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FIRST SECTION

FIRST FACTORY COMES TO DELREX SUBDIVISION

Sykes Tool Corporation Will Employ Thirty Men

Georgetown will have a new factory in operation early in April.

Sykes Tool Corporation, Canadian subsidiary of a large British firm, has purchased a partially completed factory built by Delrex Developments which will house a manufacturing and sales organization for gear producing machines and tools. The property, on the south side of No. 7 Highway in the eastern section of Georgetown, comprises 5.4 acres adjoining the new B.A. Service Station.

Negotiations for the purchase have been going on for several weeks. Last week Lord Trefgarne, chairman of the British firm of W. E. Sykes Ltd., whose factory is in Staines, Middlesex, was in town to discuss final details with Rex Heslop. Yesterday John T. Golby, managing director of the overseas firm and vice president of Sykes Tool, and Broughton Parker, general manager were here to direct planning for completion of the building program.

The company came to Canada in 1951 and exhibited at the trade fair in Toronto each year, ascertaining a demand for their product in this way. Production has outgrown capacity of a plant established in Montreal, and Sykes plans to make Georgetown its central operation. Sales offices will be maintained in Montreal and Toronto.

"We came to Georgetown because we believe industry will have to move from concentrated areas," said Mr. Golby in an interview with a Herald reporter. "Your town appeals to our firm as one with a great future."

Mr. Golby said he had been impressed with Mr. Heslop as a man of integrity and vision, and that the Sykes firm is pleased to be the first to locate in Delrex.

The company will have an initial staff of 25 to 30 men, all skilled or semi-skilled workers. The payroll may reach 150 within a year if present plans materialize. Several experienced men are expected from England, and the plant will have a general manager, chief engineer, chief designer, a planning staff and a service and installation staff. They will be seeking mechanics, machine operators and clerical staff locally.

Manufacture will be in gradual steps as the company learns the needs of the Canadian market. It will be in a position to manufacture specialized machines for the domestic and U.S. market, will manufacture precision gears and components, and act as a sales agency for machines and equipment allied to the gear production industry but not manufactured by the firm.

In England, Sykes builds the famous Sykes double headed gear generators which take up to 66" diameter, manufactures gear hobbing machines, gear shaper cutters and other types of tools allied to gear production. It has plants also in Paris, France and Sydney, Australia.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

MAYOR OPPOSED, SEEK TENDERS FOR AMBULANCE

By a slim majority, after Mayor Armstrong asked for a recorded vote in order that he could oppose the motion, council on Monday voted to call for tenders for purchase of a new ambulance for the newly-formed Ambulance Brigade.

The motion caused a lengthy discussion, centering around present tight credit with Cr. Garfield McGilvray leading a minority faction which favours purchasing the ambulance being used at present by the McClure firm. Mr. McClure has offered this to the town for \$900.

Estimates submitted by Reeve Stan Allen showed that a new vehicle would cost from \$3400 to \$4400 depending on what equipment the town demands and the model which council would choose. "Economy is in our minds very much at present," said Mr. McGilvray, as he pointed out that the tax rate is due for a boost this year and a new purchase would increase it by almost another mill.

He was strongly supported by the mayor who said that under normal circumstances he would not be in opposition, but that he questioned if a debenture issue would be approved for this and the whole expenditure would have to come from current taxes. He pointed out that the McClure machine might well be used as an auxiliary ambulance in future when and if a new machine is bought.

"Georgetown is the first town in Ontario to have this service and every eye is on us," said Cr. Alfred Sykes. He said council would be severely criticized if they put an old vehicle on the road and scrapped it a year later. "I agree with economy but saving a dime now to spend a dollar later can hardly be called economy," was Reeve Allen's opinion.

He said equipment in the present ambulance would be a total loss in a new machine as it could not be adapted.

Cr. Ern Hyde pointed out that the McClure ambulance has only gone 28,000 miles, though it is five years old, and it has new tires. He could only vote for a new machine if the brigade demanded it, he said.

Deputy Reeve Doug Sargent, though expressing some doubt, said he would side with a majority decision of the ambulance committee which favours a new machine. Cr. Walter Gray, who seconded the motion for tenders, intimated he was not 100% sold on the purchase when he said the advertising was not committing council to a definite purchase.

The vote found the reeve, deputy, and Crs. Sykes, Gray and Harrison in favour, with the mayor and Crs. McGilvray, Hyde and Hale registering opposition. Council is arranging with the hydro commission to rent a garage on Cross St. where the ambulance will be housed. Cr. Hyde questioned thought of a \$300 expenditure for heating this building, but as property chairman was put in charge of investigating some form of heating to ensure that the ambulance is ready for instant use at all times.

Reeve Allen expressed concern that when the system is functioning, there will be problems when calls are received from surrounding parts of Esqueving Township.

Georgetown should not spend money to provide service to another municipality, he said, yet there could be severe criticism if calls were turned down. It would be best, he said, to immediately seek some financial arrangement with the township. "At his suggestion, Esqueving council will be invited to meet

Raiders Host Monday Barrie Flyers Game

Hap Emms and his Jr. A Barrie Flyers will be in town this Monday, February 18th. The occasion for the visit will be the Raiders' Injured Players' Benefit game. This game is an annual affair to raise funds to pay expenses for injured players during the season. At the moment the Raiders have two players out of the lineup. Frank Ptashnik with a fractured collarbone and Fred Keptner with a badly injured knee.



Blake Inglis. "Hap" promises to have his full team on hand. Including such stars as Bill Forhan, Dick Cherry and big John Chaszewski who are considered future Boston Bruin stars in a few years. Chaszewski is one of the best Junior defencemen in Canada and is expected to make that big jump that few players make from Junior to NHL in one season.

Of particular interest to local fans will be seeing how the Raiders high scoring line of Bud Varey, Blake Inglis, and Ron Dixon stack up against Junior 'A' players. This high scoring trio have amassed a total of 79 points this season in-



Bud Varey. cluding 39 goals. They are currently running one, two, three among the Raiders players in scoring. They are also one of the fastest lines in the Senior B group. Other players who should have no trouble holding their own against the flyers are Art White, Tommy Fyles, Dave Irons, Bill Chard and Nick Ferri who have all played Junior 'A' calibre or higher.

Another highlight of the evening is an All Star Pee Wee game at 7 o'clock. The Georgetown All Star 8 and 9 year olds tackle the Milton All Stars. Frank Connelly and Jack Gudgeon are in charge of this game and it should be quite interesting. So let's have a good turnout and cheer the Raiders and future Raiders to victory. Time of the games are 7 and 8.30.

	Gms.	Gl.	A	Pts.
Blake Inglis	22	17	13	30
Bud Varey	27	11	15	26
Ron Dixon	22	10	13	23
Frank Ptashnik	16	8	15	23
Junior Beaumont	21	11	11	22
Jamie Cunningham	19	6	13	19
Dave Irons	18	9	7	16
Bill Chard	18	7	7	14
Lou Fawcett	20	3	10	13
Bud Haines	15	5	4	9
George Grashby	21	5	3	8
Pete Bradkin	18	3	5	8
Nick Ferri	13	3	5	8
Art White	10	2	5	7
Jerry Inglis	16	3	3	6
Tom Fyles	5	1	4	5
Fred Keptner	6	1	3	4
Murphy Duggan	2	1	0	1
Paul Barber	5	0	1	1

OLDEST MAN DIES
George Hemstreet, oldest Milton resident, died last Wednesday in his 104th year. He and Mrs. Hemstreet celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary last year, and had lived in their present home for that long.

for a discussion, with a tentative date set of March 11th. "The press should be invited too, so a full account of the discussion will be available for the public," said Cr. Harrison.

Ralph Hawes Is Chief for Ambulance Service

Officers of the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service were chosen at a meeting in St. George's parish hall on Thursday. Ralph E. Hawes, 125th Prince Charles Dr. is chief and Fred Hue and Jim Emmerton, captains. Four lieutenants are Harold Gilmer, Ed. Hall, Jim O'Shigan Jr. and Stewart Stockfish.

The meeting was conducted under chairmanship of Reeve Stan Allen, assisted by Cr. Fred Harrison, who is also a member of the new brigade. Further offices in the organization are held by Harrison Wood, public relations officer; John Elliott, St. John Mission officer; and John A. Henley, secretary.

A sub-committee has also been set up to write the constitution and by-laws, composed of Chief Hawes, Mr. Elliott and Mr. Henley.

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Town May Install Own Gas Pumps

With Mayor Armstrong expressing opposition, council on Monday decided to contact a number of oil companies for contract prices on gas and oil which would be used in town vehicles, dispensed through town-operated pumps.

The matter was proposed by Crs. Hyde and Harrison, with Mr. Hyde offering his opinion that the town could save \$1,000 to \$2,000 yearly in this way.

"I don't think any service station operator would object because of the saving involved for the town, and they will be 100% behind it," said Mr. Hyde. Service station business is passed around on a rotating monthly basis, he said, and there will soon be some 18 stations in town, which means a dealer will sell to the town only once every eighteen months, he said.

"If private business finds it profitable to operate their own pumps, I think we should investigate too," said Cr. McGilvray. Cr. Gray wondered why a large town like Brampton does not have the system if it is a good one.

Mayor Armstrong said he objects to any such idea on several grounds.

Garagemen are taxpayers, he said, and deserve a share of town business. Town operated pumps would have mixed blessings, he argued, for someone responsible would have to be in charge and he could see possibility of adding a town employee to be a garage attendant.

New uniforms were ordered for the police force.

A budget of \$1,000 was accepted and passed for the Planning Bd.

A Community Centre board was established, composed of five members of the present Board of Parks Management and two councillors. New board members are Harold McClure, Art Scott, Clarence King, Bob Lane, Ivan Crabtree, and Councillors Hyde and Gray.

The board is necessary in order to be eligible for a \$5,000 government grant on the swimming pool and will be entrusted with operating this town utility which was presented to the town by the swimming pool committee recently.

Cr. Hyde expressed his feeling that the parks board has enough to do in carrying out plans for arena renovations, and favoured naming a board of other people whom he felt could devote more time to the job. He was told that the parks board members are agreeable to taking this added utility into their operation.

Weaving Prizewinner Fifth Straight Year

Mrs. Ern Batkin, Wildwood, has won more fame this year as a weaver.

At the 5th annual exhibition sponsored by the London District Weavers Guild, she won two first prizes. Mrs. Batkin's entries of upholstery for a chair and weaving done on an inkle loom were the best entries in their class which attracted competitors from all across Canada.

Mrs. Batkin has been a consistent winner each year since the competition was inaugurated. She is a member of the local Arts & Crafts of Georgetown.

Rosemary Jordan New Red Cross President

Reorganization of the Red Cross Society locally was completed at a successful luncheon meeting on Thursday at North Halton Golf and Country Club.

Representatives of various organizations were present to hear a speech by Mrs. A. C. McKenzie, a Red Cross branch officer. Rev. Alex Calder acted as chairman for the business meeting, and thanks was expressed to a faithful group who have kept the charter going during the past few years, these including Mrs. R. T. Paul, Mrs. Florida Nodwell and Mrs. J. H. Chamberlain. Miss Rosemary Jordan was elected president, and other officers are John Elliott, 1st vice president; Mrs. J. H. Chamberlain, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Douglas Marshall, secretary, and Mrs. Ernie Rawson, treasurer.

One of the first activities of the new executive will be participation in the annual national financial campaign scheduled for March.

MISSION GROUP STUDIES ASIA

At the February meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of St. John's United Church, roll call was answered by a bible verse on prayer.

Mrs. W. N. Brownridge presented a challenging devotional. Mrs. A. M. Nielsen had charge of an interesting study on South East Asia and was assisted by several ladies. A number of ladies signified their willingness to join the nine o'clock prayer circle.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

CONSULTANT NOW SAYS TOWN NEEDS A HOSPITAL

Dr. Harvey Agnew has made alterations to the hospital report presented to county council last fall. Reeve Stan Allen told Georgetown council at their meeting Monday.

"It is not quite what we would like, but we realize that Dr. Agnew had to save face as much as possible," said the reeve, as he explained that a hospital is now recommended for Georgetown.

The controversial report drew strong criticism locally when it appeared. Originally the Agnew report recommended a hospital extension at Oakville, new hospitals in Burlington and Milton, and suspension of any present plans for a Georgetown hospital, though admitting one might be necessary at some far future date. The reeve reported that the county hospital committee had a

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REDUCE STAFF BY THREE FOR \$7500 WAGE SAVING

A \$7500 saving to the public treasury was effected Monday when council lopped three employees from the payroll as part of a current economy drive.

THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor: Some of the temperatures in this weeks summary make one think "wed this be spring." Don't worry though, it will cool off again.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
Monday, Feb. 4	34	29	
Tues., Feb. 5	38	0	
Wed., Feb. 6	44	1	
Thurs., Feb. 7	38	28	
Fri., Feb. 8	38	12	.08
Sat., Feb. 9	39	16	
Sun., Feb. 10	38	19	
Average	38	15	.08

AT HOME

Lt.-Col. Alex. L. Noble will be at home, Saturday, February the twenty-third from two to five and from seven to nine on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday, The Elms, Norval. 2-20

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement is announced of Kirstin Marie Leslie to Robert Harold Heaton. The marriage will take place on Saturday, March the second at eleven a.m. in St. Alban's Church, Glen Williams.

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meeting last week at which it was decided to approach county council with a proposal to subsidize the various hospitals with a debenture issue which would raise funds to be re-loaned to the towns. The county has no debenture debt and its excellent credit standing should make such an issue possible, he said.

A \$500,000 debenture would be shared on a "bed" basis and paid for on an assessment basis, he said. Oakville would be a loser in one way, because they would pay 45.3% of the issue and receive only 38.8%, but urgent need for hospital facilities which that town cannot finance might find Oakville in favour, he thinks. Georgetown would pay 6.86% and receive 14.7%; Milton 5% and 11.6%; and Burlington 30.3% and 36.8% under the plan.

WEDDING IN PRESTON



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT ADDY who were married in St. John's Anglican Church, Preston, recently are making their home in Toronto. The bride, Shirley Wallace is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Walker Wallace, Preston. Her husband, a University of Toronto engineering graduate, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Addy, Glen Williams.

Acting by advice of the administration committee, it was decided to dispense with the services of the secretary in the engineer's office and to reduce the works staff by two. A tightening credit situation, which has resulted in reduced building activity in town also led council to have town engineer Douglas Wilson reassume the duties of building inspector and dispense with the \$500 salary paid to Harold Campbell. Mr. Campbell will continue to be employed in the engineer's office.

At the same time, council shifted Clifford Hibbert to a new position. He will do clerical work in the police office mornings and in the engineer's office afternoons. Extra caretaking which the enlarged municipal building entails will be arranged by allowing William Norton of the works staff one day off his regular work for this.

Mrs. Thomas Eason was given a pay increase of \$7.50 weekly, to make her salary \$45. The motion was passed over objections of Cr. Ern Hyde, who argued that while he agreed that there is justification for the increase, he could not vote for it in view of the general payroll out.

Fire Chief Jack Harlow asked authority to send men to two training schools in Toronto. A \$105 budget was authorized for this.

"I don't want to be quoted as being against dogs, it's the strays that worry me," said Ian Cass, president of Valley Hill Ratepayers, complaining that packs of dogs constitute a menace in the Swanek subdivision.

Reeve Stan Allen agreed with Mr. Cass that he has had other complaints that the dog catches is not making "bits" of strays, and that he would bring the matter up the next day at county council.

"We must either enforce the by-law or throw it out," said the reeve. A letter from G. Tenhagen, saying he is still interested in buying town property on James St. (the old wading pool site) was answered that council is not considering sale of this at the present time.

"I hope we can assure this man that in future no property will be sold without being advertised," said Cr. Fred Harrison. "Private sale hasn't gone well with taxpayers in the past."

Mayor Armstrong said he agrees that property should be advertised, but that council cannot set policy other than for 1957, and can give no assurance that a future council would advertise. It is within a council's right to sell to any buyer, he said.

Funeral Service Here Mrs. Alexander Dobbie

A funeral service was conducted at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home, 34 Edith Street, on Friday, February 8th, at 2 p.m. for Mrs. Ellen Scott Dobbie who died in the Hamilton General Hospital on Wednesday, February 6th. Mrs. Scott was eighty three years old, and had been in ill health for many years, never having fully recovered from an attack of scarlet fever which she suffered shortly after her marriage.

Born the daughter of Rachel and William Scott in Limehouse, she attended schools in the district and lived at home until her marriage to Alexander Dobbie sixty-four years ago. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. A few years after her marriage she and Mr. Dobbie moved to Acton and then to Hamilton where they have lived for many years. Owing to her ill health she was unable to take a very active part in community affairs.

Mrs. Scott is survived by her husband Alexander and one son William J. of Lakewood, Ohio. She is also survived by a brother and sisters Mrs. Robert Lane, Limehouse, Mrs. Angus McDonald, Acton; Mrs. William Hall, Acton; Mrs. Edward Hill, Georgetown; and Joseph Scott, Limehouse. She is predeceased by a sister, Margaret and a brother John and two brothers who died in infancy. Rev. Alex. Calder conducted the service. Pallbearers were Percy Hill, Clifford McDonald, James Dobbie, Gordon Dobbie, Conward Dobbie and Robert Lane. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.