

THIS PANORAMA of the Roxy Theatre fire scene Saturday was taken by Bob Turkington at a time when the upstairs front apartments were threatened in the blaze. A rangette from the Roberts' apartment is being lowered over the canopy while other household goods wait their turn. The dense smoke can be seen billowing towards Main Street, and goods removed from Emie's Radio and Maurice Manderson's law office are piled on the roadside at the left of the picture.

TOWN WITHOUT THEATRE AS \$30,000 BLAZE GUTS ROXY

Damage has been estimated at wall and continue its destruction close to \$30,000 as the result of right to the street. a spectacular fire Saturday after- Both tenants, Mr. and Mrs. John vestigate and organize the possi- as rector of St. Alban's Anglican daughter Ann visited on Sunday noon that ravaged the Roxy Thea- Lenz and family and Mr. and Mrs. bility of a Community Centre for Church, Glen Williams, will afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John tre on Mill Street one hour af Archie Roberts and family, were the people of Georgetown.

According to Fire Chief Jack shortly after the first flames were ren of this town. Harlow the blaze originated in spotted by Mrs. Merv Cook, Bill On Saturday last, in answer to the eaves at the north-east corner Anderson, who operates the neigh- a school survey, some 300 childof the building and spread rapid- bouring bowling alley and a faird ren registered in the park, eager by between the roof and the false passerby who turned in the alarm to participate in sports, baseball. tin ceiling toward the front where at about ten minutes past five. softball, soccer, etc. two families had to evacuate their As soon as he was alerted Mr. I'm sure this will be great news of their contents when the fire material stored there. threatened to break through an The entire roof of the theatre, We wish to appeal to the people rectory have been called by Ro-

Self-Serve Shopping Centre at Mackenzies

retail business marked another milestone last week when a new self-serve shopping centre

The J. B. Mackenzie & Son. Ltd. firm on James Street, just Main, was founded 58 years by the late J. B. Mackenzie in Acton and over fifty years ago bought the Henry Lawson planing mill in town.

The new addition consists a modern one-storey building with 32 foot frontage and 72 foot depth which adjoins the mill. In 2300 teet of floor space, there is displayed builders' hardware, paint, a complete line of hand and power tools and building supplies. It is the company's aim to carry the lines that the contractor. owner and do-it-yourself min will need and use.

The Mackenzie firm has conbest-known buildings. The post office, Wrigglesworth and Harrison public schools, the Roxy theatre building and the adjoining Georgetown 5c to \$1.00 store are the firm's workmanship. Mr. Mackenzie's first local contract was the Willoughby livery stable, which LOCAL MEMBERS OF & P.W. has now become the Legion Hall. and it is recalled that the late Gobe & Mail owner, mining mag-

The firm has a staff of 15 in ton with the Brampton club acting Georgetown and Acton. Since as hostess club. their father's death his son Sam William Lusty, James Douglas and extended by Miss Irene Abbott, former Principal of the lodge, Lou duped with rackets.

THE MAIL BAG

flames and removing the furniture

The owner, R. L. Gregory of

apartments and stores.

government investigator.

been caused by firecrackers.

ATTEND REGIONAL MEETING

Elsie Gregory MacGill, Provin-

SEEK MORE WORKERS FOR SPORT PROGRAM Dear Sir:

As you are aware, nine members were recently elected to inter it had been jammed with unaware that the building was main concern at the present time children watching the matinee. | ablaze until fire trucks arrived is to organize sport for the child-

apartments. Ernie's Radio appli- Lenz let down a fire proofing for the parents of these children. ance store and the M. E. Mander screen in the projection room save knowing at last their children will son law office were also emptied ing the films and other inflamable pay under the watchful eyes of a new rectory is completed be-

opening at the top of the fire the screen, stage, curtains were of Georgetown to assist us with land Haines, who is chairman of ery. razed and most of the seats dam-, this task. We have at the present the church's building committee aged in the fire which at its 25- willing helpers, but need and work will be starting on it height threatened the adjoining many more to make this under later this spring. Mackenzie Building. However the taking a success.

brigade confined it to the theatre managers, umpires, The false tin ceiling gave the ing: Mr. J. Hole, TR. 7-4605; Mr. an Anglican priest. firemen their most trouble. It W. Asseltine, TR. 7-9624; Mr. G. was while they were trying to Adams, TR. 7-3923; Mrs. J. Van tear down sections of this to get Leeuwen, TR. 7-9495.

at the flaming rafters that one of! The next meeting will be hel the firemen, George Glassford, in the park on Saturday morning was injured by a piece of falling at 10 a.m. All are most welcome tin. Another casualty was John to attend. Lenz, Jr. who distocated a recent-

Any children from 8 to 12 yrs. ly-healed shoulder while remov of age who have not registered ing goods from the apartment, can do so at the park this Satur-The brigade was aided by many day. Last chance for registration of the onlookers in battling the of this age group for this year. Mr. J. Hole.

bedding, appliances, etc from the Chairman Community Centre Ass.

MCMILLAN OHA VICE-PREXY Oakville and officials of the Odeon Ken McMillan, 8 Emery St., chain are conferring on plans to again first vice president of the rebuild but no decision has been Ontario Hockey Association. Mr. Trinity this year. made as yet. The theatre was McMillan was acclaimed to the built in 1928 and was known as position a couple of weeks ago the Gregory Theatre until a few years ago. Manager Bill Leslie for the annual meeting and elecsaid that a week ago the building had passed a fire inspection by a The blaze is believed to have Saturday,

Saturday in Grace Church, Bramp-

ELECTED MASONIC POST

GLEN WILLIAMS

New Rector To Preach Sunday At St. Alban's

John Rathbone, recently named: Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Waugh and Our preach his first sermon this Sun- Black and family. day morning in the church which Mr. and Mrs. Vic Swindlehurs he will serve as its first full-time and family have moved back to the minister.

their children Kathy, 7 and Peter, 3 will be missing to the Glen from Toronto within the next few weeks. They will temporarily be residing in a house on Mountainview Road near the bridge, until side the church. Tenders for the

Mr. Rathbone will be ordained speed and alertness of the fire Urgently needed are coaches, to the diaconate on May 18th in referees, Christ Church Catherdal, Hamil- spring is here to stay. Georgetown's oldest established proper. Water damage occurred linesmen. Will all adults inter-ton. A student at Trinity College in the standing portion of the ested in giving a helping hand, since 1954, he has another year WMS was held on Wednesday afplease contact one of the follow- of study ahead before he becomes ternoon at the Manse. Miss Hilts

> A native of Toronto he is a graduate of Riverdale Collegiate. Before entering the ministry, he worked in the city with the Ontario Automobile Co. and later was a salesman in Western One tario with National Motors. lived in Listowel for a year during this time, and is not unfamiliar with Georgetown, where one and pupils of the Blue Mountain of the auto dealers was on his School who performed so well at call route. He has been student the music festival on Monday. Kaassistant at his home church, St. thryn Sinclair was the winner in Mark's. Parkdale, until now. His the solo for Girls 8 and under and wife is the former Joan Philpott goes on to the finals and the choir of Toronto. Mr. Rathbone is vice- was placed second in their group. president of his divinity class at Others taking part in solo compet-

when nominations were received Business Bureau Speaker

Other officers returned include ter Business Bureau, Toronto, was is visiting in town with members If the Municipal Board says Geor- Misses Judy McCumber, Barbara president Lorne Cook of Kingston, guest speaker at the Business of her family at present, making getown can't afford a new disposal Carhart, Paulene Watson and second vice president A Hulse of & Professional Women's regular her headquarters with Mr. and plant, it would also be saying stop Sharon Cook. Working in the Aurora, treasurer George S. Dud- dinner meeting at the Jack O'Lan- Mrs. Wilbert Bradley, 17, Elgin St. building" and this would apply to men's department are David Seven members of the George A. Hewitt of Toronto. The only was "Rackets" and the members town Business and Professional new member of the executive com- were very enlightened after listennate William Wright, hauled stone Women's Club attended the Reg. mittee is Tim O'Neil of Stouffville ing to him and he answered many when that building was in pro- ional meeting of district No. 5 on who replaced Neil Cunningham of questions involving various types of door to door salesmen, employment rackets and rackets involving the mails. After several Members of the local Halton questions and discussions Mrs. and daughter Jean have managed cial President by Miss Noreen Ay. Chapter were among those taking Marchant stated that Georgetown ers of New Market, Regional Advi- part in the centennial meeting of is apparently one of those blems. A very satisfactory reincluded Comfort Rossel, Del Laird, sor, presided over the meeting. Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Mas- rare fortunate places where the post was given on games night the 582 houses will be a good pro-

president of the Brampton club Tracey was elected district super. Mrs. Win Wallace gave a very fund was established for members Delrex has shown good faith in Chapel St. E. For the opening, a number of to those attending from New Mar- intendent of Wellington District. good report of the regional meet- attending conferences and semin- its operations and Will do so in lucky draw prizes were given ket, Stouffville, Unionville, Geor- Several members went to To- ing held in Brampton last Saturars. This fund will be increased the future, he is sure. Douglas Latimer won a combin- getown and Brampton. Those at- ronto on Sunday to affend a speci- day. A great- deal of business at later dates and will be used to ation screen-storm door donated tending from Georgetown were at religious service held at the was transacted, a donation of \$200 help defray expenses of members Halton thanks to good financing Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kennedy; by Dom's. Sasts. Streetsville. Black Mrs. Win Wallace as voting dele. Royal York Hotel. On Monday, a was sent to the United Nation's wishing to attend these various by past councils" he continued. 2 Water St. and with other relaby Dom's. Same, Streetsville. Black Mrs. Win Wallace as voting dele- moyal rock motion, a was sent to the collected fraction of the collected by Mrs. Leaning Young, Texra Cotta bel Dobson, Mrs. A. N. Cole, Miss went to the centennial dinner donation to send the United Na- to the club and its activities. It than the public is, and I think the by Mrs. Lesine Young, Terra Cotta bel Dobson, Mrs. A. N. Cole, Miss went to the centennial dinner donation to send the United reand Gail McDonald, R.R. 2; Gar- Marion Robinson, Miss Lena Mc- which filled two ballrooms in the tions Liason Officer, Mrs. Margaret was also decided that the club bemajority of ratepayers are leaving member of the Bank of Com-Bond Hardware, were won by E. Miss Abbott was elected as Re- of the world. Those attending ditions for business and profes Council of Women and that a R. Francis, 5 Kests Ave. and C. gional Advisor for the next year G. Bishop, Glen Williams; mirrors, and the Georgetown Club will be donated by Canadian Pittsburgh bostess club for the next meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eason. Mr. Chamber of Commerce for the guest speaker was introdonated by Canadian Pittsburgh hostess club for the next meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eason, Mr. Chamber of Commerce for the duced by Shirley Brennan and right thing by signing the agree. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gunning. 14 Industries were won by Rosemary Everyone enjoyed a delicious ban and Mrs. Sam. Penrice, Mr. and erection of the club emblem at thanked by Betty Phelan. The ment. Francis, 5 Keats Ave. and Tony quet at the conclusion of the Bus- Mrs. Irwin Noble and Mr. Jack the eastern entrance to George- meeting adjourned after the say- "I have to support the motion Elley of Windsor visiting with town along with other club em- ing of the creed and benediction. because I'm afraid of what would them for a few days recently.

Fire Chief Asks Ban

On Sale of Fireworks

WHAT COUNCIL DID

A suggestion by Cr. Alfred Sykes that sale of fireworks be restricted to the two weeks prior With three councillors still dis- happen if we stop progress entire to May 24th, was carried one step senting, the 582-house Delrex re- ly," he said. restricted to the two weeks prior further at Monday's council meet- quest was okayed Monday" when "No councilor wants to stop proing when Fire Chief Jack Harlow council gave third reading to 'an gres," replied Cr. Hyde. "What expressed the opinion that fire agreement by-law allowing con- some of us are doing is trying to works sales be banned completely, struction to commence. Cr. Sykes' suggestion was made The reading followed a defeat- experts and I don't think that i

town solicitor had been asked to Hyde, Harrison and Elliott that Reeve Sargent said he believes prepare such a by-law. On Mon- the third reading not be presented people have had an adequate opday, the fire chier revealed that until there was a vote of the peo- portunity to examine the facts and Halton Fire Prevention Bureau ple, or until the 1954 Delrex ag- he thinks those who have so exhas a by-law under consideration reement to provide 40 per cent in. amined them will feel as he does which it plans to recommend to dustrial and commercial assess that the agreement is a good all county municipalities. It ment in town be fulfilled. would put a total ban on sales. Prior to the council delibera- Cr. Elliott said council had

pened at the theatre in Saturday's Humphrey Martyn. hockey game later that day" the fire chief said. Acton has had a sales ban in effect since 1956, he reported, and he would like to

see Georgetown do the same. Council, by a show of hands, decided to discuss a by-law next week which would limit sales to the week prior to May 24th. When the prevention bureau comes up with its recommendation, it will also give consideration to a total

BALLINAFAD

BLUE MOUNTAIN CHILDREN DO WELL, MUSIC FESTIVAL

Many old friends and neighbors mourned the death of Mrs. William McCluskey (Rhoda French) last week. The sympathy of the community goes out to the family in their loss.

village and are living in the house Mr. and Mrs. Rathbone and formerly occupied by Mrs. Bert Mr. F. W. Shortill has returned

> home after undergoing an operation in the Toronto General Hospital and is able to be out around the village again. We are sorry to report that Mr. Arnold McEnery had to go back

and we wish him a speedy recov-As the fine weather continues many of the farmers are finished their seeding and the start of daylight saving time and the sound of

lawn mowers are real signs that

to the hospital again this week

The afternoon Auxiliary of the presided and conducted the worship service and Mrs. Shortill read a study on the book of Numbers that had been prepared and sent to the meeting by Miss Young. For the topic, Mrs. Neelon gave a report of the 33rd annual meeting of the Committee on Evangelism He and Social Service which was very

interesting. Congratulations to the teacher ition were Nigel Spicer. Evelyn Kirkpatrick and Brian Sinclair.

tion of officers which was held in Explains Sales 'Rackets' Social & Personal

Mrs. S. B. Groat, 33 Victoria St. spent the week- end in Toronto with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jack would create a stagnant pool and

end with the Ted Darlingtons, on titions have gone beyond the muof Lindsay visited on the week- nicipality and if there is any good

Ronald Elwood, Robert Keeler, Greetings and a welcome were ons in Toronto this week, and a citizens are seldom involved or which had been held on April 14 position for the town and that he bec, was a visitor last week with in the Legion Hall. A delegates' favours keeping building rolling. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Petch,

WHAT COUNCIL DID

DELREX GETS COUNCIL OKAY PROCEED WITH 582 HOUSES

at last week's meeting, and the ed motion, supported only by Crs. stopping progress."

other than to specifically approv. tions, opposition was also expres been petitioned for a vote and if ed projects such as the Legion- sed by three ratepayers, Sid Orr, this had been ordered when first Town public display in the park, who had sparked a previous peti- requested, there wouldn't have "It is quite evident what hap tion for a vote, Tom Ferguson and been much time lost.

> tioned Delrex statements that total the issue. cil is concerned about similar the best interests of the town." growth porblems there, and asked "I can assure you the office o

ded passing of the motion, Cr. our own town." Hyde, who has been an outspoken | Council, he said, must have faith opponent, said he had consulted in the future of the town and must a solicitor who gave the opinion work cooperatively for the best that the 1954 Delrex agreement interests of the town. has "no teeth in it" as far as the 60-40 ratio is concerned, because ers such a situation.

lize the town can't force Delrex to carry out this clause," he said "and I think the town should get legal farther in the matter."

council representing the voters store in the present Cottage Inn and petitions have shown that vo- restaurant premises. ters are not in favour of going ahead without outside opinion. The present sewage disposal plant is overloaded, he said, and any until the new plant is underway.

"I'm not anti-Delrex," said Cr. Harrison. "I want to know whether we're on the right path, however, and I'd like to know if the Municipal Board will sanction septic tanks before we proceed."

think the public is solidly opposed lice.

"With due respect to public op- is employed at Silver's. Miss Lilinion, I think council is the only lian Watson manages the ladies' body in a position to make a deci- department, her brother Jack Watsion," he said.

the public's wish for more time," partment. Miss Isabel Thompson said Cr. Sykes. "The facts have is bookkeeper. Employed in the all been published in the paper ladies' section are Mrs. Joe Dwyer, and I haven't had one citizen Sr., Mrs. Bruce Ross, Mrs. Ken Daphone to ask my opinion."

that a new disposal plant is need- Riggs, Mrs. Jack Watson, Mrs. ed, he said, and reiterated his be- Gordon Currie, Mrs. E. L. Molloy, lief that the town needs more hou- Mrs. Edith Hamilton, Mrs. Herb Mr. Eric Marchant of the Bet- Mrs. Harvey Bradley of Oshawa sing to help share costs of this. Campbell, Mrs. Ray Whitmee, and industry too, he affirmed, and he can't see this happening.

'To stop development now that's not good," he continued. Cr. Kitchen, Mrs. Norman March-Mr. and Mrs. Norman Blackstone Sykes said he had heard other pe ment and Miss Carola Conle. in them council will certainly hear about them.

uphold specifications laid down by

Speaking just before the vote Mr. Orr quoted at some length was taken, Mayor Armstrong exfrom Herald news accounts of coun- pressed appreciation to council for cil meetings and particularly ques- the long hours of deliberation on

tax reevnue from the 582 houses "I have deep respect for those would be \$221,000. Mr. Ferguson who vote on either side of the quoted a Burlington newspaper re- question" he said "for I know they port which showed that town coun- are acting in what they consider

if Georgetown is requiring sub- mayor has not been exactly a pleadividers to provide a number of sant one these past few weeks extra contributions to aid the tax he said," for problems seem to be treasury as many other towns are getting more and more difficult doing. Mr. Martyn asked if coun- all the time. Regardless of the cil has seen a Delrex financial decision we will make tonight, statement, if the town owes any sometimes wonder if we don't lose money to the company, and whe- a little faith in what we have, and ther a larger sewer than would if our municipal problems don't otherwise have been required had also depend on economic conditions in the province and domin-During the debate which prece ion rather than being isolated in

nothing in the Municipal: Act cov- Silver's Addition Marks "It's quite a blow to me to real- Steady 30 Year Progress

Thirty years ago, a Russian imigrant, who had built a successful opinion as I did before going any business selling clothing from door to door in Georgetown, took Cr. Harrison said he is on the a big step and opened a modest

Last week, addition of 11,000 square feet of selling area, doubled the size of Silver's Dept. Store to give Georgetown what is bemass building should be delayed lieved to be the largest store of its type in a town this size in Ontario. The thirty years have seen steady expansion in the business founded by the late Hyman Silver and now operated by his son Sid. Moving to the present site in 1930, the old half of the store

Cr. Hyde said that by voting for | became the men's section when the building, council is turning its the Main St. frontage was doubled back on a good percentage of in 1948. Two years later, a base Georgetown who have asked for a ment shoe department was added. The latest addition at the back "Council is elected to make de doubles both upstairs departments, cisions, and if we turn every tough while in the rear basement decision back to the people, we children's section is in process of won't have much of a council in a construction. Basement storeroom few years" was the opinion ex- capacity has also been greatly inpressed by Cr. Gunn. Mr. Gunn creased, a sewing room and small said it is his opinion that the ag- private office has been added, as reement is fair, and he doesn't well as a mezzanine business of-

A staff of 29 men and women son, the men's and Ross Thomp-"I feel we have complied with son is in charge of the shoe devidson, Mrs. Ed. Shortill, Mrs. Council was told two years ago William Carhart, Mrs. Robert Jones, John Lenz, Jr., Robert Matthews, Norrie Wilson, John Benham and Cy Perkins, Acton. And in the shoe department, Mrs. Ron

Mrs. Charles Gallinger and son bel Leslie, Mrs. Gallinger was a