

# THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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FIRST SECTION

## Reverse Decision, Town Will Buy McClure Ambulance

Reversing a decision made last week council on Monday voted to buy the McClure ambulance for use as a municipally operated vehicle.

The purchase was turned down a week ago by a 5-4 vote in favour of asking tenders for a new vehicle. Five tenders were opened Monday before a motion by Cr. Hyde and McGillivray was tabled suggesting an offer of \$300 to Harold McClure for the ambulance being used by his firm, the ambulance to be painted white and a rotating flasher installed by the seller.

A heated debate preceded passing of the motion, which, on a recorded vote, found Mayor Armstrong, Deputy Reeve Sargent and Crs. Hale and Gray favouring the idea. Mr. Gray and the deputy reeve reversed their decision of a week ago, to carry the motion 6-3. Reeve Allen and Crs. Harrison and Sykes maintained their opposition to purchase of a second-hand ambulance.

Cr. Sykes, who suggested tenders be studied by the ambulance committee before any decision was made, spoke at some length in favour of a new purchase. He said a 1951 vehicle such as the one being bought could be purchased in Toronto for \$300.

"If we're starting an ambulance brigade, let's give them something to work with, not a pile of junk" he said, pointing out that ten drivers would send the ambulance "downhill faster than a sleigh on an icy day."

Money is tight, he continued, but the purchase is false economy. "This pile of junk is in very good condition" remarked Cr. Hyde "and it's plain to see Cr. Sykes hasn't examined it."

Mr. Hyde said that if the brigade can be started for \$1,000 instead of \$3500 to \$4000, it is a sensible way to proceed.

"Everyone knows for I feel" said Cr. McGillivray, "our taxes will be taking a jump this year and we just can't afford a new ambulance. The brigade wants economy as much as anyone. At a committee meeting last night a motion was placed on their books that they are satisfied to use the McClure ambulance."

Last week, three town employees had been laid off in an economy program, he continued, and council would be ill advised to spend money they can't have to. The new fire truck isn't paid for yet, he reminded council.

"I noted for that motion thinking it was because the town was overstaffed" remarked Cr. Harrison. "I didn't vote to lay off men to save a dollar."

Mayor Armstrong explained that while the layoffs had not primarily been to save tax dollars, this entered into the decision to some extent. There is some work which the town staff might do which will not be able to be done with a decreased staff, he said.

"I'm not in favour of using town money to buy a vehicle this year" continued Cr. Harrison. "I wouldn't buy it myself."

A famous man once said "Give us the tools" said Cr. Harrison. The voluntary service will save the town \$7,000 and the least council can do is provide them with top equipment.

"I may get criticized for changing my mind" said Cr. Gray "but as a member of the finance committee, I can't vote for a purchase we can't afford."

Mayor Armstrong said that he had talked to the town auditor recently, and council is faced with a 1956 deficit and half a million dollars in debentures to be sold. A critical financial year is ahead, he said, and every possible saving must be made.

Cr. Harrison pointed out that a member of the ambulance brigade is investigating the possibility of having an ambulance donated by one of the breweries at no cost to the town and suggested the purchase be delayed until this is investigated further.

Deputy Reeve Sargent said that he would favour this if the motion were withdrawn, but unless it was he would have to support it. He pointed out that if drivers were going to depreciate the old ambulance, the same would apply to a new vehicle.

Reeve Allen spoke at some length, saying that everyone is talking economy but wondering how many had really considered it. Cost of a new ambulance would amount to some \$1.25 per person in town, and spread over a 5-year period, is ridiculously low.

The reeve asked the mayor to compare it to his own business of selling insurance.

10c in hopes the insurance won't be needed" he said. Protection of people using the ambulance must be considered too, he said.

Georgetown has been spending money to advertise itself as a prosperous town, he continued, and it is a reversal to tell people now that the town can't afford a \$3406 ambulance. He mentioned a Herald editorial last week as being poor advertising also.

"We're selling our town down the river if we don't take this opportunity to get some good publicity" he said. The volunteer service will be the first of its kind in Canada, and he wouldn't want to see pictures in the papers of a second hand vehicle.

Cr. Hyde said the only thing which would persuade him to withdraw his motion would be getting an ambulance for nothing, and that he hoped enquiries would still continue in that direction.

"The reeve has been throwing a lot of figures about" he said, "but what I'm thinking about are debts from last year that can't be paid at present, rather than throwing out our chests about a new ambulance."

Reeve Allen said that Cr. Hyde is apparently not familiar with town financing and that it isn't current expenses which can't be paid for, but debentured items.

The vote was taken at this point, with Cr. Sykes remarking afterwards that he hopes the ambulance committee will be given more consideration in future than they had at this meeting.

Harrison Wood, a member of the volunteer group, asked if it is legal for council to buy a second hand machine without calling tenders, and was told by the mayor that this is in order.

Ralph Hawes, brigade chief, mentioned that volunteers at the Sunday meeting had said they would use whatever equipment council saw fit to supply, but this should not be meant to indicate they did not favour a new ambulance.

Arrangements are being made to rent the hydro garage on Cross Street for \$10 monthly from the hydro commission, and for the present Cr. Hyde suggested that a block heater be used to keep a machine ready for instant service, with later discussion on permanent quarters for equipment.

## Halton United Presbytery Dinner Meeting, St. John's

The Halton Presbytery of the United Church met in St. John's United Church, Georgetown, on Tuesday, Feb. 5th at 2 p.m. Rev. Redvers Brown of Trafalgar conducted the devotional period. After the devotional period, Rev. M. G. McFarlane, the chairman of Presbytery, declared the court open to conduct the business of the church. The secretary, Rev. James Hummel of Freelon, read the minutes and presented the agenda for the day. New members and corresponding members were introduced.

Mr. Alex MacLaren spoke on behalf of St. John's Church and welcomed the visitors. For information the names of ten clergymen were read and their credentials given. These men are seeking transfer into the ministry of the United Church of Canada. Their names will be presented at the conferences next summer for approval.

Motions of congratulations were extended to the Lynwood and Waterloo pastoral charges for their accomplishments in opening beautiful new church centres for Christian education work.

High points of the reports given were:

(1) Dr. H. Ashford, secretary of the Missionary and Maintenance Fund for the whole church, reported that the church had already received \$3,200,000 for 1956 and more was still to be received. He also stated that Halton Presbytery stood second in the whole church in percentage increased giving to the fund.

(2) It was a great pleasure to have Dr. H. and Mrs. Ashford present when their son, a graduate engineer, told of his decision to go back to college and train for the ministry. Dr. Miller of Cookville presented him to Mr. McFarlane who with the consent of Presbytery received him as a candidate for the ministry under the care and supervision of Halton Presbytery.

(3) A fine enthusiasm and financial support is being given throughout the conference and the Presbytery in the establishing of two senior citizens homes in the conference.

## Town Clerk Will Retire

Georgetown clerk - treasurer for the past five years, announced his resignation from office in a letter to council at their meeting Monday. Mr. Kelly asked that his resignation be effective by March 31. Accepting his resignation with regret, council took no action on a successor at the meeting.

JOHN D. KELLY

Georgetown, St. Kits Are Bonspiel Winners

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Mr. McLellan farmed in the Mount Forest district until his retirement ten years ago. He and his wife had spent several months each winter in town with their daughter, Mrs. Fred Ross, 140 Guelph St. and this year had taken an apartment on Charles St. He leaves his wife, Ella Livingstone, his daughter, Mrs. Ross; two grandchildren, Murray and Eleanor Ross; and two sisters, Mrs. James Ross and Miss Annie McLellan of Toronto.

## MAIN STREET CRASH DAMAGES CAR, TRUCK

Damage amounting to an estimated \$900 resulted when a car and a truck collided at the corner of Main and Church streets at 4:15 p.m. last Thursday afternoon. Neither driver, Jim Lyons, 27 Church St. or Ern Hyde, 24 Ewing, was injured in the accident which knocked the Hyde car onto the sidewalk opposite Church Street, narrowly missing a fire hydrant.

The Hyde car received about \$400 damage while damage to the truck was approximately \$200. Cst. Nelson Trafford investigated.

ter these strenuous activities they all met at the church hall for a short business meeting. After the business session the members enjoyed a good lunch. Mr. and Mrs. Graham Farnell, Mr. and Mrs. Del French and Mr. and Mrs. Merv Cook were the committee who planned the evening.

## SKATING, BOWLING, FOR 50 SO CLUB

Saturday night, February 9, was "sports night" for St. John's Church 50-50 club. Several members went skating while others went bowling for the evening. Af-

## Ordain Seven Elders At St. John's United

On Sunday seven new elders were ordained to serve on the Session of St. John's United Church. The Elders ordained were Dr. O. M. Brewster, Cecil Ford, Bruce Williamson, Fred Ross, E. L. Arnold, John van Winssen, Kelvin Brown and Ernie Alcott.

The Session of the church attended the service of worship in a body. Rev. Morgan McFarlane spoke on the subject, "The Influence of a Life" stressing the duties laid upon the Session, but emphasizing that the first duty of all Elders, as of all Christian leaders and Christians, is the keeping strong of their life and character. He spoke of the words of Emerson, who said, "Your life speaks so loud I cannot hear what you say." Mr. McFarlane took as his text Acts 5: 12-15. Talents and gifts are important but the talent of living a holy life is most important—so concluded Mr. McFarlane.

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## Legionnaire Explains Legion Activities

The Georgetown Rotary Club regular meeting of two weeks ago was held at Fairview Inn with a number of guests present.

After the regular business the guest speaker of the evening, Les Clark, 3 John S. was introduced by Jack Muckart, Mr. Clark head of the Can. Legion in Halton and Peel counties, gave an interesting talk on Legion history, organization and service and welfare work carried on by his organization in Canada. He was thanked on behalf of the club by Wheldon Emmerson.

The regular weekly meeting of the Georgetown Rotary Club was held at Fairview Inn on Monday.

Rotarian Ralph Hawes was appointed representative to the Red Cross Society and a film on the coral reefs of Australia was shown by Ernie Pearce. A member of the Fairbanks Rotary Club, Roger Vincent, was a visitor at the meeting.

Plans for the April minstrel show are going ahead on schedule. Steamer Emmerson, Ern Hyde, Ralph Ursel and Bill Carr are lining up one of the best shows in recent years.

## BIRTHDAY PARTIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Joanne Crawford, one year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crawford had her first party on Monday afternoon to celebrate her birthday. Those who helped her celebrate were Kevin Townsend, Lorie Hyde, Bruce Lewis and her brother Kim.

Monday, February 11th, was the date of Bobby Baker's seventh birthday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baker. His party guests were Margaret and Alice Neutel, Dean Little, Tommy Hayes, Isabel and Alineke Flesma, Shelley Williams, Jackie Kem-ahead and Gertie Gies.

Barbara and Bonnie Hill had a Valentine party on Saturday evening, the guests were Joy Haines, Janie Bouskill, Brenda Norton, Eleanor Hill, Pam and Pat Armitage, Betty Sargent, Joan Crawford, Karen and Nancy Korzak and their cousins Jack and Lynne Barclay.

Mrs. Percy Saxe has her uncle and Mr. and Mrs. J. Benson of Seattle, Washington visiting with her at present. Mr. Saxe is away on a business trip to the West Coast for the Oxford Picture Frame Co., Toronto.

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 next day.

## Three Break-ins Net Thieves \$100

It was open house in Georgetown last week as far as thieves were concerned. Break-ins were reported at the Canadian Legion, Grand Union Carrolls, and the Maple Leaf Dairy and a total of about \$100 taken.

In both the Legion and the Grand Union, burglaries police could find no visible means of entry since none of the doors had been forced, indicating that either the buildings had been left open or a key had been used.

The largest amount of cash was taken from the dairy which was entered early Friday morning. An estimated \$50, \$22 in bills and the rest in change, was taken from the routemen's pouches.

The thieves had to break a door panel to gain entry to the beverage room in the Legion where they snatched up a quantity of money and cigarettes totalling approximately \$50 in value on Monday, 24 hours after the Grand Union break-in. The loss from the Main Street foodstore was minor, 40c from one of the tills and 3 cartons of cigarettes.

Cpl. James Bilshaw and Cst. Ted Scott investigated.

## THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor:  
Maybe the heavy snow shown in this week's summary looks like a lot; but we will have to get a great deal more than that to equal February of last year, when we had snow on 16 days for a total of 22 1/2 inches.

—Ern Batkin.

Date	Max.	Min.	Snow
Mon., Feb. 11	28	8	
Tues., Feb. 12	30	1	2"
Wed., Feb. 13	40	25	6"
Thurs., Feb. 14	30	25	
Fri., Feb. 15	36	25	
Sat., Feb. 16	35	18	
Sun., Feb. 17	33	13	
Average	33	17	8"

## WHAT COUNCIL DID CONSULTANTS RECOMMEND NEW \$830,000 SEWAGE DISPOSAL

It is expensive and unfortunate, but an engineering study of the only thing we can recommend is to abandon the present sewage disposal plant and build a new one to serve the old and new sections of Georgetown" said C. S. Dutton, presenting a report to council at Monday's meeting.

Mr. Dutton was speaking for Proctor, Redfern & Laughlin, Toronto consulting engineers, who had been engaged by the town to make a survey of the sewage system.

He said the present plant on Main St. S. is running 40% over the capacity for which it was designed. Built to serve 3700 people, he said, it is being used by 5300 at present. While capacity could be increased, it would not be economical, he continued, because it would not serve the ultimate Georgetown area, and a new plant would still be necessary at some future date.

Estimated cost of a new disposal plant is \$830,000. A trunk sewer leading from the present location would cost \$247,000 to construct, making a total expenditure of \$830,000.

Mr. Dutton said that if Dept. of Health approval could be obtained for a primary treatment plant only there could be a \$300,000 saving.

"I was under the impression that we had water and sewer facilities to serve Georgetown for years to come" said Cr. Fred Harrison, expressing surprise at the contents of the report.

Asked by Cr. Walter Gray how long the present plant can oper-

ate under present conditions, Mr. Dutton said that by Dept. of Health standards it shouldn't be operating now.

"The Credit Valley Conservation Authority has used us as a horrible example" remarked Reeve Stan Allen, referring to the effluent which is dumped in the creek.

Mr. Dutton said if the development in Delrex area had come instead on the north edge of the town, the present plant might have served with an addition. However, sewage does not run uphill, he said, and a new plant should be located further south to service the whole town of the future.

"The plant is ten years old and half paid for. Engineers at the time it was built told us it would serve a town of nine or ten thousand people" said Cr. Ern Hyde. "There's something seriously wrong. It is either bad engineering, misrepresentation or there is some way the present plant can be used that we can't see."

Cr. Harry Hale pointed out that there is a terrific amount of surface infiltration into the system, but Mr. Hyde said this would happen with a new system as well. He asked if the consultants could estimate cost of adding to the present plant to serve 10,000 people.

Mr. Dutton replied that it would cost \$120,000 to double its size, and this would provide a 650,000 gallon capacity daily, still far from serving the town as it will be.

## Raider's Bounce Barrie Jnr. Flyers Monday 9-4

Georgetown Raiders came up with their best display of the season on Monday night in trouncing the Junior A Barrie Flyers 9-4. A game that was billed as an exhibition turned out to be the best game of the year as both teams turned it on for about 800 excited fans. The game was a wide open hard hitting affair that saw the locals outscore the Flyers in every period.

The game opened very fast with Barrie notching the first counter at 4:12 on a nice play by Norrence. Their lead was short lived as the



JAMIE CUNNINGHAM

Raiders banged in three in a row. Ron Dixon, Bud Varey and Junior Beaumont each getting singles. Norrence scored his second of the period for the Flyers at 14:12 on a set up by Dick Cherry. Pete Bradkin and Smith of Barrie received majors for fighting just before the period ended, but the Raiders managed to hang onto their one goal lead.

In the second period the Raiders again outscored the Barrie crew, this time 3 to 1. Junior Beaumont and Ron Dixon each scored their second of the evening. Coach Nick Ferri scored the other on a nice play, with Bill Chard setting him up. Brydson scored the lone Flyer tally.

The third period was the roughest and best period of the night. Georgetown again outscored their opponents, 3-1. In this period the Raiders handed out some of the hardest body checks seen in the arena in a long time.

in sight and still found time to pick up two goals. Chard and Dugan were the marksmen. Jamie Cunningham picked up the other goal. Hall scored the lone Barrie goal of the period and the game ended 9-4 for Georgetown.

It would be unfair to pick any stars of the Georgetown team as every player turned in a bang up effort. If they keep on playing this type of hockey they should not have any trouble with Oakville in the playoffs. Incidentally, the playoffs will start Friday, March 1st. It will be a best out of seven series with Oakville. The first game on March 1st will be played at the arena of the club that ends on the top in the schedule. As it stands now Georgetown lead by 1 point, but Oakville have two games to play, while the Raiders only have one left.

The remainder of the play off schedule will be drawn up this week-end and will be in this paper next week. The lucky number draw for the \$100 bond was won by Norm Brown, Main St. Norm notified the hockey club he intends to turn over his winnings to charity with part going to the Salvation Army and part to other deserving organizations.

	P	W	L	T	Pts.
Elmira	23	15	8	0	50
Meaford	22	13	9	0	26
Georgetown	23	12	10	1	25
Oakville	22	12	10	0	24
Brampton	22	11	10	1	23
Milton	22	10	12	0	20
Orillia	22	4	18	0	8

## LIMEHOUSE CHURCH W.A. HAS BAKE SALE, EUCHRE

The W.A. held a very successful sale of home made baking and a euchre in Limehouse Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. Winners at cards were Mrs. N. Snyder and Neilson Stark with second going to Mrs. Jessie McEnery and Lloyd McEnery. Fifteen tables of cards were played and the ladies served lunch afterwards.

Mrs. Campbell Sinclair entertained her Sunday School at her home on Saturday afternoon, following a tobogganing party.

Marilyn Patterson of Rockwood spent the week-end with her cousin in Joy Patterson here.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald of Kirkland Lake spent the week-end with her sister, her husband and family, the Norman Quibells.

The WMS meeting was held at the home of Mrs. A. W. Norton on Thursday evening when the text word "Prayer" was answered: as roll call, Miss Ivens read her well prepared paper on "Prayer" and Mrs. Patterson led in prayer and singing. Mrs. Patterson read the text. The following contributed a plan for "Sovereign" and Mrs. A. W. Norton.

## DAVE IRONS

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