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WHAT COUNCIL DID

### ORDER SIDEWALK FOR EAST HIGHWAY DISTRICT

A majority opinion of council last week favoured constructing a sidewalk along Guelph St. in front of the Georgeview shopping plaza.

The sidewalk, first discussed in 1952, has never been built, and pedestrians have been using a paved area which was installed by Fletcher Construction when they built the stores in the area. This pavement extends past the property line, and was illegally installed, according to

There have been complaints from residents in the district about the dangers of cars entering the area at any spot.

Last fall, council decided to erect guard rails, and provide separate store entrances. At last week's meeting, Cr. Walter Gray, who is chairman of roads, said there has been a tremendous lot of opposition to such guard rails, and his committee suggests the sidewalk as an alternative. At present, he said, there is no line of demarcation between town and private property, and should there be an accident it would be difficult to assess liability. A sidewalk would warn motorists to be careful in entering the area, and would fix responsibility in case of accident, he said.

Cr. Irwin Noble, who with Deputy Reeve Sargent and Cr. McGilvray opposed the sidewalk, said he could see no advantage, particularly in the winter months, when cars would be driving over it anyway.

Opponents of the guard rail, opined that cars would park on both sides of the rail, and confuse the situation even more than at present.

Reeve Stan Allen said it is ridiculous to say a sidewalk is not needed, when one has already been constructed on other parts of the highway where there are no stores.

The deputy-reeve, reporting for the planning committee which had been asked to study a request by Halton Co. Operative Supplies to purchase a strip of property in the flats behind their building, recommended that the land not be sold at the suggested \$100 price.

If the Co-Op is interested in paying a higher price, he suggested that a neutral party assess its value.

Reeve Allen and Cr. McGilvray were the only councillors who favoured the sale. Mr. McGilvray said that price should not enter into the picture too much, for other portions of the land, originally given to the town for a

parksite, had been sold at various times for less than \$100, and he did not see holding up the Co-Op in their plans for expansion.

The town solicitor recommended that the town take no action to close an unopened portion of Dufferin St. requested recently by solicitor Mau-

rice Manderson acting for a client.

The road may be closed by the Hewson estate, owners of the property he said and he suggests that as the estate is the interested party, they initiate the action.

A complicated picture was presented by Harry Verhey, in his request for permission to place a house on property owned by him behind Mountainview Road.

Mr. Verhey has built his own house at the rear of a lot which has a 50 foot road frontage, then angles in an L-shape behind Credit Valley Bottling Works. He has installed his own hydro and water line, and uses his own roadway. The second house would have no access other than this private road, and water lines would have to be extended from the Verhey

Council left it with the building inspector to see if the new house would be permissible under the building by-law.

Two gentlemen interested in subdividing the Ernie Armstrong farm which adjoins the town limits at the old papermill, asked questions about

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getting town services and having the land annexed by Georgetown. They were referred to the new subdivision by-law.

Road chairman Walter Gray said he had toured the whole town recently with the engineer, and found several places where catch basins would help surface drainage and avoid water situations which exist on some streets. He said a steam generator would be operating the next day to thaw out culverts and clear up some of the flooding conditions

THE MAIL BAG

#### Friends Pay Tribute To The Walter Gummers

Georgetown, Ontario, March 5th, 1956

Dear Mr. Editor:

It was a privilege and a pleasure to attend the celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gummer in their home a week ago Saturday evening.

flere young and old alike, gathered with gladness to spend a few happy hours in a place, which to a great number of us has always been 'a home away from home.'

Young in heart, not changing thro' the years, this well loved couple greeted us all in their lovely home on Sat-

A small table set up for cards and flowers proved most inadequate. Flowers and gifts were everywhere, overflowing as far as the kitchen.

Mrs. Gummer, in navy and silver, and wearing a beautiful cameo set, her husband's gift, was her ever charming self, and Walter, who will always be young, greeted us all. We all came back. It was nice to see again, Anne and John Holden, Mae Guest, Alice and Don Herrington, Olive Hawse, Wilfred and Bubs Mino, Ethel and Vi Smith, Ev and Doug Woods, just to mention a few. There were many, many more. We came to call, as usual we stayed to visit, the feeling of belonging was still there.

There was warden Stan and Ruth Allen, Jack Armstrong, every popular mayor of Georgetown bringing greetings from the town, Stanley Hall, MPP, a telegram from premier of Ontario Leslie Frost, much good natured chaffing about Walter's politics, cards, gifts and flowers and more cards, gifts and flowers, friends, old and new, second and third generations, all happy to be where they have spent so many happy childhood hours.

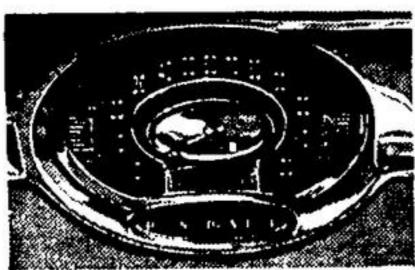
To them, we wish, from our hearts the best the years can bring. ... Although they've aged, their hearts

are young,
They gave us of their best,
A privilege, an honour now,
To be their "wedding guest."
And though the years have swiftly
gone,

Our memories remain,
Of happy hours in their home,
Of friendship's sweet refrain
And in the years that are to come,
We wish them all the best,
And hope to have the privilege
To be their "diamond guest."

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