driven by Wesley Louth was turning off the highway onto Draper St. when it was struck by a car driven by Clifford McCaulley, Weston. Total damage to the two vehicles was \$450.

On Sunday county clerk William Deans was turning into a driveway off the highway at Silvercreek and his car was in collision with one driven by James Catania, Bradford. Total damage to the cars was \$400.

Georgetown lost one of its most prominent citizens with the death last Wednesday of Thomas Lyons Leslie, 85.

A past warden of Halton County, he was for many years an Esqueving Township councillor, and while serving as township reeve in 1929 was honoured with this top county position.

His parents, George P. Leslie and Sarah Ann Lyons were both members of pioneer district families, and he had hundreds of relatives in various parts of Halton and Peel counties. He was born on Lot 19, 6th concession, West Chinguacousy on land now owned by his son Wilfrid. In 1898 he moved across the road to Lot 19, Esqueving, the present Alluvialdale Farm where Wilfrid and his family live, and was there until he moved to Georgetown in 1939. He attended School Section 3.

At one time Mr. Leslie was Esqueving road superintendent. He was a director of Halton Mutual Fire Insurance Co. for 25 years, and belonged to the Orange and to Credit Masonic Lodge, which he joined in 1923.

He was an elder in St. John's United Church at the time of his death and before moving to town served in a similar position in Union Presbyterian Church.

He had served as president of Esqueving Agricultural Society and was an honorary director of the society which operates Georgetown Fair.

Mr. Leslie took a keen interest in life, with such hobbies as gardening, hunting, photography, and playing the violin filling in his leisure hours. Last December 6th, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie celebrated the 60th anniversary of their marriage which took place at Altona. She is the former Harriet Ann Dolson, member of another family which traces its history back to pioneer days.

His wife and five children survive, Myrtle Leslie, Toronto; Wilfrid Leslie, R. 4, Georgetown; Percy Leslie, R. 2, Georgetown; Elizabeth Leslie, of town, and Lloyd Leslie, Pasadena, California. There are five grandchildren, Tommie, Keith, Karen, Susan and Loralee. Mrs. Harry M. Thornton, Toronto, is his only surviving sister. He was predeceased by sisters Sadie and Elizabeth.

Rev. Morgan McFarlane and Rev. G. L. Royal officiated at the funeral service Friday in St. John's Church. During the service Mrs. Jack Bailey sang The 23rd Psalm and the congregation, a favourite hymn, Abide With Me. Mrs. Gordon Kidney was organist.

Pallbearers were Thomas Lyons, Edward Lyons, Frank Petch, Ross Thompson, LaVerne Thompson and John Schertel. At the grave side in Greenwood Cemetery a masonic service was conducted, and Wor. Bros. Frank Wilson, Denney Charles, Sam Mackenzie, Campbell Sinclair, Ross Thompson and Bro. Cecil Davidson served as pallbearers.

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POPPY FUND STILL OPEN FOR DONATIONS

Mrs. Thomas Grieve, chairman of the local Poppy Fund has asked us to remind organizations and individuals who might still wish to donate to this, that the books are still open and donations are still welcome. Last week a donation from the IOOE was added to the list previously published.