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Town Takes Over 1600 Acres in January

No Esqueasing Opposition Board Okays Annexation

January 1st, 1955 will be a day long remembered in Georgetown. A Municipal Board ruling will take effect which will extend the town's boundaries to well over twice the present 1100 acreage.

Meeting here last Wednesday, Mr. Ryland and Mr. Moore, acting for the board, accepted the town's request to annex over 1600 acres of Esqueasing Township.

The day-long hearing was moved from the Municipal Building to the firehall auditorium to take care of an overflow crowd.

Harry Willis, QC and George C. Hewson, were legal counsel for the town and LeRoy Dale, QC acted for Esqueasing. Other lawyers who took part in the proceedings included Alan Campbell, secretary of Dalrex Development, the firm which has purchased the bulk of the annexed land, Mr. Montgomery representing the Chartered Trust Co., acting for D. O. H. Wright, and Mr. Andrews, Brampton, representing Rita Maw.

The annexation was opposed by the township which had already made an agreement with Georgetown for reimbursement. The town is paying three years' taxes and a cash payment of \$3,000. Three residents in the annexed area were heard by the board. Miss Rita Maw said her grocery and confectionery business would be seriously affected if she had to adhere to present Georgetown closing regulations, and asked that the town consider exempting her business. Her lawyer said this had been done in a similar situation in Brampton. Mrs. Al Zeravich, speaking for the Lincoln Motors business operated by her husband, also asked for similar consideration saying that their business is in a similar position. Ted, Darlington,

who said he is establishing a fruit farm under DVA on lower Main St., argued that in his particular location he could not envisage the town putting in water and sewer lines, sidewalks and street lighting. He is on the fringe of the annexed area, he pointed out, and there would be advantages to neither himself, or the town in putting his property in town boundaries.

Several were called as witnesses at the hearing. K. C. Landay, clerk-treasurer of Esqueasing reviewed the town township settlement provisions, and reported the township's decision to offer no objection to annexation. Mayor Jack Armstrong, who followed him to the stand, reported Georgetown's acceptance of Dalrex's proposal of 60 per cent residential and 40 per cent industrial in the area. The town had learned, he said, through a survey made by Dr. Faludi that less than one hundred acres suitable for industry are within the present town limits.

John D. Kelly, Georgetown clerk-treasurer, gave evidence about the present residential industry split which is 58 per cent to 42 per cent. H. A. Lever, the town auditor, reviewed the five year financial picture and said Georgetown is financially sound and able to take on such a venture. Present debt, he said, is \$1,000,000, but reduced by grants payable by the Dept. of Education, the hydro and local improvement charges, is approximately half a million dollars.

Alan Campbell outlined the Dalrex plan and the possibilities which it means for the future Georgetown. Public school board chairman Ray Salter outlined the present school enrolment and said that expansion would mean two or three more public schools.

George C. Hewson, after outlining the boundaries of the proposed annexation, said that a survey of present new home owners showed 60 out of every 85 are AVRO employees. Mr. Hilborn of the Canadian National Railway said his company has made a survey of land abutting the railway on the McClure farm property and considers a siding feasible to this location.

Dr. Faludi, town planning expert, gave a generous survey of the future Georgetown, he said, may become the largest satellite town in the Toronto area within a 5 year period. He reviewed the different types of homes being planned by Dalrex, and the planned manner in which building will be done.

C. H. Hagey, who engineered the sewerage system and Mr. Roberts, who is doing a similar job for waterworks, gave technical information about the services Mr. Hagey said the sewer system is designed to serve a town of 9,000 with certain changes in the present system. Mr. Roberts said a program now in progress will provide water for the immediate future. He estimated a sewer expenditure of two millions dollars, for which the town will be responsible for \$400,000 and Dalrex the balance.

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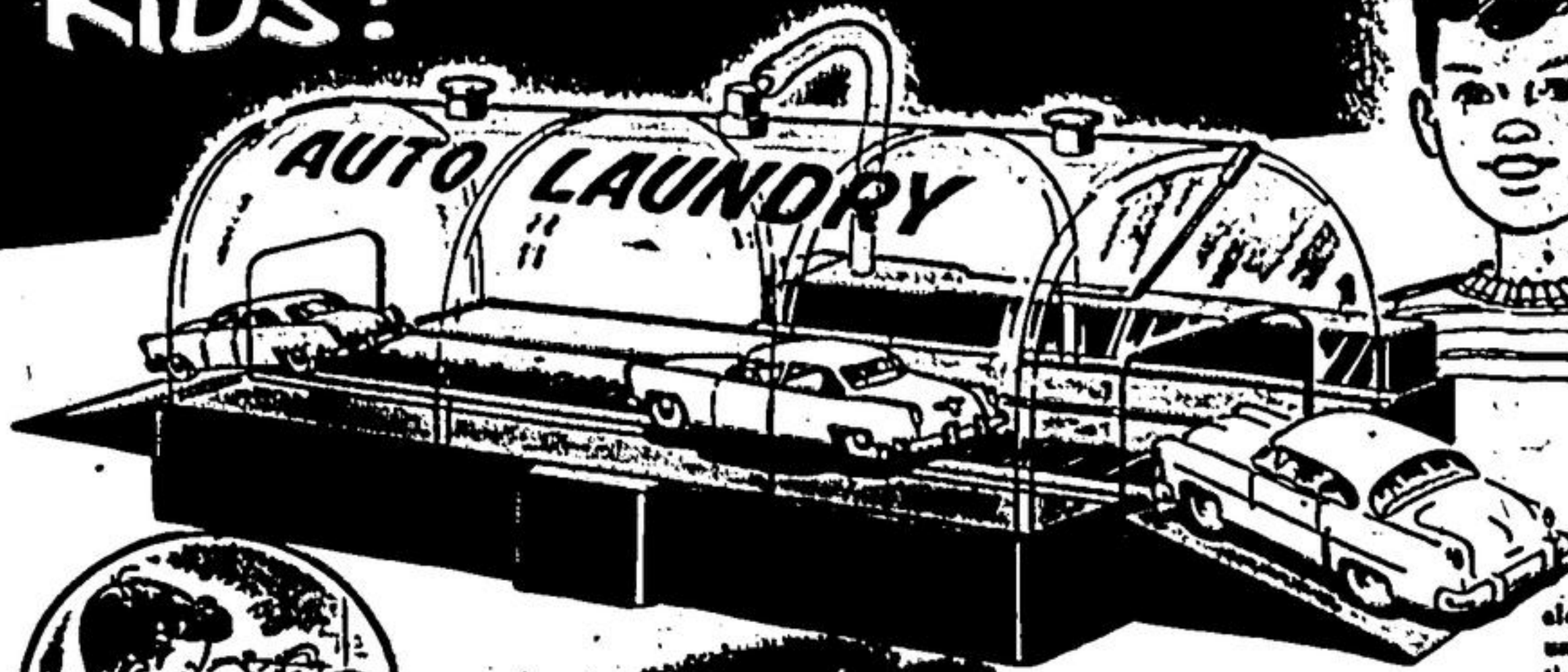


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increase our funds for our projector. The senior pupils would like to thank publicly, Mrs. Edward Burk who graciously donated an attractive picture of the Queen to the senior room. It was what the room needed to complete its decoration.

Robert Burk, our leading salesman received his award for outstanding salesmanship during our campaign of selling magazine subscriptions, along with other members of the class.

All members of grades 6, 7 and 8, participated in the elimination contest in public speaking, from which Donald Murray emerged as our school's representative in the preliminary contest, to be held Thursday, December 2nd, at Howard Wrigglesworth School in Georgetown. Our best wishes of good luck go out to Donald.

Other runners-up in the contest were Linda White, Diane Shering, James Richardson, Robert Burk and Joan Crawford.

Our school crests have arrived. A number of the pupils are wearing these but we hope to have all pupils wearing them by the close of the school term. Our next task is to purchase individual ribbons of wine and white for every pupil.

Now that the cold weather is here, we can no longer leave the girls' wash-room door ajar to unwelcome visitors, but must use another entrance. (The door knob is still missing.)

A long lost temporary classroom of last fall (a one time clubhouse for the rink) is being removed from our playground, bit by bit. Another improvement for which to be thankful for.

We are hoping to be able to present to the Community a Christmas programme near the closing of the term. As yet, details are not definite.

And so we begin our last month, of our first school term this year.

Speech Preliminaries Scheduled Next Week

Everyone is invited to attend the preliminary contest in Public Speaking for elementary rural schools in Esqueasing Township, to be held in the auditorium of Howard Wrigglesworth Public School on Dec. 2nd, at 8 p.m.

This contest is sponsored by the Principal's Association of Halton County, to give the elementary school pupil an opportunity of public speaking experience.

Each contestant is required to make a five minute speech on a topic, selected from several suggested by the association, and a three minute impromptu speech on a picture they will observe on the evening of the contest.

The two winners from this contest will speak sometime in January in the final contest against speakers from the other three townships in the county.

The judges for this event will be Mrs. Frank Pellet, president of Women's Institute, Mrs. Edgar C. Reed, language teacher at Acton High School, and Rev. Lockhart Royal, the Presbyterian Minister, Norval.