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Trees, Hydro Take Beating From Windstorm, Lightning

Two severe electrical storms, one accompanied by wind which almost reached tornado proportions in certain areas, left a trail of damage in Georgetown district last week.

Most unusual experience was that of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Desaulniers who were sitting on the porch of their King Street home when a blinding lightning flash stunned them. Apparently both were looking directly at the flash, for later that night Mr. Desaulniers found that his eyes were extremely sore and the flesh puffed out around them. His wife was also bothered, though not so seriously. A butcher at the IGA store, he is still wearing dark glasses to relieve the eye strain.

Mrs. Newton Ruddell received a scare when the bulb in the kitchen light exploded. Mr. Ruddell was coming into the house from the barn and heard a loud thunderclap as it happened.

When a hydro transformer was struck near the home of Ed Peters on Mountainview Road, power was cut off in that part of Georgetown and in Glen Williams from Tuesday night until the next morning.

The same area was again affected Saturday when a maple tree on the Mullin property toppled in the wind across power lines, blocking traffic between town and the Glen. Hydro was off for two hours and phone lines down until the next day. A couple of old trees in the Mullin orchard also were victims of the wind.

A tree in front of Mrs. A. Semple's home on Albert Street was struck by lightning Saturday, leaving only the trunk standing. It fell across hydro wires.

Lightning also struck a tree at the side of Walter Biehn's home on Queen Street, shearing off the upper half which pulled down a TV aerial as it fell. Mr. and Mrs. Biehn were sitting on the back verandah, and as the tree came crashing by, the window glass in the door shattered.

Mrs. Bob Lane saw the TV set light up, although it was not turned on, when lightning felled a tree in Gilbert McNeil's back yard, then hopped across George Street to strike a large maple. Large branches were sheared off and fell across hydro wires.

On Victoria Street, a tree was split by the wind and it fell across Bernard Wilcox's house, knocking down a chimney and a TV aerial. A crane was needed to lift the tree off the roof.

Wind lifted a corner off the roof of Don Landsay's barn on No. 7 and levelled an elm tree behind the building. Farther down the highway, a silo at George Henderson's farm was toppled, as was a silo at the George Burt farm on the edge of town.

Twins Woodworking at Limehouse had some work of their own to do on Sunday, replacing the roof on their ship which was blown off by wind. It was a small "twister" which struck the village, for it neatly lifted all the berry canes out of Chic Askin's garden.

Former Georgetowners Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cripps of Stayner were at their summer cottage at Meaford. A high timing ball came down the chimney and knocked several stones out of the fireplace.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

INTERVIEW TONIGHT POLICE CONSTABLE

Georgetown council is interviewing an applicant tonight for the position of probationary constable on the new town force.

Two applications were received for the position at Monday's meeting, one from a New Canadian who is not yet naturalized and could not be considered because of this.

Mrs. Aileen Bradley resigned her position in the clerk's office, explaining that she is accepting a new position at the Herald office. The town is advertising for a replacement.

Mr. Jones, of the Addressograph Co. explained details of a machine which the town is considering buying for addressing tax and water bills, assessment notices, etc. Complete cost of the machine is \$5200. Mr. Jones estimated that it would save some 600 man hours a year in routine work.

Tenders for waterworks building and reservoir were opened and sent to Mr. Roberts, consulting engineer for his recommendation.

Social and Personal

Mrs. Sam Tennant is a patient in Guelph General Hospital at present.

Miss Euphemia Martin and Mrs. Nan Scott visited Niagara Falls on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong visited last week-end in Brantford with his sister, Mrs. H. H. Matthews.

Mrs. John Frost is recuperating at home after her recent operation in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph.

Mrs. Val Stein spent last week in Detroit, Michigan, where she visited with her sister, Miss Florence Westbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Macdonald, Ruth and Joyce, Queen Street, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Noble, Streetsville on Sunday.

Miss Victoria Webster, Windsor, was a guest of her sister Mrs. Keith Barber for the American decoration day week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin McIntosh were here from Welland to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Lyons.

Mrs. R. M. Millar, of Vancouver, B.C. arrived a week ago Saturday to spend some weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. R. Thompson and Mr. Thompson at their farm in R. R. 4.

Mrs. Thomas Wilson, Norval, was visiting last week in Welland with Mr. and Mrs. J. Izat. Mr. and Mrs. Izat's daughter was soloist in Norval and Union Presbyterian Churches at their services a week ago Sunday.

Philippine Macdonald, 90 Guelph Street, celebrated her ninth birthday with a party on May 23. Her guests were Barbara and Jacqueline Tost, Carroll Farnell, Carole Greensward, Carole Crawford, Nancy Jamieson, Vivian Reynolds, May McNiven, Lynda Hyde, Heather Allen, Jennifer Smith, and Margaret Tenhage.

Paper streamers and balloons decorated Teresa Scott's home when she celebrated her eighth birthday May 24th with a party for her friends. Guests were Ellen Biehn, Vilia Rideout, Pat Sargent, Barbara Markham, Linda Foster, Lee Tomlinson, Marsha Fleming, Jon Fleming, Larry Pruek, Joanne Rideout, Rena and Franck Lorusso, her cousin Lawrence Scott and her brother David.

NORVAL

BIBLE SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

The Norval branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society met on Monday evening in the Presbyterian Church. Officers elected for the coming year are: president, Mrs. Sam McClure, secretary, Mr. Earl Wilson, treasurer, Mrs. J. Maxwell.

Guest speaker for the evening was Rev. G. P. Parsons of the Upper Canada Bible Society. He told of the great difficulties encountered in translating the native tongues of Africa and India into English. Following his talk Mr. Parsons showed a movie which covered the translating from Hebrew into English and the printing of the Bible over the last six centuries.

All collectors were requested to have their work completed by the end of June and if they hadn't already received notice of this, they would within the next few days Col. lectors for the coming year were appointed.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mrs. Jean M. Cinnamond of Georgetown formerly of Belfast, Northern Ireland, announces the engagement of her daughter Beulah Patricia to Francis Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gray of Belfast, Northern Ireland. The marriage will take place at three o'clock on Saturday, July the thirtieth at St. John's United Church, Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spence announce the engagement of their daughter Muriel May to Donald Hepburn Schenk, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Schenk, Glen Williams. The marriage will take place in St. John's United Church Chapel on Friday, June twenty-fourth at seven p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Brantford announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Dorothy Elaine, to Ronald Hills, son of Mrs. Roy Hills, and the late Mr. Hills, of Glen Williams. The marriage is to take place on Friday, June the seventeenth.

The engagement is announced of Isabel Jean Leslie, daughter of Mr. Alex Leslie, Everett, and the late Mrs. Leslie to Charles William Gallinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Gallinger. The marriage will take place on Saturday, June the twenty-fifth at four o'clock in St. George's Anglican Church, Georgetown.

WILL SEND CLOTHING TO ANGOLA MISSIONS

The WMS met at the home of the president for their May meeting. The worship service was led by Mrs. Hills stressing the need for special prayers.

Rev. and Mrs. E. Currie of Acton were guests at the manse on Friday evening.

Harold McClure New Lions Club President

President of Georgetown Lions Club several years ago, Harold McClure was again installed as club chief last night. He will hold office for the next year, succeeding Clarence Kennedy.



HAROLD C. MCCLURE

The new president outlined a year's program which will see completion of a swimming pool as the main project. The club is also sponsoring a baseball program this summer, with teams ranging from PeeWees to juniors, in town and OBA leagues. The 25th birthday of the club will come during the year and appropriate ceremonies will mark the occasion.

Jim Wilson of Toronto Downtown club, who helped in chartering night 25 years ago, returned last night to officiate at the installation.

Other officers are: J. G. Collier, 1st vice president; Jim Jones, 2nd vice president; Dick Ruddall, 3rd vice president; Jack Gunning, secretary; Dick Laeta, treasurer; Walker Cleaver, tail twister; Pat Vance, lion tamer; Chic Jewell, bulletin editor; Joe Rice, Ivan Crabtree, Vern Kirby, Jim Cleaver, directors.

100 per cent attendance buttons were presented at the meeting to Messrs. Kennedy, Gunning, Laeta, Jones, Collier, Ab Tennant and Ernie Alcott.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Douglas Wilson Will Be Georgetown's Engineer

THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor:

In this week's summary, both maximum and minimum averages are ten degrees above normal for the month of May.

The Twister that hit this district on Saturday afternoon, May 28th, caused considerable damage in various places, with roofs blown off and silos down and trees uprooted. There was an alarming 10 or 15 minutes, and at the rate the rain came down, it would be on the basis of about 4 inches in 1 hour.

—Ern Batkin

June	Max	Min	Rain
May 23	78	51	Trace
May 24	85	55	Trace
May 25	70	58	1.33
May 26	66	46	.02
May 27	71	42	
May 28	82	50	.68
May 29	74	58	
Average	75	52	2.03

ST. GEORGE'S MEN PLAN WORK BEE

Men of St. George's Anglican Church planned a work bee on the church grounds at a breakfast meeting of the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen Sunday morning at the church. The breakfast followed attendance at the 8 o'clock communion service.

Explaining that much work is needed to beautify the church property, president Stan Finlay asked four men to serve as chairmen, Gordon Spence, Charles Harris, Sam Penrice and Jim Valentine.

The men also offered help arranging races and games for the Sunday School picnic, with Jim Sargent and Gordon Spence the committee in charge.

Sam Penrice gave his impressions of the 15th synod of Niagara which he attended as a lay delegate. Two notes of local interest were elevation to archdeacon of Canon Fred Wase of Dunnville, a former Georgetown rector, and the change of name of this diocese to Trafalgar. It was formerly known as the archdeaconry of Halton and Wellington. The new archdeacon of Trafalgar is Canon Stanley Kirk, Guelph, who succeeds Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson, now living retired in St. Catharines.

Douglas R. Wilson, Verdun, Quebec, was hired Monday as Georgetown's town engineer. The McGill University graduate, class of '51, will be one of two men interviewed by council. Two others who had been granted interviews did not appear.

Mr. Wilson will be the first man to hold the job which carries a \$6,000 salary. The town last year shared the services of Ross Simmons, with Acton and Milton. Mr. Simmons is now engineer for Markham Township.

Deputy Reeve Allan Norton and Cr. Garfield McGilvray were still opposed to the town hiring an engineer and voted against the motion Monday. Both explained that their action was not a reflection on Mr. Wilson's ability, but that they did not think the town's need warrants such an expenditure.

Mr. Wilson will be leaving a similar position in Greenfield Park, a Quebec town of 5,000 to come here. There he planned a reservoir and pump station, acted as building inspector and was supervisor of all town engineering needs.

He graduated as a civil engineer after wartime service in many parts of the world as a petty officer with the navy. As an undergraduate he worked with the Velsion engineering department on designing and supervision of municipal works. After graduation he was with Canadian National Railways in their maintenance of way dept., then worked with a consulting engineer in Montreal, where he helped plan sewage and water plants at St. Hubert, Que. He has been at Greenfield Park since last September. He is married and father of two children.

Giffen Clan Reunion At Cheltenham Park

On Saturday, May 28th, 185 members of the Giffen clan, descendants of Robert Giffen who came from Scotland in the early nineteenth century and settled on the 5th line east of Brampton, gathered at Fernside Park, Cheltenham, for their 15th family reunion.

At 12:30 everyone sat down to a sumptuous dinner. Due to the illness of the president, Joseph Grey of Toronto, his nephew, Ivan Grey of Brampton, acted as president, with Mrs. Earl Williamson as secretary and Mrs. Joseph Speers as treasurer. After a short business period a splendid program was enjoyed of accordions by Jean Gill, piano selections by Carol Graydon and the noted tenor soloist, Ronald Stewart, sang to the members of his own clan.

A minute's silence was observed in honour of those who had passed on since the last reunion, followed by a word of prayer by Bill Wilkinson, student minister.

Praises for the oldest lady and gentleman went to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speers of Toronto and for the youngest member to Bruce Giffen, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Giffen of Stayner. The officers for the next reunion to be held in two years' time at Midhurst Park are: president, Harry Giffen, Minesing; vice president, Clure Giffen of Stayner; secretary, Newman Giffen of Stayner; and treasurer, Roger Giffen of Minesing.

NEW POLICE CHIEF

Roy Haley began his duties today as Georgetown's chief constable. He will be working with the O.P.P. for the rest of this month, when Georgetown will replace provincials with its own force.

Presenting a box of chocolates to Mr. Wyatt in appreciation.

Peter Canham Top Cadet Wins Col. Barber Trophy

Cadet Lt. Peter Canham, judged top cadet in the high school corps, was presented with the Barber trophy by its donor, Lt. Col. John R. Barber last night at the conclusion of the annual inspection in Georgetown Park.

Col. Barber, former Lorne Scots C.O. complimented the corps on maintaining the high standard of efficiency set for the past few years under chief instructor Capt. Alan Prouse, accompanying him was Capt. R. J. Flynn from 2nd Central Command, Ottawa.

Following the inspection and march past, there were several demonstrations, including a precision squad directed by Barry Timleck; Bren Gun, by Sean Wareing; rifle, Michael Lambert; Sten gun, Gordon Spence; signals, David Carter; rocket launcher, Peter Darlington; fieldcraft, Peter Canham; and girls' P.T. directed by Miss Dorothy Parkinson of the school staff.

Other proficiency awards were:

General Proficiency Trophy two, Cadet Sgt. Paul Wade; General Proficiency Trophy three, Cadet Major Don Seddon; General Proficiency Trophy four, Cadet Captain Barry Timleck; Honourable Mention Medal, Cadet Sgt. Bob Kidd; Honourable Mention, Cadet Tom Barber, Cadet Sgt. Gordon Spence, Cadet Lt. Michael Lambert; Girl Cadet Trophy, Cadet Major Sandra Scott; Hon. Mention Medal; Sgt. Sheila Carney (cadet); Hon. Mention, Cadet Barbara Bowman, Cadet CSM Carol Benham, First Year, CSM Carol Benham, First Year, Hon. Mention Medal; Cadet T. Barber, Hon.

Mention (first year boys), Cadet Sgt. G. Spence, Cadet Lt. Michael O'Brien; First Year Cadet Medal, Cadet Gail Smith; Hon. Mention Cadet Joan Cummings; Cadet Linda Whitmore; Best Rifle Shot (badge) Cadet, Lt. P. Canham; Best Rifle Shot (medal), Cadet Lorna Klingbeil; Hon. Mention Rifle Shooting, Cadet Linda Mino.

After the inspection, George Glassford's orchestra played for a dance for members of the cadet corps.

Assisting Capt. Prouse in training cadets are Major Paul Barber and Lt. Allan Teeter of the Lorne Scots, 2nd Lt. Blair Armstrong and cadet instructor Bill Hardman.

Officers and NCOs are Major Don Seddon, Major Sandra Scott, Capt. Barry Timleck, Capt. Donna Bennett, Lieut. Michael Lambert, Doug Wrigglesworth, Peter Canham, Michael O'Brien, Peter Darlington, Barbara Bowman, Diane Harrison, Barbara Benham, Diane Lenz, CSM Carol Benham and Sgts. Bob Kidd, Gordon Spence, Phillip Wade, Danny Martin, Sean Wareing, Sheila Carney, Helen Muckart, and Sandra Bradley.

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"New Look" No. 7 Prospect Widening, Curbs, Drainage

If proposed plans materialize and approval is finalized by the Ontario Municipal Highways Branch and the Municipal Board, Guelph Street from Durham Street to the junction of Guelph Street and Main Street to the White Bridge will certainly have a new look.

Plans have already been approved by the Ontario Dept. of Health to storm sewers the Guelph Street hill in order to stop the constant wash-out along the highway and eliminate the flood conditions which always exist after a heavy rain at the bottom of the hill.

Plans also call for the widening of Guelph Street from the cenoph to Durham Street, with curbs. It will be 38 feet wide from the cenoph to Water Street and will narrow to 32 feet from here to Durham Street. The Water street intersection will have new sweeping entrances.

Considerable face-lifting is necessary to accomplish this fine new highway. From the cenoph to Cross St. the sidewalk will be moved in approximately three feet, as will the hydro poles, and a number of trees removed in order to give a symmetrical appearance to the entire street.

The same situation exists from Albert Street to Durham Street where a half-dozen trees will have to be removed on the east side of the street to allow the sidewalk to be shifted inward.

Besides the new sewers and pavement widening, new sidewalks will also be laid on both sides of Guelph Street; the bridge over the creek will be widened approximately 10 feet and a sidewalk will be laid from John St. to Queen on the east side where at present there is no sidewalk.

Upper Main Street will also get the same treatment with storm sewers and new sidewalk, although the travelled portion of the road will remain practically the same.

This is work that has been on the municipal agenda for some years now, but looks as though it may be realized so rapidly and with the increased highway traffic it is essential that something be done to this street.

When the new look is accomplished citizens will feel a lot prouder of the roadway than they do at the present time, as the resurfacing is long overdue.

ART CLASS VISITS CERAMICS PLANT

Grade 8 pupils of Chapel St. School toured the plant of Georgetown Ceramics yesterday. The visit was arranged by Miss Wilma Stull, art teacher at the school as a special event for the last art class of the year.

Bob Wyatt, who with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wyatt, operates this thriving business in the old town hall, explained how pottery is produced as he conducted the boys and girls through the plant.

They saw the kilns being fired, pottery in various stages of its processing, and the materials which are used to produce ceramic products. The Wyatts make a large variety of novelty items and such things as salts and peppers, jam jars, ash trays and flower dishes. Each student received a gift from the management.

Jacqueline Gray expressed thanks from the students for the visit and

SEVEN POLLING SUBDIVISIONS FOR JUNE 9th ELECTION

Voters in Georgetown on June 9th will cast their ballots at one of six different places, depending on where they live.

The town has been divided into seven polling subdivisions. Printed lists of voters are posted at various places in town, and residents who might be in doubt about which division they live in should consult these lists. Voters are listed by street addresses rather than alphabetically.

Polling stations are at the Municipal Office, the fire hall, public library and at the residences of Miss Euphemia Martin, Victoria St., Thomas Grievé, Queen and McNab Sts., and Charles Ledwidge, King Street.

Polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., daylight saving time.

Advance polls on June 2nd, 3rd and 4th are being held in Oakville, Burlington and Milton for people whose business will take them away from town on June 9th. An advertisement elsewhere in this issue gives details of this.

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