

# THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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FIRST SECTION

## United Suburban Gas Gets Georgetown Gas Franchise

### STORM, ICY ROADS MAKE MANY MOTOR ACCIDENTS

OPP Constables Howard Gunn and George Moore had a busy week-end, when icy roads caused a rash of accidents in Esquesing.

Friday at 6.30 p.m. Mr. Anne Post, R. R. 1, Milton had stopped to turn into a farm lane on Highway No. 25 4 1/2 miles south of Milton. Frank Kirkland, Milton, travelling south behind Mr. Post was unable to stop, skidded into the Post car, and straddled the highway. Robert Coulter, Glen Williams, who was driving north, hit the Kirkland car. There was \$400 total damage. Cst. Gunn investigated.

Two hours later Cst. Gunn was called to the 7th line north of Stewarttown where another accident caused \$235 damage. A car driven by Mrs. Kathleen Walker, Erin, was stalled on an icy hill. Ernest McEnery, Ballinacree, travelling the opposite way skidded into Mrs. Walker's car.

Cs. Moore investigated two accidents the next day, when stormy weather still prevailed.

At 6.50 p.m. on Highway 7, half a mile east of Acton, John Ware, Esquesing skidded into the rear of a car driven by James Gibb, Toronto. Both were travelling east and there was a total of \$350 damage.

Just after midnight, there was another accident on the highway west of Acton. Bill Leslie, local Roxy Theatre man was returning home to Rockwood when a car driven by Eugene Villemaire, R. R. 1, Acton skidded and sideswiped Mr. Leslie's car. Damage was \$425.

Early Monday evening, two Toronto ladies were injured when their car went into a skid at McCullough's Corner and struck a tree. The driver, Miss Alison Pearson suffered abrasions on the forehead and a bruised knee. Her passenger, Muriel Mason, had deep lacerations on the forehead, fractured ribs and shock. They were treated at the scene by Dr. Alistair Macintosh and taken to Guelph General Hospital by McClure's Ambulance. There was \$500 damage to the car.

### THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor: VARIETY is the word that describes the weather of the past week; about the only thing missing was the predicted thunderstorm. The snow recorded in this week's summary brought the total snowfall for February to 22 1/2 inches and is 7 inches above normal average for the month.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain and Snow
Mon., Feb. 20	30	15	S 2 1/2"
Tues., Feb. 21	20	11	
Wed., Feb. 22	20	-4	
Thurs., Feb. 23	25	5	
Fri., Feb. 24	42	-3	
Sat., Feb. 25	45	25	R 3.2 S 2"
Sun., Feb. 26	28	12	Flurries R 3.2 S 4 1/2"
Average	30	9	

### Group Play-Offs Start Saturday

Georgetown Raiders expect to start the group play-offs here this Saturday.

Oakville and Stouffville, tied 2-2 in the semi-finals, play their deciding game Thursday.

Georgetown will be paired with the winner for group honours, and unless these teams tie their Thursday game, the winner will appear on Georgetown ice Saturday.

Raiders won an exhibition game in Fort Erie Saturday by a 10-6 score. Ken Nash scintillated with 4 goals and Fred Lawrence played an exceptionally good game in goal.

—March came in like a lion last week-end. Which should mean better weather ahead.

### Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McAuley, Toronto, were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Tom VanSickler, Shelley St.

Mr. Chuck Hyeckle of Kitchener visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Bill James.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Sinclair and Carl left Monday for a motor trip south which will take them to Florida.

Successful music students in the Royal Conservatory of Music examinations held in Guelph recently were Marilyn Wilson, Grade 6 piano; Joan Harrop, Grade 2 theory, 1st class honours. They are pupils of Mrs. R. H. Wright, Charles Street.

Mrs. George Herrington spent the week-end in Willowdale with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kennedy, it being Lynne's fourth birthday, and she also had her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Knell of Toronto for dinner and a very pleasant evening on Sunday.

Bobby Rundle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Rundle, 9 Ewing Street, celebrated his sixth birthday on Saturday with a party. His guests were Charles Boyle, Michael and Judy Ryall, Robert Jepson, Farley Helfant, John Campbell, Mark Irwin, and Bobby's sisters, Jeannette and Joan.

Little Valerie Ireland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ireland, Main St. N. is celebrating her fourth birthday today. She has invited to her party Kathy and Darryl Chamberlain, Mary Stockley, Cheryl VanWyck, her cousin Stephen Mason and her brother John.

### ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gummer will be at home, 16 King Street East, on Saturday, March the third from three to five and from seven to nine on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

### LIMEHOUSE

#### Illness, Accidents For Several Residents

Mrs. Wiley, who has been with Mrs. Sinclair, spent last week with her daughter at Burlington.

The Briggs family visited in Toronto on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Sinclair and Carl and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Sinclair left on Monday for a holiday in Florida.

Mrs. Shelbourne, Eileen and Dianne and Mr. Thornton visited at Willowdale on Sunday.

We regret several ill in our community.

Mr. Douglas Scott returned home from Guelph General Hospital on Monday following an operation for hernia last week.

Mr. S. Kirkpatrick hopes to have his knee cast removed on Friday.

Mrs. Joseph Rice had an appendectomy in St. Joseph's, Guelph, last week.

Mrs. Wilfred Wilson fell on Friday evening's ice and suffered a badly fractured ankle, so spent the last few fractured ankle, so spent the last few

Mr. George Yeo returned Monday from another operation on his hand in Toronto General.

—Save your waste paper and magazines for the next Boy Scout collection, a week from Saturday. Your contributions help the boys go to camp.

### Toronto Youth Killed In Norval Car Plunge

A tragic accident on icy Norval hill at midnight Saturday snuffed out the life of a young Toronto resident, while two companions in the car escaped without a scratch.

Reginald Northcott, 22, Humber Blvd., Mt. Dennis, William Prendergast, 20, Keele St., Toronto and Billy Munroe, 20, Humber Blvd., Mt. Dennis were proceeding towards Toronto after attending a dance in the Georgetown Arena.

As the car, driven by Northcott, rounded the curve at the top of the highway hill approaching Norval, the driver veered right to avoid an oncoming car, skidded on a patch of ice and fishtailed down the hill backwards on the north side of the road until it was stopped by a hydro pole.

Munroe, who was riding in the front on the right side of the car, was thrown between the windshield and steering wheel, and died instantly from loss of blood caused by a deep facial cut. The car was totally wrecked.

Dr. J. H. Chamberlain, coroner, and Dr. Alistair Macintosh were called to the scene. OPP Constable Howard Gunn investigated the accident.

The accident victim was the son of Mrs. Hilda Munroe and the late Wilfred Munroe. He is survived by his mother and five brothers and sisters, Mrs. E. Cordell, Mrs. L. Wilson, Wilfred, Harold and Albert.

The funeral service was held yesterday in Toronto, with interment in Prospect Cemetery.

### Easter Seal Dinner Launches Campaign

Georgetown's Easter Seal campaign was launched last night when the Rotary Club promoted a public dinner in the Legion auditorium attended by 175 people.

They saw a coloured movie of the wonderful work done for handicapped children at the Lakeshore Swimming Club, and Gus Ryder and Cliff Lumsden were here in person to comment as the films were shown and to answer questions in an 'open forum' period which followed.

President John Gunn was chairman and introduced the distinguished visitors and their wives, as well as other head table guests Stan Hall, MPP, and Mrs. Hall, warden and Mrs. Stan Alen, Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Jones, Guelph and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Shearly. Mr. Shearly is campaign chairman for Easter Seals.

Ralph Ussel played for a singsong led by Ern Hyde and Steamer Emerson, and Cuthbert's Orchestra from Brampton provided dinner music.

There were many out-of-town guests who came from Brampton, New Toronto, Milton, Acton, Orangeville, Bolton, Guelph and Toronto.

The seal campaign is the first major effort of the year old Rotary Club. In former years, Milton Rotarians conducted the campaign in town.

### VALUABLE TRUCK TIRE FOUND BY POLICE

A valuable truck tire on a wheel was found on No. 7 Highway at Crewson's Corners last Thursday. It is being held in the Milton OPP office. The tire is a Dunlop 12 ply.

### CLUBWOMEN GET CHARTER MANY VISITORS PRESENT

Monday evening, February 27, was a most important one for the Georgetown Business and Professional Women's Club. It was their charter night. The dinner meeting was held in St. John's United Church hall and catered to by the Friendship Circle. The tables were beautifully decorated in the club colours, yellow daffodils and fern with a centerpiece of yellow tulips given the club by Norton Floral. The Chamber of Commerce expressed their congratulations by sending a large bouquet of yellow roses. Many letters and telegrams of congratulations were read from out of town clubs and a letter was received from the members of Georgetown Lions Club.

Mrs. Florence Chinn, Brampton, national membership chairman, presented the charter to Marion Robinson, first vice president, who was in the chair due to the illness of the president Joyce Nevitt.

Mrs. Maudie Baylay, provincial 1st vice president, spoke on the emblem of each part of it. It was a most inspirational talk and gave those present a clear understanding of the aims and ambitions of the club. She was thanked by Aileen Bradley.

Mrs. Pearl Barber, Normandy Blvd., played during dinner and Sandra Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Scott sang two solos. The music added much to the pleasure of the dinner. There were 96 dinner guests.

Other honoured guests were Miss Joan Wilson, president of the Guelph Club, Mrs. Pearl Kerson, president of North Toronto Club, Miss Ruth Rothroy, president of the Weston club, Mrs. Margaret Ashdown, president of the Toronto Club, Miss Dorothy Pointon, chairman of the Business and Professional Clubs of Toronto, Mrs. Viola McCreight, regional adviser from Stouffville, Miss Jean Wilson, president of the Brampton Club. Several members from these clubs were also present as well as the heads of the various women's organizations of town.

### FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY EUCHERE PARTY HOSTS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Firemen held a very pleasant euchre party on Tuesday evening in the club rooms of the fire hall. Mr. Clarence Carey won the first prize, Mrs. Albert Henney second and Mrs. Norman Snyder third prize. Mr. Allen Bush, Milton, won the prize for the lone hands. Bob Bonfield received the consolation prize. Lunch was served after cards by the Auxiliary.



MRS. HELEN DEWAR Court stenographer 38 years

Halt County court stenographer for 38 years, Mrs. Helen Dewar, 80, retired today and is looking forward to a vacation in Florida. A native of Gananogue, she started her position

### CUTS RIBBON TO OPEN CHURCH HALL



WHEN MRS. HUGH CLARK, Berwick Hall, eldest member of Knox Presbyterian Church congregation cut this huge purple ribbon on a recent Sunday morning, the new church hall was officially opened. Left to right in the picture are Rev. Alex Calder, Dr. J. B. Skene, former moderator, who preached at the dedication, Mrs. Clark and Alex Hume, clerk of session.

### Night School Exhibits Interesting, Colourful

An exhibition of work from the Georgetown night school classes drew over 300 people to the new Knox Church Hall Friday. Occurring during a severe ice storm, some out-of-town students were prevented from bringing in their work, but there were enough displayed by town people to make an interesting and colourful show.

During the evening Keith Barber, night school committee chairman, welcomed those present. Enrolment this year, he said was the largest yet and he thanked all those cooperating to make the school a success. He introduced Mayor Jack Armstrong, who said he was particularly pleased with the amount of work displayed and was reminded of a meeting held three years ago at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Newman where plans for such a school were first discussed.

The millinery display was centred in the large hall and hats, small and large, added gay splashes of colour, each one an expression of individuality.

Paintings from the three art classes occupied the stage end of the hall. Over 75 paintings, snow scenes, still life and landscapes made a diversified exhibit.

Flanking the sidewalls were tailoring, dressmaking, beginners sewing and rug making. An attractive display of the tailoring class showed some suiting material draped over a judy, and the progressive steps of making a suit. Blouses, jumpers, dresses, a pleated tartan skirt and an attractive turquoise duster coat were featured in dressmaking; and the beginners' sewing had smart tailored blouses and skirts, hostess aprons, and the new shortie pjamas.

A modern touch this year was an electronics display, with several instruments loaned by Smith and Stone to show what this class had been studying. A vacuum tube voltmeter, a multimeter, and a low frequency signal generator being indicated by a cathode ray oscilloscope, were some of the wonders of modern science which caught the eye.

Typing samples were posted on the wall nearby from that class. The rugs were attractive. Both hooked and braided rugs were shown, also mats made from old nylon stockings crocheted with bright cotton yarn.

In the Sunday School room, the interior decorating exhibit was set up on the stage. Colourful drapery material, scatter rugs and cushions, the soft glow of light from the modern lamps on the furniture, formed the focal point for the other class work in this room. The furniture was displayed through courtesy of McClure Home Furnishings.

Coffee tables and a step table were displayed by the carpentry class with samples of various joints and tools used, the knowledge of which is the forerunner of the finished article.

Furniture refinishing and upholstery, a combined class, gave some idea of the amount of time and work spent on rejuvenating old pieces of furniture. Several chairs were displayed with various seat coverings, one of pettinop and another of deer hide. An end table with a smooth walnut finish was also featured.

The aluminum etching class had a wonderful showing trays, various shapes and sizes. Copper plaques and one large copper tray were also exhibited from this class.

The leather class had an impressive array of handbags, key cases and wallets, nicely tooled, some fairly plain, others with more intricate patterns.

Coffee served by the ladies of Knox Church added a final touch to a pleasant evening for visitors.

### Stone School Votes Join Area Set-up

At a special meeting of the rate-payers of S. S. No. 16 Esquesing last Wednesday evening in the school, a large majority supported the motion that they join Esquesing School Area No. 1. The motion was made by Bert Corbett and seconded by John Emberson.

George Henderson was appointed chairman for the meeting and Mrs. John Glynn secretary.

### KNOX CHURCH CHOIR HAS TURKEY DINNER

Last Thursday evening Knox Church choir, their minister, Rev. and Mrs. Alex Calder, and several guests, enjoyed a turkey dinner in the Sunday School room. The turkey for the occasion was donated by Mr. Ed Godland, husband of the choir leader and organist, and the members themselves supplied the rest of the dinner. After dinner choir practice was held.

United Suburban Gas Company, Limited, expects to be distributing natural gas in Georgetown, Milton and Acton by July 1st this year.

Monday the company was granted a certificate of convenience and necessity by the Ontario Fuel Board, granting this right to the company, one of three which had applied to the board.

The company has contracted to purchase the natural gas produced in this area by Anthony Gas and Oil Explorations Ltd., to supply these markets.

The Anthony Company, headed by Anthony Seynuck, Acton, was a competitor in asking for the convenience certificate at a hearing held in Acton last week, at which both companies stated their reasons for wishing a franchise to be granted. Both companies had been given approval, by the necessary by-laws, by the 3 town councils prior to the hearing.

A third company, Halton Natural Gas, which actually was the first to approach Georgetown with a gas distribution proposal, withdrew their application several weeks ago, when they learned that anticipated supplies which they would have purchased are not available.

The Suburban company will immediately proceed to lay the necessary transmission and distribution mains to supply natural gas to consumers in the three north Halton towns. Residents of Georgetown will be kept informed through newspaper advertisements and news stories of the progress of the project.

### Lucky Draw Plymouth Goes to Toronto Lady

Mrs. Lorna Minion, 374 Annette St., Toronto, is driving a new Plymouth today.

Her winning ticket was drawn by Mayor Jack Armstrong Friday, when the Junior Hockey Club lucky draw took place at the arena.

The draw was one feature of an evening which included a PeeWee hockey game, as well as a game between the juniors and the 1948 Intermediate Raider champions.

The old timers gave the younger lads a lesson in stick handling, and took a 14-6 win. Art Murdoch, Murray Ezard and Eddie Binsell returned to town for the game, to join Del Beaumont, Earl Emond, Scotty Patterson, Ken Nash, Rene Martin, Jack Kemshead, Leigh Bradbury, Nick Ferri and Junior Beaumont.

### Stroke Fatal for Mrs. W. C. Cunningham

Mrs. William C. Cunningham, 74, died on Friday at the Georgetown Rest Home where she had been a patient since suffering a stroke two weeks before.

A resident of Georgetown since her marriage, she was the former Edith A. Thompson and was born on the 6th Line, Esquesing, where her father farmed. Her parents were the late George C. and Georgina Standish Thompson. She attended Stewarttown School.

Mrs. Cunningham was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Main Circle of the W.A. She was also a member of the Corner Club, a group of neighbours in the Chapel Street district.

Surviving are her husband, one son Jack of town, a sister Mrs. Richard MacNamara (Wilhelmina), Toronto; and three grandchildren. She was predeceased by two sons, George who died when he was 4 years old and baby Clifford. Two sisters, Bertha and Mrs. James Reid died several years ago.

Rev. Alex Calder conducted the funeral service on Monday at the Harold C. McClure funeral home. He was assisted by her nephew, Canon Minto Swan of Kingston. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown. Pallbearers were Gilbert Cunningham, Robert W. Cunningham, Norval, Wilfred Thompson, Horry, Frank Thompson, Milton, Gordon MacNamara, Toronto and Walter Winlaw, Beechville.

### Georgetown Community Swimming Pool

Donation List

Previously acknowledged	\$ 28,530.16
Ladies Aux. Can. Legion	100.00
Carling's Brewery	50.00
William Holmes	7.00
	\$ 28,687.16

### DYNAMITE STOLEN

On February 20th, David Green, the manager of Milton Brick reported the theft of 100 sticks of dynamite and three rolls of attaching wire from the clay pit at the plant. Milton OPP detachment is investigating the robbery.