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FIRST SECTION



Expect Monday Go-Ahead for 582 New Homes in Delrex

COUNCIL VOTES 5 - 4 FOR EXTRA BUILDING

Ratification of permission for some 582 housing units to be built on land in the Delrex area of town is expected next Monday when an amendment to a by-law which committed the town to a 1954 agreement with Delrex comes before council for okay.

The by-law amendment was ordered after a 5-4 council vote Monday approving it, which implies that the houses have majority council approval. The amendment is necessary because building on the land at the present time is not permitted in the agreement, because of Delrex's failure to maintain a 40% industrial-commercial ratio as agreed in 1954. For such permission, Delrex has offered to guarantee the town the same revenue as would accrue, were the 40% ratio in effect. A sum of \$147,000 would either be paid by the company, or be received from industry which might locate here, according to the agreement being signed during the next three years. The houses themselves would produce an estimated tax revenue of \$221,000 at existing tax rates according to a brief presented to council last week by Harold Baird, Delrex general manager.

Decision came after an earnest two hours of debate Monday. As on the previous Monday, the council chamber was filled with ratepayers to hear discussion on one of the most important questions which a town council has faced in many years. A Sykes-McGilvray motion to accept the Delrex proposal was supported by Mayor Armstrong, Reeve Sargent and Cr. Gunn. In opposition were Deputy Reeve Gray, and Councillors Harrison, Hyde and Elliott. The motion contained the proviso that industrial assessment outside the Delrex subdivision is not to be taken into account when computing the yearly amount due under the agreement.

A previous motion by Hyde and Harrison that the proposal not be dealt with until council obtained opinion from a solicitor and the Municipal Board on the financial picture and legality of altering the 1954 agreement was defeated. A recorded vote was not called for on this, and the motion was lost 5-3 with Deputy Reeve Gray supporting the movers.

Cr. Harrison opened the evening's debate when he questioned the proposal on the grounds that it did not alter a previous Delrex request, other than to provide a guarantee of more revenue for three years. He stated his opposition to a large number of semi-detached houses in one area of town.

"It will look like some of the housing I saw in England in wartime," he said. "If the semi-detached houses were scattered over a wider locality, it might be a different question."

He expressed concern about providing schools for a large increase in population, when schools are over capacity now in town.

"We don't want to be like a jackrabbit who, travels in leaps and bounds and eventually finds he has nowhere to land" was his way of paraphrasing what he thinks can happen in Georgetown.

Cr. Hyde questioned whether council could do anything contrary to the original agreement. This was negotiated by the 1954 council and the Municipal Board, he said, and the town hired a distinguished lawyer to safeguard its interests. A public hearing was held to hear objections and the by-law subsequently passed was a legal document recommended by the board. Cr. Hyde argued that any contrary action should also have Municipal Board sanction and another public hearing.

"Georgetown's prime need as presented in 1954 was for industrial land" he said. "We have that in abundance now."

Cr. Elliott suggested, as a spectator S. W. Orr had said earlier, that council make no decision but have a plebiscite of ratepayers. "The public pays the taxes and elects us" was his opinion. "An

important question like this should have the taxpayers' approval before we act."

"I think this is a good proposal" said Cr. Sykes, as he outlined his reasons for voting in favour. Cr. Sykes said it would benefit merchants to have another 500 houses, that it would be bound to bring more commercial assessment, either in new businesses or extensions of existing ones. School costs have become a tremendous municipal burden, he said, but it is reasonable to assume that the future will bring assistance from a higher government.

He pointed out that if Delrex operations were to stop, the town might be in a critical position. There would be a \$23,000 yearly loss in taxes if Delrex land were to revert to farm assessment. Georgetown presently faces another million dollars in debenture debt for a sewage disposal plant which must be erected whether the town agrees or not, he said.

"If this debt is loaded on our present population, it might mean a 10-mill tax rise. We are desperately in need of more people to spread this debt a bit thinner" was his opinion. "I feel there is a lot of sentiment against this proposal which will pay us taxes on industry which doesn't exist" he said. "If I was an industrialist and heard an average Georgetown citizen talk, I wouldn't think of locating here. It's a disgrace" he continued.

"Council is often blamed for not getting schools fast enough, but it's not council that's slow, he said, it's the school board which is an elected body given the responsibility of school affairs. "If this plan goes ahead, I suggest they get on their toes and provide the schools needed. This is a good proposal and with building activity we have a chance of getting industrial development. With a dead town, we haven't" he concluded.

Cr. Hyde pointed out that Georgetown has a 27% industrial ratio while Delrex only has 18% and is not holding up their end in this respect.

"I don't think we can do anything to stop Delrex," said Cr. McGilvray. "We would have to stop all building in town if we do and we won't attract industry by calling a halt to construction. It might sour anything that might be on tap. You can't run a mill with water that's gone over the dam, and we still need more money to balance costs. Delrex needs Georgetown and Georgetown needs Delrex if we are to continue to maintain the tax rate we now enjoy—the lowest in the county. New homes will profit business in the town and indirectly affect all our citizens."

"We've been building houses but can't get industry" remarked Cr. Hyde. "It doesn't seem to be a valid argument that more house building will get it. It would say the farther off balance our ratio gets, the more it might discourage future industrial location."

Agreeing with Sykes and McGilvray, Cr. Gunn expressed his feeling that the town must progress. "I feel the value of new industry is somewhat over-rated" he said. "It helps the tax burden to some degree, but there are liabilities too."

Cr. Gunn said he thinks the agreement fair, although he would prefer that the town be safeguarded for five years rather than three. Reduction of the industrial ratio to 34% might be more in line with the picture too, he thought.

Cr. Gray said that cooperation of all must be used to solve the problem.

"It's a long term investment we are making" he said "and though the immediate profit might be high, it mightn't be in the long run."

The steps of progress have to be controlled, he said, and he is not in favour of allowing 500 new homes without some concessions.

NAPANEE TONIGHT, RAIDERS SEEK ANOTHER CHAMPIONSHIP

Georgetown Raiders will defend their Int. "A" championship starting tonight against the Napanee Comets in Napanee. The second game of the OHA Int. A finals will be played in Georgetown Saturday night, April 12th at 8.30.

The Comets are regarded as a very strong Int A club. They knocked off the Bowmanville - Orono Comets, 4 games to 1 in their semi-finals which ended Monday night in Napanee, in a surprise upset. The Comets were picked to go all the way often upsetting the American team that represented their county in the world championships at Oslo last month. In an exhibition game they defeated the Americans 7 to 3.

Napanee are led by playing coach Les Douglas, former team mate of Bob Goldham's when both were with the Detroit Red Wings. Another outstanding forward is Larry Keigan who will be remembered as the star centre of the Kingston army team that were defeated by the Raiders a few years ago.

The Raiders are in fine shape and free of injuries. While Napanee is considered a high scoring outfit the Raiders also do well in this department. In the last series with Windsor they notched 32 goals in three games. They were led in this series by the high scoring line of Dave Irons, Junior Beaumont & Jamie Cunningham who amassed a total of 26 points, both Beaumont and Irons netting 9 each. The line of Bud Varey, Ron Dixon and Blake Inglis were not far behind collecting 20 points, Bill Bingham also came into his own putting 4 goals.

The Raiders are no strangers to the OHA finals being there six times in the last twelve years. Following is a run down of their past record since the last war. 1946-7: Finalists Int. 'A', lost to Brantford Redmen 4 to 1. 1947-8: Won Int. 'A' championship beating Markham Millionaires 4 to 2.

1948-9: Finalists Int. 'B' lost to Sundridge Beavers 4 to 3. 1949-50: Int. 'B' champions defeated in Sundridge 4 to 0. 1956-7: Won Int. 'A' championship beating Tilsonburg Panthers 4 to 2.

The remaining dates for this series will be drawn up this weekend.

Norval Again Champs Junior Farmer Hockey. For the third year in succession Norval Junior Farmers captured the Milton Milling Co. cup when they ousted Palermo Monday in the final game of the playoffs. Palermo had won one game and the teams had tied once in the series to force it to its five game limit.

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Captain Ross Cunningham was a shining scoring light for the winners. He notched the hat trick plus one and added a couple of assists to lead the Norval victory. Dave Leslie had two and three; Bill Donaldson and Fred Barnes were scorers; and in the assist department Bill Richardson, Earl Wilson, Hugh and Dave Cunningham got their names on the scoreboard.

Penalties were at a minimum, Norval getting four trips to the bin and Palermo five. The win was scored their only two goals of the game. Graham Gillies getting one on Ken Stansbury's pass, forward Greer from Don Vivian the second.

Members of this year's winning team are: J. D. Cameron, Don Timbers, goal; Ken Hearn, Don Smith, Dave Cunningham, Dunc Robinson, Bill Wilson, defence; Fred Barnes, Earl Wilson, Bill Donaldson, Ross Cunningham, Bill Richardson, Geo. Smith, Dave Leslie, Hugh Cunningham, Bruce Van Vliet, Cliff McDonald, forwards. Jamie Cunningham, a forward star with the intermediate Raiders coached the team.

"I realize the Delrex development hasn't been satisfactory to the municipality, and I don't think it has been to them either" he continued, pointing out that the government money clamp had put a big obstacle in their way. Indications now are that more money will be released and industrial growth in Canada will increase.

"I have faith that we'll get some of that industry" he said. "Mr. Lever reported on the Delrex brief, not on the town as a whole" said Cr. Hyde. "They're offering us a little bag of candies for giving them something extra."

"I've purposely refrained from talking until councillors have all had their say" said Mayor Armstrong, as he stated his reasons for voting in favour of the Delrex proposal, "because I don't want to be accused of trying to sway on back page."

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. Daylight saving time has been adopted in Georgetown and will come into effect on April 27th. It will terminate October 26th, the same period as it is in effect in Toronto.

Park Public School Georgetown's Fourth

Georgetown's fourth public school will be known simply as the Park Public School. The name was decided on last Wednesday when the local school board held their regular monthly meeting at Harrison School.

The new building had been referred to as Park School ever since it was first proposed, however it was not until last week that the board made the name official.

A Toronto and Welland firm, Q. Lostracco and Son was awarded the construction contract on the school at an earlier meeting and the initial work on the new structure has been scheduled for the middle of this month.

The resignations of four teachers, Mrs. Jack Thompson, Mrs. G. Haslem, Mrs. Phyllis Campbell and William Byng were accepted by the board and the vacancies were immediately filled when the board hired Mrs. J. Bellanger, Mrs. William Cromar, Sandra Fox, and Margery Barr.

The principal of Harrison Public School, Harold Henry, told the board that the experimental sun curtains being used in the school have proved successful in eliminating glare from the chalk boards. The curtains are being used throughout the entire school.

Georgetown Horticultural Society has combined with the caretaking staff of Harrison Public School and will be conducting a landscaping campaign at the school where plans have been made to proceed with extensive shrubbery program.

Jim Costigan, who for the past year has been the caretaker at Harrison public school will be leaving the position in the middle of this month. Mr. Costigan told the board through Mr. Henry on Wednesday night that his health does not permit his staying on.

Combines Are Winners Tost Memorial Trophy

In a free scoring game Saturday, Combines copped the Sheeny Tost memorial trophy with an 11-8 victory over Smith and Stone. The playoff series went the five game limit for the evenly matched teams.

Combines put on the power play in the first period with a 4 goal spurge before S&S scored, and were never bested from that point on, although S&S were still gamely trying as the game ended and outscored the winners 3-1 in the final period.

Baxter, Haines and Ritchie were 2-goal men for Combines, with Tucker, Pries, George, Ezzard and MacCormack sharing the other goals. B. Hall scored three for S&S, George Webster had a pair, and Mossop and King singles.

64th ANNIVERSARY

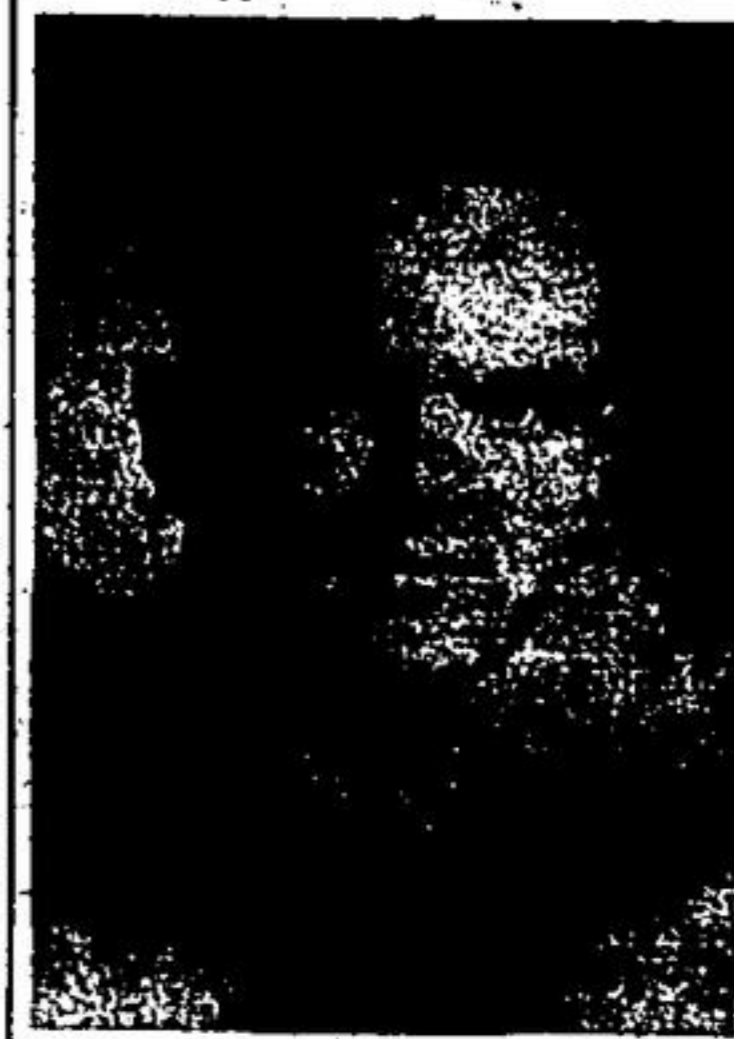
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freeston, Temple Road, celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary this week. The couple have been Georgetown residents since emigrating from England many years ago.



LLOYD G. DENBY

Lloyd G. Denby, Bell Telephone manager for Brampton and vicinity, recently celebrated his 21st anniversary with the Company. Mr. Denby, who began his telephone career in Windsor, also served with the Bell in London and at Toronto area headquarters prior to his Brampton appointment in January, 1956.

Now well-known in the community, he is president of the Business Industrial Association, vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce and director of the Rotary Club of Brampton. He is also an active supporter of the Victorian Order of Nurses.



ELLING BERG

COMPLETING a ten month training course at the Clarkson refinery of British American Oil Co., Eling Berg has been transferred to B.A.'s Calgary refinery as a chemical engineer. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Viking Berg, Limehouse, he is a graduate of Georgetown High School and received his B.Sc. degree at the University of Toronto in 1957. Mr. Berg, his wife and son Eling Jr. made the trip west by plane to their new home.

PLAN CANCER BLITZ MONDAY FUND DRIVE

Next Monday canvassers for North Halton Cancer Society will be calling at local homes in a "blitz" campaign designed to raise Georgetown's share of the \$4500 which the society is seeking in this part of the county to carry on its work for the next year.

Locally, the campaign is headed by Jim Carney as chairman. Another Georgetown resident, Ernie Alcott, serves as campaign manager for the whole North Halton area. Since its inception, the North Halton society, which has a work-room in Milton, has been particularly active in assisting those afflicted with the disease, and in carrying on promotional work and publicity for the functions of the society.

Final details of the blitz will be arranged tonight at a meeting in the arena Rose Room which will be attended by officials and canvassers.

CONTRACTORS, SUPPLIERS ENDORSE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

"Operation Home Improvement" a combined effort of contractors, sub-contractors and suppliers to stimulate use of home improvement loans has been okayed by a large percentage of local businessmen.

At a meeting at North Halton Golf Club last week, an executive was formed and plans made for an extensive publicity campaign designed to acquaint district residents with the fact that money can be borrowed from banks for such purposes. The group feels that, although such loans have been available for some time, householders are not too familiar with procedure. Maximum loans of \$4,000 are available from banks at a maximum of 6% interest for a wide variety of maintenance, improvement and additions to homes under the plan.

Operation Home Improvement hopes to encourage such borrowing to stimulate business in the construction trade. Improvement of local houses would make Georgetown a more attractive town

\$3,000 Damage When Car Hits Hydro Pole

Cars driven by Robert Ezard, 36 Byron Street and James Doyle, 141 Prince Charles Drive collided at the intersection of Windsor Drive and Prince Charles Drive Thursday, April 3rd, at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Doyle was driving down Prince Charles and Mr. Ezard was coming up Windsor and they met at the intersection. Total damage to both vehicles was \$1600 to the Doyle car and \$1,000 to the Ezard car. P.C. Whitson was the investigating officer. No injuries were suffered.

A car driven by Alfred Raymond William, 21 Water Street, which was proceeding west on Highway No. 7 went out of control at the Guelph and Queen intersection on Tuesday morning, April 8th at 4 a.m., and ran into a hydro pole, snapping it off at the bottom and also about twelve feet up. It came to rest on top of Mr. William's car. It was between 9.30 and 10 a.m. before the Hydro could release the car. Telephone service in the east Guelph Street area was interrupted for some time until repairs could be made. Total damage is estimated to be \$3,000 to Hydro pole, Bell Telephone lines and the car. P.C. Whitson investigated the accident. Mr. William suffered a cut on the forehead and chin. Firemen were called to the scene to stand by in case a fire resulted.

Head Office Promotion For Ex-Local Banker

Mr. Al Cameron, a member of the staff of the former Bank of Montreal in Georgetown and now with the branch in Newmarket, has received a promotion to head office in Montreal. His position will be that of assistant superintendent of the Ontario Division. His wife, the former Helen Brown lived on Charles Street with her aunt, Miss Evelyn Brown in the home now occupied by the Misses Holmesworth. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron have two sons, Donald and John. From Georgetown, Mr. Cameron was moved to Renfrew, thence to Huntingdon, Quebec, Kincairdine Meaford and to Newmarket. He will be assuming his new duties very shortly.

PROCLAMATION: AS INSTRUCTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL IN A MOTION PASSED ON APRIL 7th, I AM PLEASED TO PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF APRIL 13th to 19th CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK IN GEORGETOWN. The Chamber of Commerce is a potent force for Community good and an organization which works closely with the council in promoting the town. I commend its work to the citizens and wish the Chamber a successful year of achievement. JOHN T. ARMSTRONG, Mayor