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## Boost Salaries For High School Teachers

Substantial boosts in the salary schedule for high school teachers in Georgetown, Acton and Milton were made last week by North Halton district board.

The board's action was taken when it was found that the former schedule was behind those advertised by other schools in seeking new teachers, and with North Halton in the market for several staff additions next fall, its competitive position was unfavourable.

The board's present minimum of \$3100 - \$3200 was increased to \$3400 and \$3600 for specialists. Maximum salary was considerably increased, and a non-specialist with the required teaching experience may now reach a salary of \$6200 and a specialist \$8400. Maximum salaries for principals was set at \$7400. The minimums are applicable to all members of the teaching staff at the beginning of the school year in September.

The meeting in Georgetown also dealt with the important business of an 8-room two storey addition here which it is hoped will be ready before the end of 1956. The five municipalities concerned, Georgetown, Acton, Milton, Esquesing and Nassagaweya have all okayed the \$175,000 proposal and Georgetown council has given first reading to a borrowing by-law by which the town will guarantee a \$176,000 debenture issue.

Correspondence was read from the Hewson and Ord law firm regarding expropriation of 5½ acres of the Jack Tost property adjoining the high school grounds. Oral evidence is to be given before Judge Robinson on April 23rd. It is necessary that the board deposit with the county clerk the amount of \$11,064 before proceedings go further and the secretary was authorized to pay this amount into the court on April 13th.

Notice was received that the consultative committee set up to study high school matters in the county will meet on March 21st. It was requested the board present to the committee any recommendations before that date.

## DEFEAT ACTON FOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP



—Fred Helson, Georgetown.

MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY-sponsored OMA midget hockey entry from Georgetown, won the county championship Monday when they defeated Acton in a sudden death game here. Acton had previously eliminated Milton. The Georgetown team was defeated in provincial playdowns a few weeks ago by Elmira. Team members and their coaches are: Back row, left to right, Jim Potts, Charlie Davies, Paul Marshall, Andy Murray, Doug Ward, Kent Riddall, Merv Sisler, Bill Richardson. Centre, Ken Beam, Jake Spence, Fred Harrison, Butch Hyde, Bob Kidd, Michael O'Brien, Paul Ward. Front row, Herb Arnold, convener; John Gunn, Rotary president; Alex Korzack, manager; Charlie Jewell, goal tender; Mike George, coach, and Jim Peardon, press agent.

## CHAMBER INTEREST REVIVED BAIRSTOW HEADS DIRECTORS

Renewed interest in the Chamber of Commerce was shown last Tuesday when some twenty-five citizens attended a meeting in the arena Rose Room to discuss the future of the Chamber in Georgetown.

President John Gunn said that there had been a considerable lag in membership and in interest among continuing members, and Robert Mundle, Ontario representative, had been asked to come from Toronto to explain what a Chamber can do and how it should function.

There had been talk of winding up the organization's affairs, but after Mr. Mundle's talk and a discussion period, had brought out salient facts, those present agreed that it would be a mistake to let a valuable organization die.

An election of officers took place and Harold Bairstow, general manager of Delrex Developments, was named the new president, with Harold McClure, funeral director and furniture merchant as vice president.

James Alcorn was elected treasurer; Mrs. Art Scott secretary; and Jack Crichton, Dick Licata and Harold Marshall, directors. Four more directors will be elected at a later meeting.

"As long as there is a difference between what a community is and what it could be, there is a place for a Chamber of Commerce" was Mr. Mundle's way of explaining why a Chamber can be valuable.

There must be men to be members, a planned program of work to do, and funds to implement the work, he said.

The Chamber should be concerned with orderly, economic development of the community. It can at times be helpful to a municipal council, by interpreting the majority opinions of merchants, who usually form the largest segment of a Chamber, and by guarding council against too many concessions to new industry, without paying attention to present ones.

He suggested, however, that merchants have their own branch and not burden general meetings with arguments about store hours, and other data which concerns these business people only.

He advised that the social side of meetings not be neglected, and that ladies be included at dinner meetings, and that a snack after a business meeting is a fine ending to an evening.

Publicity is an important part of a Chamber, and he stressed that information be supplied to the press constantly, and that members be personal salesmen as well. Too busy. All successful men are, he said, and should not deny their talents to improving the community where they earn their living.

A five dollar fee for membership is ridiculous, he said. A Chamber of Commerce doesn't cost, it pays, and anyone shortsighted enough to expect value for a few dollars is not looking at the picture clearly. At the same time, he continued, a member cannot expect to see the return for his money immediately, for Chamber work is of a broad nature and returns come in new industry, a better community, and civic improvements.

Mr. Mundle recited some specific instances where a Chamber of Commerce had bettered a town.

A new firm had settled in Fergus because, when executives were driving through they noticed a sign "In-

dustrial Sites Available", stopped to ask the police chief whom to contact and were given such a welcome that they began to investigate seriously. . . . Wiarton has a new industry because, as the head of it says "they wanted us" . . . Bowmanville has an active Chamber which has engaged a full-time industrial commissioner . . . another town has merchants so well organized that when door-to-door salesmen call, housewives immediately phone the office to see if they have credentials.

## Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. James Goodlet are holidaying this week in Acapulco, Mexico. They travelled by plane last Friday and will be returning home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kentner and Mr. Claude Kentner left by motor for Florida last week. Claude will be returning home by plane while his parents intend to spend several weeks in the south.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Binkley are off to Florida for two weeks. Travelling by car, they left town on Friday.

## FARM NEWS

### Halton Debaters are Ontario Champions

J. E. W.

Halton's Junior Farmers debating quartette of Roy Ford, George Greenlees, Mac Sprowl and Lloyd Vivian won both the affirmative and negative debating finals in the provincial debating finals which were held at the Ontario Agricultural College on Friday evening. Sixteen counties entered teams in this competition which commenced last fall. In the series, the Halton foursome had previously defeated the Waterloo, Lincoln, and Lambton teams. On Friday evening last in the finals, they met the champions of eastern Ontario, namely Carleton. And what a job those four Haltonites did — they delighted the hearts of the large Halton delegation who had journeyed up through the storm. Both debates were on at the same hour at different halls on the campus. Over at Massey Hall, "Old Mac" Sprowl and "Little George" Greenlees, upholding the affirmative, took on Carleton's team of Ann Wiggins and Bob Bell and defeated them too on a split decision of the judges, two to one. In Memorial Hall, Roy Ford and Lloyd Vivian representing the negative, took on Carleton's highly "tooted" Lynn Woodburn (and no mistake about it, she was good) and Jim Bradley. Again on a split decision of the judging panel Halton had it. We can't help but wonder, "how many of our readers would like to debate the topic "Resolved that the problem of low incomes in agriculture, can be better met by government research and extension, aimed at lowering the costs of production than by a policy of price supports." It meant a lot of research and work on the part of the four young men from Halton (and they are all very busy chaps too) so all the more honour to them.

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