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The \$64 Question

Georgetown's 1955 tax mill rate is still the question of the year. The only certainty is that there will be a rise in taxes over last year's 45 mills.

Most conservative estimate, hinted by finance minister Garfield McGilvray Monday at the council meeting is 50 mills. Guesses based on tentative income and expense estimates made by H. A. Lever, town auditor, predict as much as an 18 mill jump.

Certainty it will be a difficult job to estimate with any certainty at this early date, expenses which may come before the year-end if the present rate of new construction continues in the "old" part of the town, let alone unforeseen expenses which may bob up in connection with the new Delrex section of town.

For example, on Monday the garbage collection fee to Bob Lane jumped by \$2500 when council re-

viewed the contract in the light of increasing population.

Salvation for the town may come in intimations by subdivider Rex Heslop, that he has ways for keeping a conservative tax rate, by moving fast in registering subdivided sections of Delrex, and boosting tax income somewhat earlier than might be legally necessary.

Those who are wondering about the new rate will meanwhile have to be content to wait until council ties all the loose ends together. Suffice it to say that, like all councils in the past, a rate will be set as low as possible, for in March and April even the most progressive councillor has a spasm of mental penny-pinching.

Improving the Park

Projected improvements at Georgetown park this spring will create new sports areas and allow a new parking area badly needed on such days as the fall fair.

It is proposed to level the entire area inside the race track, making a new soccer field at the upper end which will not interfere with the hardball diamond. It will also be possible, council thinks, to have two softball diamonds, neither of which will interfere with any other activity.

In other words, it will be possible for four games to be in progress simultaneously, overcoming arguments which sometimes arise between sporting groups about who has prior claim to park facilities at certain given times.

Closing of the old town dump will remove one of the town's oldest landmarks which goes back almost a century. On its site, will be a further parking area, created by moving excess earth from the park centre to cover the garbage.

No Shortage of Policemen

The provincial police may have personnel problems, but there seems little doubt that lots of men are interested in private policing jobs.

Withdrawal of OPP officers from fifty Ontario town this year, is undoubtedly due to the shortage of manpower. But Georgetown's advertisement for a police chief has already drawn 24 applications, with several days to go before the deadline for submitting these.

We are somewhat worried, however, about who-

ther Georgetown can offer attractions to hold a chief who is ambitious. If one can believe a daily newspaper item, the newly-engaged chief in the town of Elora, resigned a few months after he was engaged. The reason? Not enough activity.

We can't promise our new chief much better, unless lawbreakers show more cooperation in future, for Georgetown seldom boasts any major crime, and there will be days when time hangs heavy, for a man who craves activity.

Pot Pourri

"What do you mean, no storm damage?" was the response to one news item in last week's Herald on Thursday morning. It was our first knowledge that a large Firestone sign on Harrison's Garage was a wind casualty. The \$500 sign was smashed in a thousand pieces when the wind snapped a 4 inch steel pole which supported it. Thanks for telling us, Tut ...

An unusual visitor at the Herald office last week asked many questions about our views on county health services, the TB association and what we considered Canada's major diseases. The visitor represented Public Opinions Surveys, which is conducting a survey for, we would guess, the provincial government. "Hank" Rugg came home from Montreal last week-end to help move the family to their new home in Strathmore, a city suburb, and was berating fate for choosing their Saturday moving date to create a blizzard like the one a few days before in Montreal. Mrs. Rugg, Andrew and David had remained in Georgetown since Mr. Rugg left Smith & Stone for a new position the first of the year. Their Market Street home has been purchased by John Ord, a law associate of George Hewson ... Council has a record of getting along well with town employees, but Councillor Doug Sargent and the Lane garbage truck had a difference of opinion on Main Street Monday. The truck was the winner by

one crumpled fender ... Many Georgetowners have been to Toronto to see The Pyjama Game, one of the best musicals to play in the city this year. The perfection achieved in such a production was outlined by the famous team of Rogers and Hammerstein on a television show Sunday. Mr. Rogers, who has contributed the musical score for such shows as Oklahoma and South Pacific, in answer to a question, said that it is true he sometimes writes a hit song in an hour, but he sometimes spends months with themes running through his head, trying to tie the music into the proper place in a story. So it is, he said, that the actual writing of a song is relatively easy ... A trip to Toronto Saturday during the severe storm, was not the most pleasant experience. Cars were in the ditch by the dozens, including two which had flipped over at the top of the Norval hill. We saw a Gray Coach bus take a header into the ditch near Cooksville while we were stalled at the roadside (who else would run out of gas on a day like that) and another motorist who tried to mount the Sunnyside boardwalk. And we played good Samaritan to a man who was stranded in a parking lot from which dozens of cars had departed without one person offering a hand to push him out of a snow drift ...

SILVER-WOOD
Storm Doesn't Stop W.I. Birthday Party
 In spite of the worst storm of the winter, hazardous driving and blocked roads, there was a splendid turnout at the Silver-Wood Women's Institute birthday party on Saturday evening, March 26th. There were seven tables of eucyre; winners being Mrs. Charlie Greig and Russell Miller; consolations going to Mrs. Henderson, Sr. and Mr. Oliver Whitmee. The crokinole game was won by Mr. O.

Brownridge and Mr. Rudy Corbett won the cribbage game. There was to have been a draw on the hand-tooled leather purse, but several holders of books of tickets were not able to get to the Stone School on account of blocked lanes and roads, so the draw will be made at the next meeting of the Silver-Wood Institute meeting, and the winner announced. After a most enjoyable evening, refreshments were served by the ladies.

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THE MAIL BAG
Taxpayer Pleased With Town Business Conduct
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Dear Mr. Editor:
 I attended Council meeting the other evening as an interested taxpayer, and was pleased with what I found ... The council as a whole, is in my opinion conducting the business of the town in a conscientious manner, and with dignity and despatch.
 Yours very truly,
 BYSTANDER

FARM FORUMS DISCUSS SAFETY ON HIGHWAYS

With highway hazards what they are, traffic accident so numerous and the death toll mounting appallingly, no more fitting topic could have been chosen for the closing discussion of the Farm Forum season than "Safety on the Highway". It was quite apparent from reports received from Halton county forums that all are very aware of these hazards.

Some problems mentioned were: excessive speed and in some cases the joy driver who drove too slowly often taking more than his share of the road, thus holding up traffic; lack of courtesy, failure to observe signals and stop signs; failing to dim lights when meeting a car at night; over-fatigue of drivers, especially truckers; driving too close to car ahead and drivers with ability impaired by alcohol.

Suggested methods to solve some of these problems were: divided highways with specified speed on each lane; more strict enforcement of traffic regulations; truck drivers should not drive when overtired; all cars should be equipped with signal lights and drivers taught to operate them properly.

Some groups suggested education in highway safety in school, both elementary and secondary; also on television; more rigid tests before giving beginners a driver's licence and periodic tests for all drivers. Above all don't attempt to mix gasoline and alcohol - it won't work.

DIOCESAN SERVERS GUILD PLAN RALLY AND CONFERENCE

The president of the Niagara Diocesan Servers' Guild, Mrs. Albert Andrews states that the plans for the annual rally and conference to be held in St. Jude's Church, Oakville, are now complete. The representatives of the various parochial guilds will convene on April 14th and 15th. A series of films are to be shown by the Rev. M. Creal, Diocesan Youth Advisor and devotional periods of instruction are to be conducted by the Rev. J. C. Fricker and C. Raymond.

At the annual banquet on the Friday evening the young men will hear an address by the Bishop of Niagara, the Rt. Rev. W. E. Bagnall, D.D. Following the dinner the annual rally service will be held in St. Jude's with the young laymen taking part. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. John Bartlett of Orangeville. During the Friday afternoon special entertainment and an industrial tour has been planned by the host parish.

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH

Minister Rev. M. G. McFarlane, B.A.
 Music Dir.: Mr. Norman Laird

SUNDAY, APRIL 3
 Easter Communion Services
 10 A.M.: Sunday School and Bible Class
 11 A.M.: Holy Communion Reception of New Members
 Sermon: "Calvary, The Crucible of Character"
 ANTHEM: "The Palma"; Four
 7 P.M.: Holy Communion Sermon: "Christ's Bread"

EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 10th
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