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SCHOOL STAFF SAYS FAREWELL



Bill Hardman, Georgetown

Honouring a long-time member of the teaching staff who is retiring on pension, staff and students at Georgetown High School presented Miss Marjorie Inman with gifts including the chaise-longue in which she is seated. In the picture, from left to right are Miss Rose Piercy, 5th form student Leanne Darou, Mrs. Robert Hess, Mrs. Sid Hardie, Alan Prouse, Mrs. John Gunn, Blair Armstrong, A. M. Baxter, student council president Harry Greig, Damon Roberts, Miss Florence Luke and Principal J. L. Lambert.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Approval Given For Gas Rate Schedule

A schedule of natural gas rates proposed by United Suburban Gas has been accepted by Georgetown council.

Last week, council okayed a rate charge which varies from 50¢ per hundred cubic feet to 7½¢ depending on quantity used.

The rates had been first proposed at a meeting of the tri-town North Halton urban board the previous week when gas company officials and fuel board representatives met with council members from Georgetown, Acton and Milton.

If accepted by all three towns, they will become effective without a fuel board hearing. The rates are the same as Oakville and Bronte and lower than Brampton or Toronto.

Sam Reid, president of Valley Hill Ratepayers, asked council to consider installing street signs which would be beneficial for mail delivery which he hopes will come to Georgetown by next fall.

Mr. Reid said his association had been in touch with the postmaster general through the local postmaster, and had been told that lack of street signs would hamper inauguration of mail delivery. Street signs are important in themselves in such a large town, he said.

Sid Hardie, president of Sunbeam Ratepayers, said he had been told by council last fall that street signs would be considered, but he had heard nothing since.

Mayor Armstrong said he was surprised that the government would tell a ratepayers group such a thing without notifying council. The last survey made showed 2100 points of call in Georgetown and he understood 2500 are necessary before Ottawa will consider delivery service.

Cr. LeRoy Dale said that next year may be a critical year in town financing and he is concerned that taxes do not get above the budget of the average man. A \$5,000 expenditure for street signs would mean a half mill tax increase, he said.

Finance Minister McGilvray re-

minded council that next year there will be heavy payments on debenture debt incurred this year.

The mayor asked the road committee to present revised estimates for street signs at a future meeting and finance committee to consider if the money could be available. Meanwhile council will write to the postmaster general to ascertain the mail delivery qualifications.

"Maybe I'll be taken up wrong, but I think the idea of ratepayers organizations contacting government and other outside agencies on their own has gone far enough," said Cr. Alfred Sykes.

He said it puts council in a difficult position if they write to a government agency when someone else has already done so. "Do ratepayers as democratic people have to come here and ask what we can do?" said Mr. Reid. Mr. Sykes replied that he did not mean to interfere with any democratic rights but he feels that ratepayers owe an obligation to their elected representatives to first consult council.

Mr. Hardie said that he and Mr. Reid had met with the horticultural society and will cooperate with them in a survey, particularly in the treeless new subdivisions, which will lead to a future tree planting program.

Keith Barber presented a petition signed by a majority of residents on the east side of Union St. asking for a curb so surface drainage would be funnelled to a corner storm sewer.

Mr. Barber said a previous petition for a sidewalk had been withdrawn in favour of the curb. Council left the matter with the road committee and engineer for study and a cost estimate.

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FARM NEWS

FARM DRAINAGE AS AN INVESTMENT

J. E. W.

During the last week of May we had an opportunity of seeing something of eastern Ontario agricul-

ture. There, seeding operations were even more backward than in this area of the province—in fact, rain fell practically every day that we were away. On Monday, May 28th, we were on the farm of Garnet Ralph in Carleton County. Ralph is a graduate of the Kemptville Agricultural School and some seven years ago he started farming on his own. He calls his land a clay—personally I would call it a nice loam, very level. He has tilled some 200 acres of his farm at a cost of \$80 per acre. When we were there the spring grain on the tilled land was a picture. Which brings me to this conclusion . . . That the greatest hazard in crop production is either too much or too little water. Show me the farmer who has mastered moisture control on his farm by adequate drainage and the use of moisture conserving practices and I'll show

FARM NEWS

KEEN INTEREST IN HOG COMPETITION

J. E. W.

The Grade A Hog Marketing competition sponsored by Halton Hog Producers Association attracted entries from a total of 106 Halton producers states Ed Davenport, president of the Halton Association. The carcass grading certificates have for several weeks been rolling into the agricultural offices at Milton for tabulation. As the competition enters the sixth month

of these made the A grade. However, before December 31st rolls around there can be a lot of changes and the final awards may look quite different. It is however encouraging to note that despite the real estate boom that Halton still has a goodly number of hog producers who are interested in marketing a quality product.

Sire Testing Program Explodes a Few Myths

J. E. W.

When artificial insemination became more or less general, a few years ago, some of us had high hopes for a rapid improvement in our cattle population. We still think that artificial insemination offers tremendous possibilities in the field of livestock improvement—however the experience and research of the past few years indicates that more attention must be paid to the scientific aspects of animal breeding. Before A. I. became established, the influence of a poor bull was limited to the herd in which he was used. Today the situation is different—nearly 35,000 farmers availed themselves of the services offered by A. I. units last year. The total number of cows bred was over 315,000 or approximately 25 per cent of the cows in the province. By using liquid semen, it is possible for one bull to leave two to three thousand calves in a year but by freezing the semen, those numbers can be multiplied many times. Now if all the bulls in our A. I. units were of the calibre of Lonelme Texal Antony, everything would be "hunky-dory" but unfortunately they are not . . . not by a long shot. As one looks over the results of the "Sire Testing" programme, one is impressed with the fact that many breed and sale catalogues do not make a very reliable basis on which to select a herd sire. Furthermore the offspring of some of our All-Canadian selections have not as yet shown any great ability to transmit production to their daughters. On the basis of experience gained to date, the answer is obvious, our cattle industry is not going to be ruined by artificial insemination but it will not be improved if management of A. I. units yields to the suggestions of the "practical" men who insist upon selecting bulls of popular breed lines.

Herald's New Format in Keeping with Modern Times

NEW SET-UP WILL SERVE BOTH READER AND ADVERTISER BETTER

Next month, the Georgetown Herald, your weekly newspaper, will celebrate ninety years of continuous publication in Georgetown. In these many years, the format of this newspaper has changed probably only three times. This week readers will notice the third decisive change in the make-up and production of the Herald.

The original newspaper was a large 4 to 6 page format with 8 columns in width and 24-inch long columns. This size remained until 1937, and will still be remembered by many readers of this paper. However, in 1937 a revolutionary change was made when the paper went to 8 pages, 6 columns wide and 20 inches deep. During the years since that time this newspaper has progressed with the progressive town we now live in, and today (or should we say last week) the paper had grown from 8 pages up to 24 pages, depending on the news and advertising necessity.

This week sees another drastic change being made in the Herald set-up, for time marches on and the Herald is keeping pace with modern newspaperdom. This week's edition appears in an entirely new dress—a 7-column paper, with slightly narrower columns to allow for a more artistic make-up and giving advertisers more reading matter around their advertisements. As in the past, pictures will continue to dress up the pages and new type faces will constantly be added.

In order to bring you this modern weekly, many mechanical changes have had to be made, more man-hours have been entailed to produce it, and we hope it will be received with public approval.

In the first years of thoughtful and careful effort, publishers of the Herald laid a foundation policy of service and fair dealing, which has brought many friendships and largely made possible the achievements of today. And the story of growth and development of this paper is still far from complete . . . for as the town progresses so will your weekly newspaper.

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