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Georgetown Band Chooses Dave Hastings President

Herald staffer Dave Hastings, 24 John St. E. is the new president of the Georgetown Brass & Reed Band. He was elected to the office on Tuesday, January 7th when the band held its annual business meeting at the home of bandsman Tom Eason, 19 Byron St. — He succeeds Bruce McKerr of Milton as president.

Doug Peck, 45 Normandy Blvd. is vice-president; Emery Thompson, 8 Parkview Blvd., secretary; Ernie Forgrave, 14 Union Street, treasurer, and Tom Eason, Jim Burns, R.R. 1 Georgetown, Jim Golden, Glen Williams, Roger Fisher, 14 Shelley St. and Bill Emslie, R.R. 1 Georgetown are committee members. Fred Carter, Brampton and Ernie Forgrave were elected social committee, and Vic Carter, Brampton and Earl Cuthbert, Glen Williams are librarians.

The honorary presidents are Mrs. W. F. Bradley, Messrs. John T. Armstrong, John R. Barber,

Arthur Beaumont, Rex Heslop, Harold McClure, Art Scott and Sid Silver. The Georgetown Brass & Reed Band is under the direction of the well-known and popular bandmaster, Alfred Perrott of Brampton.

During the business portion of the meeting the advisability of changing practice night to Monday was discussed. After much discussion it was decided that since this might interfere with Home & School Board meetings and other activities of the many bandsmen that Tuesday would remain as practice night. Practices are held at 8 p.m. in Chapel St. school.

Efforts are being made by the members to encourage local former bandsmen to rejoin the organization as part of their expanding program.

Mr. and Mrs. Eason provided a lunch for the members at the conclusion of the meeting.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Committees to Continue Okay of Town Accounts

Committee okay before town accounts are paid, a new practice adopted by council last year, will be continued in 1958. It took over an hour's discussion, however, at last Thursday's council meeting before a majority voted in favour.

Cr. Fred Harrison, who was instigator of the move last year, again made a strong plea Thursday to have committee chairmen review accounts pertaining to their department and okay them before they are paid. He claimed a double benefit—more familiarity with business by councillors, and less waste of time at council meetings when chairman could not answer questions about their department's operation.

Cr. Ern Hyde, who with Reeve Doug Sargent and Deputy Reeve Walter Gray, opposed the idea, said it worked only in theory.

"I'm one of the guilty ones who has lined up a few minutes before council meeting to okay the accounts. Just initialling an account doesn't mean that a chairman can explain it," he said.

Cr. Hyde said council should resort to the previous method of reviewing accounts during a meeting, and if there is a question about any certain one, having the committee chairman check it.

Mayor Armstrong said he had no set views on the matter, but warned that if the practice is to be continued, chairmen must do their part and not hold up payment of bills merely because they didn't get around to signing them. There are occasions when the town's clerk is put on the spot by a creditor who cannot understand why his bill has not been paid, the mayor said, and he has been instructed to refer the creditor to a committee head, rather than taking blame himself.

"It's a good thing for a chairman to examine accounts, particularly when we don't have an engineer to do it," said Cr. Alfred Sykes. "It makes him more familiar with the town's business, and I favour continuing it."

Suggested by the mayor to speed up council business, it was also decided Thursday, not to have the finance committee make an itemized check of accounts at a meeting, but rather to do this beforehand. Henceforth, only a motion to pass accounts in total will come before the regular council meeting.

Crs. Harrison, Hyde and John Elliott opposed this, saying that the public is entitled to hear accounts in detail.

Georgetown will continue as a member of North Halton Urban Board this year.

The board, an unofficial one comprising councils of Georgetown, Acton and Milton was originally formed for joint engineering under one engineer. Though this has been abandoned for some time, it has been found helpful as an idea exchange, and certain matters affecting the whole area, such as industrial expansion, dog control and fire protection have benefitted from discussion at the board meetings.

The regular council meeting was set for the first Monday in each month. If business continues at the same volume as in the past few years, however, a meeting each Monday night will continue to be the rule, rather than the exception. Last year, there was a total of 53 meetings held.

Assessment Commissioner Jos. Gibbons was reappointed collector of dog fees, with remuneration of 25% of the fees collected.

Complaining that builders in his end of town are creating hazards by leaving bricks and straw on the sidewalk allowances, John Henley, 40 Blairrow Crescent, was told that the police committee would check and see that any such conditions are cleaned up.

Parting Gift to I.O.D.E. Member Leaving Town

Mrs. John D. Kelly, 11 Albert Street, was hostess to the I.O.D.E. Monday evening, January 13th at her home. Twenty-five members were present with the Regent, Mrs. Percy Leslie, presiding.

A letter of thanks was received from the teacher of the northern adopted school, thanking the Chapter for the candy, gifts and bale of clothing that had been sent to them. Twelve dollars was donated to the Horticultural Society to be used as school prizes for the Junior Horticultural Society.

Mrs. Wallace Thompson, on behalf of the members, presented Mrs. James Alcorn with a cup and saucer as a remembrance gift. Mr. and Mrs. Alcorn and their family left last week for their new home in Flesheron where Mr. Alcorn will be the manager of The Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Miss Ruth Evans, Miss Helen Armstrong and Mrs. Cecil Davidson were appointed as a nominating committee. Installation of officers will be held at the next meeting which will be at the home of Jean and Margery Mackenzie.

Mrs. G. Lockhart Royal gave a very interesting reading entitled "Italy". Tickets were distributed to each member for the Valentine Dance which will be held in the Rose Room on Friday, February 14th.

Mrs. Robert Reichardt, Mrs. Robert Wicks, Mrs. H. C. Wrigglesworth, Mrs. Ed. Wilson, Mrs. Wm. Hamilton and Miss Helen Armstrong assisted Mrs. Kelly.

THE MAIL BAG

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Dear Sir:

The Commission's award to the Bell Telephone Company is certainly at a variance from the wishes of the people as expressed in the presentation from the Association of Mayors and Reeves.

The government's repeated statements regarding the dangers of inflation has gone on unheeded by this commission which has refused to go by the dictates of the public will or in the public interest in awarding higher rates to an already flourishing business which at present pays its stockholders a tidy sum each year.

An appeal against the commission's award is in order and in the light of this happening, we would have no hesitation in recommending the Bell Telephone Company be taken over as a publicly owned utility.

Sincerely Yours,
Ed A. Peters

"It is reasonable to assume that Georgetown will get mail delivery this year" said Mayor Armstrong as he advised council Thursday that an immediate survey be made to see what street signs are necessary, and to investigate cost of such signs.

The postal department requires a town to have signs on all streets before mail delivery comes, he said. He mentioned that he had heard a complete survey of town might be taken soon by the post office department, and possibly the department might consider including Glen Williams in a delivery area.

Council will ask the town engineering department to furnish quantity statistics on the number of signs needed.

Cr. Fred Harrison said that he had completed arrangements with the highways department to revise the population figure which appears at the signs at town entrances. The latest figure, 7,100 will be used.

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