

# THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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## WHAT COUNCIL DID

### Gas Company Decision Now Up to Ontario Fuel Board

The Ontario Fuel Board will decide whether one or both of two natural gas companies will be issued certificates of convenience and necessity entitling them to distribute their product in north Halton.

Monday night representatives and legal advisers for Anthony Gas and Explorations and United Suburban Gas visited council meetings in Georgetown, Acton and Milton, and in each town the councils passed third readings of by-laws which give approval for franchises for both companies.

A third company, Halton Natural Gas, which was the first company to seek a franchise locally last year, notified council by phone Monday that they were withdrawing their application. No further action was taken on a by-law which had also received two readings for this franchise.

Councillors Garfield McGillvray and LeRoy Dale expressed the feeling of the local council when they presented a motion which will be forwarded to the fuel board, asking that, all things being equal, the board give special consideration to the Anthony firm which is operator of gas wells in the district and whose capital has largely been contributed by county residents.

Mr. Dale introduced the subject when he made a plea for the company operated by Anthony Seynuck, Acton, saying it is questionable what consideration the fuel board might give a young company against a more established one like United Suburban.

"We haven't had gas in Georgetown since the beginning of time" said Mr. Dale, "and I don't see the big hurry for rushing this through now. I am bewildered at passing two identical by-laws and I don't think we are giving our local company much encouragement."

Mr. Dale said that for 27 years, Mr. Seynuck has been searching for oil and gas; has spent a lot of money and at last has found oil.

Mayor Armstrong said there is no question in the minds of any council member in the three towns about which company they would like to deal with and it is hoped that Mr. Seynuck has the requirements to set up a gas distribution system.

George Hewson, legal adviser to council, explained that passing of both by-laws is required by the fuel board before they can consider the applications, and that council's action in okaying two companies will have no detrimental effect on either company.

Reeve Allen questioned United Suburban men about whether they would use Anthony gas, should they be granted a franchise. There is nothing in writing and nothing in the agreement providing for this, the reeve said.

John Evans, legal counsel for United Suburban, said he is prepared to back up his verbal statement that his company would use all the gas produced in Halton by Anthony up to the requirements of the three towns, only qualifications being that there would be quality and regular flow. He is prepared to present this promise in any form which council requires, he said.

Councillor Alfred Sykes questioned the advisability of council supporting one company at the fuel board.

"I don't wish to appear in opposition to Anthony, but we can't set ourselves up as a protective unit for one private enterprise, whether it is in the county or not" he said.

Mr. Seynuck spoke on behalf of his company, saying that Anthony might as well deliver gas directly to the

towns as to the pipelines of another company.

"All the years I didn't have gas, nobody was interested," said Mr. Seynuck. "Now when I find it, someone else comes along. We now have eight wells and we have people to back us with finances."

The McGillvray-Dale motion passed unanimously.

Georgetown was the second town visited by the delegations. Word was sent before they arrived that Acton council had passed the by-laws. From here they went to Milton to complete the evening's business.

### Georgetown Community Swimming Pool

Donation List

Previously acknowledged \$ 28,177.94

Anon	5.00
R. Wilson	10.00
John Gunn	25.00
C. W. Sayer	20.00
J. Hooper	10.00
Total	\$ 28,247.94

### Esqueping Agricultural Society Elects Spencer Wilson President

GEORGETOWN FAIR MAY BE WEEK EARLIER IN 1956

The annual meeting of the Esqueping Agricultural Society, sponsors of Georgetown Fall Fair, was held in the community hall, Stewarttown, on Saturday evening. Spencer J. Wilson, Norval district farmer and member of Esqueping Township Council, was elected president of the society to succeed Harding Price, who has held the office during the past five years.

Other officers include: Oliver J. Hunter, 1st vice president; Wilfrid Bird, 2nd vice president and P. W. Cleave, treasurer. A committee was set up to interview applicants for the position of secretary due to the resignation of Garfield McGillvray who has held the office for the past thirteen years.

Directors elected are John Bird, Mac Alexander, Frank Wilson, Ward Brownridge, James Fisher, T. J. Brownridge, Ken Ella, Graydon Chester, Garfield McGillvray, Neils Robinson, Vern Archer, Len Coxe, Murt Allison, William Cromar, Lloyd Fisher. Associate directors include Val Stein, Jack Williamson, Jack Hart, R. W. Darou, John McNabb, Robert Cunningham, Gerald Graham, Clarence Spence, Percy Clark, George Burt, Charlie Hunter, Howson Ruddell, Donald Lindsay, Harold Henry, William Kinrade, Floyd Bridgen, Trevor Williams.

The ladies section of the fair board also elected their executive, and Mrs. Donald Lindsay replaces Mrs. S. Wilson as president. Mrs. Mac Alexander first vice, and Mrs. Oliver Hunter, 2nd vice. Charlotte McCullough remains as hall superintendent as does Jean Ruddell, secretary.

Past president Harding Price was elected to an honorary director.

### THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor: We have had plenty of sunshine again this week. This week's summary shows the 1st and only below zero registration for the year 1956.

—Ern Batkin.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
Mon., Jan. 23	23	9	
Tues., Jan. 24	26	7	
Wed., Jan. 25	26	3	
Thurs., Jan. 26	28	0	Flurries
Fri., Jan. 27	30	5	Flurries
Sat., Jan. 28	34	0	
Sun., Jan. 29	36	28	"
Average	29	7	"

### MIDGETS BEAT ACTON HOCKEY SEMIFINALS

Georgetown Midgets, sensations of their league this year, added to a long string of victories Monday. They defeated Acton 5-1 in the 1st of a 2-game goals-to-count playoff series. Next game is scheduled for Acton tomorrow night.

Winners of the tri-town series meet Elmira in the next round of the playoffs. Fans are encouraged to come out and support the midgets who play a wide open brand of hockey.

### Rotary Gives Stretchers To Schools, Parks Board

Stretchers to add to first aid supplies were presented Monday by the Rotary Club to the board of Parks management and the schools.

The stretchers were presented at the club's dinner meeting at Fairview Inn. Bob Lane and high school principal J. L. Lambert were dinner guests and received the gifts. Two members of Brampton Rotary, Russell Gill and Jim Archdekin were also guests.

The evening's program was in charge of Dr. J. H. Chamberlain who played a recording of the Citizens' Forum held in Toronto.

The club is planning to open the Easter Seal campaign at the annual dinner and entertainment on Feb. 28th which will mark the first anniversary of the founding of the local club.

### Milton OPP Constable Now Living in Town

Milton OPP Constable Howard Gunn, his wife and son Billy are now living near Georgetown.

The family moved a few weeks ago to the William Cromar farmhouse on the 8th Line on south Main St. Mr. and Mrs. Cromar have moved into town, and are living in a new house on Maple Avenue.

The Gunns formerly lived at R. R. 1, Acton. Constable Gunn makes his headquarters at Milton, and his police duties take him to various parts of the northern section of Halton.

### FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY HAS EUCHRE PARTY

Tuesday evening the Women's Auxiliary of the Firemen held a euchre in the club rooms. Several tables of cards were in play. Mrs. C. Stacey received first prize, Mrs. A. Zilio second and Mrs. Pete Hunter third.

Mrs. Joseph Gibbons won the most lone hands and Mrs. Albert Henney the consolation prize.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Montgomery and their son Billy, of Victoria St., were guests at the golden wedding Sunday of Mr. Montgomery's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James Gilpin of Shelburne. Mr. and Mrs. Gilpin were married in Alliston in 1906. Many friends and relatives were present and the couple received numerous wishes of congratulations and gifts.

### No Serious Injuries Trains Crash at Acton

Several passengers were injured, none seriously, when two CNR passenger trains collided at Acton station Monday morning.

A Toronto-bound passenger train struck a standing passenger train heading for London. Fronts of both engines were torn apart.

None of the coaches were derailed. The accident occurred in a blinding snow storm. Only the centre wheels of the locomotive left the track. It took most of the day to clear the track, but trains were getting through from both directions by using the siding which was cleared shortly after noon.

Traffic on No. 7 Highway was rerouted for nearly two hours until the rear coaches of the Stratford-bound train were towed away.

### Social and Personal

Miss Dawn Fiebig, Victoria Crescent spent the week-end in Leaside with friends recently.

Mrs. Jack Boomer of Toronto spent a little time in town this week with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dobbie.

Mrs. Ted Beam, Nancy and Donald were in town last week visiting with her father, William Deans and sister, Frances.

Mrs. Arnott Early is leaving Thursday for an extended holiday. She will be at the Marine Hotel, Bridgetown, Barbados.

Miss Hazel Williamson, Toronto, whose home is in Yarmouth, N.S., was a week-end guest with Miss Freda Herbert at her home on Edith Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McLaughlin will be spending the next few months at their winter home at Bellair Beach on Florida's west coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Barrager and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Whitte left on Thursday for a motor trip south, and will be spending the next few weeks in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood MacDougall, two of their children, Janette and Bobby, and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Wright, Dundalk, are motoring to Lakeland, Florida. They will visit with Mrs. MacDougall's father who lives there, Mr. Robert Knox.

### WHAT COUNCIL DID

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### Juniors Proud of Win Over Elmira

Georgetown Junior Raiders scored their second win of the season, and one which they particularly are proud of, on local ice Monday.

It was the first defeat for Elmira and Georgetown made it a good one by winning 5-2. Goal scorers for Georgetown were Freestone with two, Webster, Turner, and Beckett. Richardson had two assists and Webster one.

Undefeated Elmira lost to a well balanced free checking Georgetown team which previously chalked up one win against Acton and a 7-7 tie with Hamilton. The Raiders have dropped three games, one to Hamilton and two to Acton.

The Georgetown team is composed of Norm Lockhart, goal; Doug Tucker, George Grady, Jim Wilson, Ron Breen, George Hall, Calvin King, defence; and wingmen Jim Beckett, Ron Ritchie, Bob Freestone, Ken Richardson, Peter Hart, Tom Dobbie, Ross Turner, Bob Webster, Ross Cunningham and Doug Richardson.

Bob Hume is coaching the team and Tom Beckett is manager. The executive is composed of George Louth, president; Joe Dwyer, secretary; Jack Wilson, Jack Presswood and Bud James.

The team has two games left in their schedule. Acton plays here next Monday and Raiders visit Elmira on the 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Hewson flew to Windsor for the week-end to visit with Mrs. Hewson's father, Mr. E. H. Pridhomme and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Cleave, Main Street, attended the opening of the provincial parliament and the reception following given by the Lieutenant Governor in his chambers, as guests of Mr. Stan Hall, MPP, on Tuesday.

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Georgetown council will review the official town plan made by Town Planning Consultants in the near future. Monday, after Cr. LeRoy Dale suggested it, the clerk was instructed to secure the plan which is still in Dr. H. G. Faludi's hands and to have a representative of the firm appear at council at a meeting in February to present it.

Mr. Dale said that as a matter of principle, he cannot accept any plan submitted by a firm which has been drawn up by men who have done a great deal of work for Delrex Developments.

"I'm not attacking Mr. Heslop, but the plan should be made by an independent person," said Mr. Dale. "I understand Delrex has agreed to pay for it. I feel citizens can pay \$1500 for it, so in future there will be no backfires."

Mayor Armstrong said he thought there was some misconception about the matter and reviewed what had been done last year.

In order for Delrex to have their subdivision approved by the planning Dept. at Queen's Park, he said, the government demanded assurance that the whole town would be zoned, to coordinate the old and new sections. In order to expedite things, Delrex was willing to pay for a master plan suggestion, and the 1954 council felt that it was an opportunity to save taxpayers money which should not be missed.

Council and planning board can deal with Dr. Faludi's suggestions as they wish, he said, and it is to be expected that the suggestions will be altered when men on the spot deal with matters which might look good on maps.

The mayor asked council, meanwhile, to think of men who might be suitable to serve on a planning board which is an integral part of any zoning program.

Council decided to suspend a meeting on the 13th in favour of attending the 25th anniversary celebration of the Lions Club. Several councillors are members or past members of the club and will be attending the dinner.

A membership in the Canadian Association of police chiefs was ordered for Chief Roy Haley.

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### SIX TEENAGERS INJURED AS CAR CRASHES NORVAL BRIDGE

Six teenagers were seriously injured when their Toronto-bound car missed a curve at Norval and slammed into a bridge abutment just after midnight Sunday.

Police said the car, eastbound on No. 7 hit the steel bridge just east of Hollywood Hotel with such force that the outside abutment was driven three feet into the car between the two front wheels. The car, driven by Leonard Boix, 10 Murdock St., Georgetown, is a total wreck.

Leonard and a passenger Claudia Beattie, Hillsburgh, were taken to Toronto General Hospital.

Four others were taken as patients in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton. Maxine MacDougall, 14 College St., was seriously injured, and has severe head and facial injuries. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood MacDougall had just arrived in Florida on a holiday motor trip with two other members of the family.

Roy Henderson, 28 Normandy Blvd. has several fractured ribs. Betsy Wilson, 35 Park Ave., who suffered a strained back and bruised temple was able to return home from hospital yesterday.

Norma Scully, Toronto has several facial injuries and a fractured leg. OPP Constable George Moore, Milton investigated the accident.

### John Murdick Dies Wife Comes from the Glen

After a few months' illness John Hardy Murdick died suddenly on Thursday, January 26th at his home, 662 Elora Road, Hanover. Mr. Murdick had been a life long resident of Hanover and was well known in Georgetown and vicinity.

In 1950 he married the former Catherine E. Hill of Glen Williams who survives him along with two daughters and one son by a former marriage, Mrs. J. Pickon and William of Durham and Mrs. G. Noble of Hanover.

The funeral service was conducted on January 28th in the Richardson Funeral Home, Hanover, by his pastor, the Rev. Price of the Baptist Church, assisted by Lieut. Pettigrew and Lieut. Day of the Salvation Army. Interment in Hanover Cemetery.

Those attending the funeral from the district were: Mr. and Mrs. Ed ward Hill, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. B. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rogers, Mr. James Hill and Mrs. A. Smith, Glen Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hill, Mr. and Mrs. William Hill and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. Mino of Georgetown.

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