# 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 McGilvray 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. Seynuk 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

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

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

The McGilvray-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

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#### THE WEATHER

the year 1956.

Mr. Editor: We have had plenty of

sunshine again this week. This week's summary shows the 1st and only below zero registration for

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#### MIDGETS BEAT ACTON HOCKEY SEMI-FINALS

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 hock-

the Society had a very successful year

who is first vice president, will be

chosen president of the Ontario Asso-

this year, Georgetown Fair finds it

necessary at the moment to seek a

new fair date, and with five Saturdays

in the month of September, have cho-

sen the fourth Friday and Saturday

Stretchers to add to first aid sup-

plies were presented Monday by the

Rotary Club to the board of Parks

The stretchers were presented at

the club's dinner meeting at Fairview

Inn. Bob Lane and high school prin-

cipal J. L. Lambert were dinner

members of Brampton Rotary, Russell

Gill and Jim Archdekin were also

charge of Dr. J. H. Chamberlain who

played a recording of the Citizens'

The club is planning to open the

Easter Seal campaign at the annual

dinner and entertainment on Feb.

28th which will mark the first anni-

versary of the founding of the local

Milton OPP Constable Howard

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

The Gunns formerly lived at R. R.

Gunn, his wife and son Billy are now

Milton OPP Constable

Now Living in Town

living near Georgetown.

on Maple Avenue.

evening's program was In

on September 21 and 22.

Rotary Gives Stretchers

To Schools, Parks Board

management and the schools.

guests and received the gifts.

Forum held in Toronto.

Due to a change in the calendar

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guests.

### Esquesing Agricultural Society Elects Spencer Wilson President

GEORGETOWN FAIR MAY BE

ing 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 Esquesing 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 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 McGilvray who has held the office for the past thirteen

Directors elected are John Bird, Mac Alexander, Frank Wilson, Ward Brownridge, James Fisher, T. J. Brownridge, Ken Ella, Graydon Chester, Garfield McGilvray, Nels 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, Charlle Hunter, Howson Ruddell, Donald Lindsay, Harold Henry, William Kinrade, Floyd Brigden, Tre-

vor 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

Past president Harding Price was

## The treasurer's report showed that

WEEK EARLIER IN 1956

and after paying a \$3058 prize list, had a \$300 balance on the year's op-The annual meeting of the Esqueserations. However, a debit balance carried over from the previous year depleted this considerably. Delegates were appointed to the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies convention to be held at the King Edward Hotel, in Toronto, on February 8th and 9th. At this convention Miss Charlotte McCullough

as does Jean Ruddell, secretary.

elected to an honorary director.

#### 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

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

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

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

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 Whitmee 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

### Council Will Review New Town Zoning Plan

#### 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

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 Lockhurst, goal; Doug Tucker, George Grasby, 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 Windor for the week-end to visit with Mrs. Hewson's father, Mr. E. H. Predhomme 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.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

#### Investment Firm Undertakes Sale of \$650,000 Debentures

Georgetown council, at their meeting Monday, engaged the services of Bankers Bond Corporation to attempt the private marketing of a \$650,000

debenture issue ready for issue now. The debentures will provide funds to pay for a number of municipal improvements including a large waterworks extension and a \$260,000 hydro program as well as several sewers, sidewalks and watermains and a pub-

lic school addition. Bankers Bond, which is working in close cooperation with the Bank of Commerce, has until February 29th to sell the 4%% twenty year debentures at a price not less than \$100.50.

Mr. McCutcheon appeared at the meeting to suggest that his firm be given a chance at marketing the largest issue of town bonds ever offered at one time.

Cr. Garfield McGilvray, finance committee chairman, said that while it has been council's policy in the past to ask tenders for purchase of bonds, the Bank of Commerce has been concerned about such a large issue when others are to follow later this year, and that his committee, which had met with Mr. McCutcheon previously, recommended unanimously that Bankers Bond be engaged.

Mr. McCutcheon said that if the bonds were marketed at 41/2% they would be discounted, and Mayor Armstrong said he thought it wise to raise the interest rate, rather than have council forced to make up the discount out of current tax revenue in a year when it is most important to keep the tax rate as low as possible. Mr. McCutcheon explained that his firm believes they have investors whom they can interest quietly in purchasing Georgetown's bonds, but if tenders were asked, they could not make a firm bid because it would be so low that it would not be proper. One difficulty in marketing municipal debentures, he said, is that certain investors set a limit per capita over which they will not invest. He mentioned one insurance company which follows this practice, and no matter how good the debentures are, he said, they cannot be interested once they reach their limit.

A \$7.00 charge will be assessed as a service charge against householders whose water meters are damaged by frost, where this can be traced to negligence on the part of the owner. Property owners who think freezing damage might be caused by improper installation by the town are advised to contact the town engineer.

A calculating machine, rented at such a costly procedure. It will again the mayor said.

certain times of the year for use in tax work, wil be purchased. The machine costs \$950 less a discount of 10 per cent, less four months rent already paid, bringing the cost down to \$695.

There was some discussion on a suggestion by Cr. Alfred Sykes that people be encouraged to bring their questions to a committee wherever possible, before presenting them to Mayor Armstrong said it is his plan

when the municipal building is renovated, to use the mayor's office as a committee room, possibly setting certain nights aside for certain committees and advertising this fact so ratepayers will know when committeemen are available

Some councillors said it would not be proper to discourage people from coming to council. Reeve Allen said he things people are more satisfied when they bring a problem, no mattr how small, to the whole council and have it dealt with.

A stock keeping and water card record system was explained by Mr. Mc-Mullen of the Viscard company, who suggesetd it would be an efficiency improvement in the town office. The system costs \$186 plus \$26 a thousand for cards. It will be considered by the property and water committee.

Fred Ross said he is considering putting up two stores on a lot beside his house on Guelph St. and asked about building requirements, storm sewers and other matters.

His question brought up a point in the building by-law which is not clarified. Present regulations do not distinguish between residential and commercial properties and under the bylaw a store would have to be four ft. from the side property line. Reeve Allen said it would not be desirable to have a row of stores with narrow alleys in between.

The planning committee was asked to investigate possibility of altering the building by law to make separate regulations for commercial buildings.

Representing Sunbeam Area Ratepayers Association, Sid Hardie asked several questions.

He pointed out a dangerous drop at the end of Tyers Ave., where a barricade has been removd and was told it would be erected again.

Asking about street name signs, Mayor Armstrong told him a \$6,000 price quote had been received last year but council deferred action on

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 Devel-

"I'm not attacking Mr. Heslop, but the plan should be made by an independent person," said Mr. Dale. "I understand Deirex 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 orde rto 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

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 o. police chiefs was ordered for Chief Roy Haley.

Town engineer Douglas Wilson was authorized to attend a sewage treatment course in Toronto being offered by the Dept. of Health later this

#### Snowed In, 25 Below Story Ten Years Ago

Mrs. Ward Ruddell's diary revealed some remarkable information when she was reviewing notes she made ten years ago last Thursday.

The day, sunny and almost devoid of snow this year, was much different on January 26th, 1946.

Ten years ago the thermometer read 25 below, and sons Newton and Fred were in process of opening the road from their farm home to the Base Line so they could take a trip to town with the milk and pick up mail which they had not received since the previous Monday.

While the Ruddells were snowed in they had been taking their milk by horse and sled to Stewarttown.

be considered before this year's budget is struck.

Mr. Hardle asked about possibility of a drop letter box for mail somewhere in the subdivision and was referred to the postmaster. Asking about hydro bills being received only two days before the discount date, he was told to take this matter to the hydro commission. The association asked if approxim-

ed before residents petitioned for these, and this information will be given by the town engineer. Mr. Hardie said people are pertur-

ate cost of sidewalks could be obtain-

bed about how far Delrex will proceed with houses before industry comes to balance this.

He was told by the mayor that the Delrex agreement with the town allows houses to be built on the former H. Craig Reid 188 acre farm, and the firm can go no farther without providing industry which will give a 40 per cent industrial balance.

Ken Swales, Cleaveholm Drive, asked if the town is taking any action on dogs, saying his son had been nipped by a dog, and wondering what the regulations are.

He was told by the mayor that dogs must be tied up between May 15 and Sept. 15, and the only measure for a person who has a complaint against a dog making a nuisance is to lay a charge against the owner. The matter of dog control is being discussed by North Halton urban board at present,

#### 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 mid-

night 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 Bodz, 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 mem-

bers of the family. Roy Henderson, 28 Normandy Blvd. has several fractured ribs.

Betsy Willson, 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. ton 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. I.r. Murdick had been a life long resident of Hanover and was well known in George-

town and vicinity. In 1950 he married the former Catharine 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 Hanov-

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. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rogers, Mr. James Hill and Mrs. A. Smith, Glen Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hill, lown.

#### 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 re-

ceived 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 Mr. and Mrs. William Hill and family and relatives were present and the OPP Constable George Moore, Mil. and Mr. and Mrs. A. Mino of George- couple received numerous wishes of congratulations and gifts.