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FIRST SECTION

LePage Firm Planning Huge Shopping Mart, 42 Acres

WOULD SERVE KITCHENER AND ORANGEVILLE TOO

A huge shopping mart which would be one of the largest in Canada, is being promoted for a Georgetown location by the Toronto realty firm of A. E. LePage Co. News of the 42 acre project, which would locate in the Delrex section of town, fronting on No. 7 Highway was released this week by W. J. White of the LePage firm.

Interviewed yesterday by a Herald reporter, Mr. White confirmed the news that the firm is at present lining up lessees among major retail firms, with the hope that construction can start next summer on the five to seven million dollar project.

"At first impression, one might think Georgetown too small to support a shopping mart which would be as large as the one in Oshawa," said Mr. White, "but we are planning to serve a huge area which would stretch as far as Kitchener and Orangeville."

The project, he said, would embrace much more than the usual conception of a shopping centre. Besides retail merchants, it is planned to have car and farm im-

plement dealers, a builders' exchange and one of the major department stores as lessees. Also planned is a combination motel-hotel adjacent to the mart. A supervised children's playground would also be part of the plan. Questioned about a statement in the daily papers that construction would start next spring, Mr. White said this would be impossible.

"The earliest start we could make would be in the summer, but at the present time I cannot make any definite statement on this," he said.

The LePage firm has had planning consultant Dr. E. G. Faludi prepare an analysis survey of the district and is basing its plans to a great extent on the information revealed in this survey.

Also contacted yesterday, Rex Heslop, head of the Delrex firm, said that his organization has been in touch for some time with the LePage firm, and that while no definite commitments have been made, there is a strong possibility that the shopping mart will become a reality next year.

MR. AND MRS. LIVINGSTONE



Chapel St. Centre, Georgetown

PROVINCIAL PAPER employee Don Livingstone married Mary Georgina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Reid, in Action Baptist Church last month. The groom is the son of Mrs. Albert Livingstone, 101 Main St. N., and the late Mr. Livingstone. They are living in Georgetown.

Explains School Grant System to School Group

"Each pupil away from school for one day cuts 28 1/2¢ from the public school grant," said Ed Wilson, member of Georgetown Public School Board at the Chapel St. Home & School meeting last week. Mr. Wilson explained the mysteries of the school grant system and the school financing as a whole. He went on to tell of the school budget for the year and how it is apportioned.

A film on Newfoundland "Our Tenth Province" was shown at the meeting after which there was lengthy debate on the pros and cons of a uniform for the school.

KILBRIDE LADIES HOSTS TO UNITED WAS EXECUTIVE

The fall executive meeting of Halton Presbytery of the United Church WMS was held in Kilbride Church recently.

President Mrs. A. Harris welcomed the guests and read a portion of scripture. Main object of the gathering was to make plans for fall rallies and the spring annual.

Reports were given by executive members, followed by a general discussion on missionary work. At noon, Kilbride ladies served a cup

of tea and relishes to accompany the hot lunches taken by the ladies attending.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Ricky Jenner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jenner, 49 Charles Street, celebrated his sixth birthday on October 9th with a party. His guests were Paul Sanderson, Steven Weber, Brian Taggart, Michael Masterman, Mary Donathan, Nancy Masterman and his sister Linda.

W. J. Lowe, Political Leader, Cattle Buyer Dies in Brampton at 82

One of Peel County's most prominent men, and a lifelong resident of Snelgrove and Brampton, William James Lowe, 82, died at Peel Memorial Hospital, October 2nd.

With the death of Mr. Lowe an era of Peel County passed into history. He was a prominent figure in the county's political life, was a Liberal member of the Provincial legislature under Premier W. H. Hearst from 1916 to 1919, and was twice a candidate in the county's federal elections.

Mr. Lowe was born in Snelgrove He was a cattle breeder for many years, and for 25 years was a cattle buyer and salesman for Toronto firms. He moved to Brampton 25 years ago and resided at 77 Main St. S. He retired from active business five years ago. Mr. Lowe was a member of the Brampton Presbyterian Church and served on the Board of Sessions. He was a past master of the Ionic Lodge, and had been presented with his 50 year jewel last year by his son Gordon. He also served for years on the Board of Directors of the Ontario Stock Yards.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowe celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home on Main Street S. last June.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, one son, Gordon; one daughter, Winifred (Mrs. J. W. Golding), and five grandchildren.

The funeral service was held in the Brampton Presbyterian Church. Service was conducted by Rev. William Weir. Interment was in Brampton cemetery.

Pallbearers were James McArthur, H. A. Willis, H. A. Watson, John Patterson, C. E. Devlin and Garfield McClure. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. W. H. Brydon, Col. T. L. Kennedy, Willard Lang, Sundridge, John McBride, Orangeville; Alex McFarlane, Fred Campbell, Toronto; Alex Stewart, Ailsa Craig, W. A. Robinson, Col. Bartley Bull, H. L. McMurchy, H. B. Euston, W. A. Beatty, I. E. Melhuish, C. F. Grogan, A. H. Milner, Col. L. E. Bertram, J. A. Henderson and W. E. Gleaney.

APPLE DAY SATURDAY

Boy Scouts will be on the street and calling door to door on Saturday in their annual Apple Day fund raising for summer camp.

The scouts would appreciate the usual generosity of Georgetown people when they call.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Water Resources Commission to Aid in Sewage Disposal Plant

THE WEATHER

Editor: Wouldn't I be popular if I could lay claim to controlling the beautiful week-end weather? It is over 3 degrees since we had rain, and the maximum average this week is 8 degrees above normal for October. ERN Batkin

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
Mon., Oct. 7	67	39	
Tues., Oct. 8	77	44	
Wed., Oct. 9	70	39	
Thurs., Oct. 10	64	40	
Fri., Oct. 11	58	34	
Sat., Oct. 12	56	26	
Sun., Oct. 13	67	29	
Average	65	36	Nil

Streetsville Lady Wins Hospital Bingo Door Prize

All the top bingo prizes went to Georgetown people, and the door prize to a Streetsville lady at a giant bingo sponsored by the Hospital Association last Thursday in the arena.

There were 15 regular games, each with a prize of \$10. Door prize, a Hi-Fi set, was won by Mrs. Roger Koe, Streetsville, when Mayor Jack Armstrong, drew the winning ticket, No. 1002.

Specials for the night went to Mrs. Stan Wade, 7 Charles Street, \$50; Mrs. Jack Fry, Jr., 75 Edward St., \$75; Mrs. Paul Barber, 1 William Street, \$100. Marie Kempton, 135 Main St. N. and Mrs. Harry Purkins, Market Street shared the \$250 top prize of the evening.

John Gunn, hospital association president, spoke briefly at the end of the evening, explaining the association's objective of a 50 bed hospital for Georgetown which is estimated to cost \$600,000.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bouskill wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Dorothy Irene Janet to Richard Frederick Hancock, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hancock, Glen Williams. The marriage will take place in Knox Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 9th at two o'clock.

Preliminary action to build Georgetown's new sewage disposal plant was taken last night at council meeting when initial readings were given to a by-law by which the Ontario Water Resources Commission will handle construction of the \$630,000 system for the town. The proposed activated sludge plant will have a capacity of a million and a half gallons daily, and will be planned so that later additions will be made as Georgetown grows.

The OWRC has suggested that the town pay for the system by a \$10 yearly charge to each water user; 5 mills on the tax rate; and a sewer service rate which would amount to some \$8 annually for each user of the system.

Council picked holes in this proposition last night, criticizing it as causing complicated bookkeeping. To raise \$630,000 annually at present some \$20,000 would come from the water rates, \$50,000 from general taxes and \$13,000 from a service charge. As the mill rate dollar value varies as assessment changes, Mayor Armstrong said this would be an unsatisfactory way of handling payment. It is impossible to charge frontage tax, as the present sewage system is still being paid for on this basis, he said.

Council finally agreed on a tentative plan to have \$11,000 paid for by water users, and \$72,000 from general taxes. On Cr. McGilvray's suggestion, the town auditor will be consulted for an opinion before any final decision is made.

Two readings were given to another important financial by-law, by which the town will issue \$180,000 in debentures to foot the bill for Georgetown's fourth public school, planned to be ready for September, 1958.

Don Jacobson, who has a well-drilling company, interviewed council about drilling for a new water supply. He was told by the mayor that the town is considering this, but has let no contracts and is awaiting advice of the town engineer about how to proceed.

A \$25 grant was made to the Poppy Fund... another application for the position of town engineer was read, answering an ad inserted by the town some time ago in an engineering publication. The council made no comment after the applicant's letter was read... a street light was ordered for the Edward Street - Highway corner.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

OFFER 6% GEORGETOWN DEBENTURES FOR SALE

With municipal debentures almost unsaleable on the bond market at present, Georgetown council decided last night to offer town debentures locally for sale.

The 10 year debentures, which bear 6 per cent interest, are an excellent investment and council is confident that the issue will be well subscribed locally.

Selling difficulties up to the present have been no reflection on the town's credit. It is rather a general situation in which so many municipal issues have been offered for sale that there are not enough buyers in Canada to take them.

Normally large buyers might be found in the U.S. market, but with Canadian money at a premium at present, Americans are loathe to pay extra for Canadian bonds.

A suggestion of the police chief that Ewing and Elm Streets be made through streets was acted upon. The streets have heavy traffic from the Smith and Stone plant, it was explained by Cr. Fred Harrison in making the motion.

A further suggestion to have Rexway Drive a through street was defeated when only Cr. Harrison and Deputy-Reeve Sargent favoured it. A majority of councillors wished to study that district further and some feared that a through street past Harrison School would create a traffic menace.

The town engineer is taking a plan to county council to cut the crown of the road at the Mountainview - River Drive intersection 2 or 3 feet, to eliminate a dangerous spot which has caused 8 accidents, 5 injuries and \$3,000 property damage in the last 3 years, according

to a report prepared by the police chief.

Another traffic hazard will be helped by a \$200 flasher light which the town will place at the Mountainview intersection with the highway, if the Dept. of Highways approves.

Complaining that the town is taking ambulance calls in Esquesing Township without any financial arrangement with the township, Cr. Fred Harrison said it is possible a second ambulance will have to be purchased, and that Esquesing should pay a share of capital costs. The mayor asked the ambulance committee to draw up suggestions which will be submitted to the township council for a cost-sharing arrangement.

Another lengthy discussion took place on amendments to the plumbing by-law, passed some time ago but as yet not enforced locally. Cr. Harry Hale suggested an amendment which would not require a plumber to have a place of business in town in order to receive his licence. Higher fees for outsiders were also discussed, but action was delayed on the matter.

Reeve Stan Allen made a lengthy speech in which he claimed the by-law does not protect householders in its present form and is relatively worthless unless a better system of licensing is set up for master plumbers.

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL Thanksgiving week-end. The Herald staff enjoyed it too, which, accounts for a Thursday morning paper.

TOWN POPULATION 6678 SAYS ASSESSOR GIBBONS

Georgetown's population has increased from 6257 to a record figure of 6678 in the past year.

Assessment has also reached an all-time high of \$6,158,487 which represents an increase of 6.8 per cent in a year.

Assessment Commissioner Joseph Gibbons reported these facts to council last week when he briefly reviewed statistics contained in his assessment roll just completed in December.

Present assessment ratio in town is 70.81 per cent residential; 29.9 per cent industrial and commercial and only 10 per cent farm land, the report shows.

Mr. Gibbons' figures reflect the town's position at the time of closing his books in September, and with dozens of houses under construction at present, it is probable that the town will reach a population of 7,000 by the end of 1957. Assessment will, accordingly, also, as houses are completed.

Social & Personal

Guests at Valley View Cabins, Huntsville, which are operated by Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hupler of town, over the holiday week-end included Mr. and Mrs. Mike George and family, Mr. and Mrs. Art Bullivant and Mr. and Mrs. James Wood.

Miss Gretchen Bradley, daughter of Mrs. Aileen Bradley, 33 Victoria St., spent Thanksgiving at the Alpine Inn in the Laurentians. She will spend the balance of the week in Montreal with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. William Stone.

Guests with Mrs. Elizabeth McCrae, 28 Market Street, at her cottage on Georgian Bay, Craigleith, over the Thanksgiving week-end were her mother, Mrs. Helen Flak, Guelph; Mrs. S. E. Groat,

Mrs. Aileen Bradley, Claire and Sandra Bradley of 33 Victoria St.

Miss Addie Coventry, who has lived at 30 Church St. for many years, will be making her home at Halton Centennial Manor in Milton in future. Miss Coventry, who had her niece, Mrs. E. D. Sheley of Birmingham, Michigan visiting with her last week, moved to Milton last week-end.

Flight Cadet Ian Wallace, son of Mrs. Win Wallace, Guelph St., was able to be home from Centennial for Thanksgiving. Ian is enrolled in an officers' training course as an air crew observer in the R.C.A.F. After an intensive fifteen months' course he will graduate as a commissioned officer and will sign up for a two-year period with the opportunity of becoming permanent staff.

NEW DENTIST, BRIDE



Dr. Mrs. McCauley, who commenced dental practice in town this week, and Beverly Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Blue, Toronto were married on September 21st in Kingsway Lambton United Church. Dr. McCauley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William McCauley, Toronto. They are living at 42 King St. E.

Hardy Photography, Toronto.

Family Business for 80 Years Beaumont Knitting Mills Sold

SAM, PENRICE, GORD GRAHAM ASSUME MILL OWNERSHIP

A family business for almost 80 years, Beaumont Knitting Mills, Ltd. changed ownership yesterday. Arthur Beaumont, head of the firm since 1944, announced sale of the business to three men who have been associated with the business for some time. The business will henceforth operate as the Beaumont Knitting Company.

New owners of the company are Sam Penrice, mill manager for the past eight years; Gordon Graham, Mr. Beaumont's brother-in-law, who has been with the firm for 15 years, latterly as head of the knitting department; and Frank Grew, of the Toronto firm of F. H. Grew & Son, which has been selling agent for the company's sock production for 30 years.

The company will continue production of the well-known line of Glenmont work socks, which has a wide sale in all parts of Canada. Mr. Penrice is general manager, Mr. Graham production manager and Mr. Grew sales manager of the firm.

Mr. Beaumont was the third generation owner of a business established in 1878 by Sam Beaumont, and later operated by his son Joseph Beaumont, who died in 1943. One of the oldest Canadian woolen mills, the company originally reworked waste, later branched into spinning yarn, and at the turn of the century launched production of work socks which, with a line of finer hose, now constitutes its main production. Mr. Beaumont recalls that it was an economic crisis at that time which shaped the firm's future. The company found it impossible to market large quantities of yarn on hand, and it was decided if the yarn couldn't be sold, the only thing to do was to

transform it to a saleable product. The company has averaged about 40 employees during Mr. Arthur Beaumont's service with the firm which comprises some 45 years. The main mill was constructed in the early 1900's, with an addition made in 1907. Located on a branch of the Credit River originally to make use of water power, the mill has for some years used hydro, and the dam and the old mill race have been gone for some time.

William Harding Was Ballinfad Farmer

A Ballinfad farmer for many years William Harding died in hospital in Kitchener - Waterloo Saturday where for the past few years he had been living in retirement with a son Fred. He was in his 84th year.

Born in Georgetown, he attended Peacock School near Ballinfad. He was predeceased by his wife the late Marie McNeill who died February 23rd 1956, and is survived by three brothers, Frank, Harding of Lake Lenore, Sask., Thomas or Erin, and Sam of Toronto, sons Percy of town, Herb of Highland Creek, Fred of Kitchener, and daughters, Mrs. Gladys Beerman of town, Mrs. Etta Ellison of Schomberg, Mrs. Lucy Irwin of Goderich and Mrs. Helen Johnson of Niagara Falls. He leaves twenty grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted at the Rumley Funeral Home, Acton, on Monday by Mr. Allan Neelon, minister of Ballinfad United Church. Six of his grandchildren acted as pallbearers. Interment was in Conestoga Cemetery.