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Eighth in a series of Messages about Delrex and what it means to the Georgetown area.

**DR. MAURICE LUNAU  
 DOCTOR IN OAKVILLE**

Dr. Maurice Lunau, whose wife is well-known locally as secretary of Halton Tuberculosis & Health Association, died at Toronto Western Hospital last Tuesday, where he was a patient after suffering a heart attack. He was a medical practitioner in Oakville.

Surviving are his wife, Jessie Thomas and two children Wendy and Dwight.

Funeral service was held in St. John's United Church, Oakville on Thursday.

**O'Keefe's  
 SPORTS  
 CALENDAR**

Coming Soon!

**SOCCER**

A fine season of sport is assured, and there will soon be a series of games with visiting teams in Georgetown Park.

WATCH FOR DATES



—Don't wait till you are out of that printing job. Order now from The Herald and keep supplies up to date.

**Same Rate, But Taxes Higher**

In case Georgetown ratepayers are confused when they receive a tax bill for a higher amount this year than last, there is a reason.

Although the tax rate remains at 49 mills, property assessments have been boosted 15% by a new county ruling. And as the mill rate is arrived at by balancing what revenue is needed in taxes against the total assessment, it does not follow that the same mill rate means the same taxes.

This year, while assessments increased, needed tax revenue increased in a 15% higher proportion. And it just happened that the 15% increase in all assessments ordered by the county offset what would have been a mill rate increase. In order words, had the 1956 assessment on each property been exactly the same as the 1955 assessment, the mill rate would have gone up.

The reason for the 15% increase?

When a county assessing system was established several years ago, it aimed at solving inequalities between the ten municipalities in Halton which led each year to bickering when it came to sharing certain costs which the county as a whole must pay. Each year, one municipality would argue that another as-

essed its properties at a lower rate, and therefore was not paying a fair share of county costs.

The new system set a standard assessment, so that a house in Oakville or Acton would be valued at the same figure as a similar house in Georgetown or Esquesing, and so that the total assessment of each town or township would bear a true value to the total assessment of the other municipalities.

Because it was believed that property values in Georgetown were 15% lower than in lakeshore towns, Georgetown was granted a 15% "location discount". So that the total true Georgetown assessment was reduced by this 15% for basis of comparison with others.

Last year, it was decided that there should be no such location discounts, as all Halton municipalities are now judged to be equal in real estate values. Hence the 15% rise locally this year.

So it is that while we have the same mill rate, we do not have the same tax rate. A person, for instance, with a \$3,000 assessment last year, who paid \$147 in taxes, will this year have a \$3450 assessment and his taxes will be \$169.05.

Visitors to Delrex, especially those who are familiar with suburban developments in other areas, are often surprised to find smooth, hard roads instead of muddy trails. Despite a hard winter and late spring, the main roads through Delrex are still in good condition.

This good condition is no happy accident. As with every other facet of Delrex, planning has been directed to insure that the roads will be a credit to the new community. Good roads make life easier for residents of Delrex and simplify transportation of materials for new construction.

Rights-of-way for roads in the industrial section have been laid out to allow for thoroughfares 86 feet wide. No. 7 Highway, Mountainview Road and Sargent Road are all to be 100 feet wide, while other roads in the residential district will be 66 feet wide.

One of the major problems encountered in planning the network of roads was that of drainage. Curving streets and boulevards add to the appearance of Delrex, but careful consideration was needed to prevent pools of water from collecting. Adequate surface drainage has been provided on all Delrex streets and storm sewers have been installed to service collection points.

Industrial roads are constructed of eight inches of crushed rock and six inches of rock has been used on completed residential roads.

Throughout the winter, two graders were kept busy clearing roads of snow. Even after the heaviest snowfall, all Delrex roads were open to traffic within a matter of hours. During this season the graders are continuing to groom the roads into the best possible condition for the busy construction season.

**Planning Board Established**

Appointment of a Georgetown Planning Board became a reality Monday when council named four men, plus two councillors and the mayor to sit on this important new body.

The new group has its job cut out, for first will come an examination of a suggested zoning by-law which must eventually be finalized by the board, then submitted to council for a final okay. And there is need of speed, for already council is facing problems arising from commercial building in areas, which have not been determined as such, while hampered by lack of legislation governing such buildings.

While zoning is desirable, it is going to be extremely difficult to implement in the built-up sections of the town, already quite a mixture of building

types. Each time a factory or store is built, it complicates the problem. And while council can stall in granting a permit for a limited time, it is unfair to tell a potential builder that he must await a zoning by-law unless there is some certainty that such by-law will be produced in a short time.

The planning board must, then, make speed in their deliberations.

And council, after asking men they feel are responsible to do such deliberating, must collectively decide to take the planning board's advice, barring glaring errors in judgment.

Unless this is done within a month or two, we can see no future for zoning.

**ODD FELLOWS ENTERTAIN  
 LADIES AT BANQUET**

On Saturday evening, April 14th, members of Orion Lodge No. 109 entertained their ladies at an informal banquet in the Odd Fellows Hall, Georgetown. Members of Verdun Rebekah Lodge were also present.

Ninety guests sat down to a delicious turkey dinner prepared and served by the entertainment committee of the Odd Fellows. Fred McNally P.D.D.G.M., welcomed the guests on behalf of the lodge.

After the dinner in the banquet room they adjourned upstairs to watch a Laurel and Hardy film which was scheduled to start at 8 p.m. To the regret of the committee the film did not arrive in time, so in its place beautiful potted plants which decorated the banquet tables were raffled off. Winners of the flowers were Mrs. Charles Gibbs, Mrs. Bill Cumpsty, Mrs. Chester Stevens and Dave Hastings.

Doris Hulls' orchestra played modern and old time music for dancing and Norm Felker called off the square dances. James Collier acted as master of ceremonies. The evening was ended at 12 o'clock with the playing of God Save the Queen.

**Pot Pourri**

Memories are the most precious possessions one leaves behind, and these were left in abundance by Mrs. John O'Neill. A gracious lady, kindly and philanthropic, she is remembered by dozens of people for whom she did little and big things, a helping hand at a bad time, a cheerful word when it was needed. Others, who knew her more casually, will recall a little lady whom the years dignified, who never looked "old" nor acted so, and who was always perfectly groomed. And the Herald editor will remember her as a faithful reader who told us when she enjoyed an item, and contributed personals and bits of news which helped us in our news gathering job. . . . Police Chief Haley has asked us to pass along a friendly warning to youngsters who don't use proper caution in setting off firecrackers. It is dangerous, he warns, to treat firecrackers lightly, and the prac-

tice of throwing them at people and into passing cars will not be tolerated. . . . A reader in the park district also registers objection to young lads shooting birds, and hopes that they will cease robbing nature of one of our loveliest possessions. . . . News of former Georgetowners Mr. and Mrs. Wilf Hillis and family comes in a letter from Mr. Hillis, who tells us they now live in Winnipeg where he is an Allstate insurance agent. They moved from town to Fort William, where he was with the Prudential company for some time. . . . The Herald staff has been depleted for a few weeks while Les Clark is in hospital recovering from an operation. Seven people will keep trying to do the work of eight until he comes back, and should we have an occasional late Herald or hold up a printing customer a couple of extra days, we hope we'll be forgiven.

**ANGLICAN LADIES  
 ST. GEORGE'S TEA**

A successful St. George's Day tea was held by the members of St. George's W.A. last Saturday afternoon in the parish room. The decorations on the tea tables and booths were appropriate to the day, featuring little

flags of St. George, with the red cross on the white ground. Mrs. Ernie Simson and Mrs. Ron Edwards convoked the tea. In addition there was a home-baking table in charge of Mrs. A. H. Feller and Mrs. Charles Chapman, and also an apron table convoked by Mrs. Fred Fryer and Mrs. Will Burtenshaw.

**GLEN WILLIAMS**

**Three Wedding Attendants  
 Collier-Felker Nuptials**

Spring flowers beautified Glen Williams United Church for the wedding of Marilyn Yvonne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Felker, Glen Williams, to William Collier, son of Mrs. James Collier Sr., Georgetown. The double-ring ceremony took place on Saturday afternoon, April 21st, at 3 o'clock, with Rev. F. J. Dunlop of Toronto, officiating, assisted by Rev. W. E. Gill of Norval. Mrs. Jack Addy was organist, and Miss Eleanor Schenk, soloist, sang "True Love's the Gift" before the service and "O Perfect Love" during the signing of the register.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was gowned in a ballerina-length gown of white satin overlaid with net. It was styled with shirred bodice, short net sleeves, and bouffant skirt, embroidered with pearls and sequins. Her shoulder-length veil fell from a bandeau which matched her dress. The bride wore net mittens and carried a white Bible with streamers and pink roses.

The bride's sister, Mrs. George Eason, was matron-of-honour, wearing a green floral organdy gown styled similar to the bride's. She wore a shirred organdy bandeau to match her dress, and her accessories were white. She carried a nosegay of multi-coloured sweet peas. Mrs. Char-

les Laws and Miss Donna Bennett were bridesmaids. Their gowns, also identical in style to that of the bride, were of organdy. Mrs. Laws wearing orchid and Miss Bennett in yellow. They wore matching head bandeaux, white accessories, and carried nosegays of sweetpeas.

Thomas Hamilton of Georgetown was groomsmen, and ushers were George Eason and James Collier.

The wedding reception was held in the church school room, with Mrs. Felker receiving the guests wearing a dress of navy nylon jersey, navy hat trimmed with pale blue, and a corsage of yellow roses. Mrs. Collier chose a navy and white ensemble and corsage of yellow roses.

For the wedding trip, the bride changed to a light blue suit, with pink accessories and corsage of pink roses. When they return, Mr. and Mrs. Collier will live in an apartment on Albert Street. The bride is employed by Provincial Paper Limited, and the groom is with Alliance Paper Mills Ltd.

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 — and —  
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