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FIRST SECTION

## Georgetown Favours Return To Three School Districts

In the opinion of Georgetown council every consideration should be given to dissolving the present North Halton high school district and replacing it with three districts which would centre around the towns of Georgetown, Milton and Acton. A motion to this effect was passed at the town council meeting Monday after a discussion with town representatives on the high school board, and it will be the town's recommendation to a consultative committee which is studying the high school set-up in the county.

The committee has called a public meeting in Milton on May 14, and Mayor Armstrong and Reeve Sargent were named to represent the town. It is anticipated that other councillors will also be there as well as the school board.

At the same time, Georgetown council showed interest in having the county float a debenture issue which will provide funds for school additions at Georgetown and Acton and a new school at Milton. Ernest Forgrave was spokesman for the board members present, Fred Masterman, James Goodlet and Thomas Niven and explained that recently it had been learned that where a school district comprises the majority of municipalities in a county, the county council is obliged to issue debentures. In North Halton's case, five of the nine county municipalities form the board. He estimated there might be a saving as high as \$250,000 for a consolidated million dollar bond issue, as the county can command a lower interest rate and better market price when selling bonds.

Sale of the bonds in this way would not affect any future dissolution of the district, he stressed, as the new districts would then take over their share of debt charges. Council endorsed a resolution which is also being presented this week to councils in Acton, Milton, Esqueping and Niagara Falls.

In the next year, plans call for demolition of the old part of Georgetown school, replacing it with 12 rooms and a gymnasium and stage, which would also be used as a cafeteria. Acton will have 5 more rooms and a gym and Milton a new 12 room school with gym, this to form the basis of the future Milton school, the present building to be used for junior grades at present. Costs are estimated at \$430,000 for Georgetown, \$415,000 for Milton and \$290,000 for Acton, with a 75% government grant applying to all expenditure except the gym.

Georgetown will have a 700 enrollment five years from now, Mr. Forgrave said. The three towns are in a minority Ontario group which do not have school gyms, and the Dept. of Education has given verbal assurance that should grants become available on this construction in the next few years, the towns would get a retroactive grant.

Original plans to demolish Georgetown school this summer have been delayed and there is a possibility that the building will have to stand another year to accommodate a Milton overflow in September, he said, citing this as one of the reasons a cumbersome district should be broken into smaller areas.

Mayor Armstrong reviewed Georgetown's position, forced for economic reasons to join an area

## Georgetown Wins All Seven Classes At Music Festival

Georgetown made a clean sweep in the North Halton music festival for urban schools last week. At the festival, held in the auditorium of the Robert Little School, Acton, on May 1st, Georgetown captured seven firsts in the seven festival classes, as well as four seconds and two thirds. Adjudicator was Frank Holton, who is director of music for the Brantford public schools.

In the class for senior choirs, Wrighlesworth, Harrison and Chapel schools finished in that order in a class which also included two Acton entries, Glen Williams and Milton.

Chapel placed first in junior choir, with Wrighlesworth second in a large class which featured entries from all the eligible schools. The same schools took top prizes for their boys' choirs. Harrison was the only local entry in the boys' ensemble for changed voices and scored first in a 6-entry class.

The Chapel tripple trio was followed by Milton's Bruce St. school and Georgetown Wrighlesworth. Top entries in a triple duet for Grades 5 and 6 were Wrighlesworth, Chapel and Acton's Robert Little school. Chapel also won first place in the duet class, followed by two Milton entries, Bruce St and Holy Rosary.

In two other classes restricted to smaller schools, Norval had the junior choir and Campbellville the best senior choir.

## Roman Catholics Plan Separate School Here

At a recent assembly of Roman Catholic householders, a resolution was approved to establish a Separate School in Georgetown and to elect a board of trustees.

Held in the Parish Hall of Holy Cross Church on April 26th, the meeting was very well attended and plans to form a school board were supported by a large majority of those present. Acting as chairman, Harold Fobert, 82 Rexway Drive outlined the considerable amount of organizing and work proceeding the meeting and described the approved system of nomination and election. A general discussion of the separate school question and its application to a rapidly-growing community produced the conclusions that such a resolution was overdue and that the necessary steps should be undertaken at once to organize a legally-constituted body to deal with the problem.

Elected by ballot to serve as trustees following the prescribed municipal and provincial notifications were Neil Guerin, 10 Sargent Rd., Gerard Wilcox, 142 Guelph St., John Pignatelli, 3 Bard Lane, Rueben Neale, 15 Henry St., William Pringle, 44 Byron St., and Robert C. McDermott, 38 Edith St. Mr. McDermott will be chairman and Mr. Guerin secretary-treasurer.

## New Staff Members At Both Town Banks

The local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce now has a staff of sixteen. The two most recent additions to the staff are local girls, Gloria Boyd, 31 Normandy Blvd., and Gail Thompson, 11 Durham St. Gail is a sister to June Thompson, who has been a member of the bank personnel for some time now.

At the Royal Bank the new staff includes Ed Dowling of Streetsville who has been here for a little over a month as has the newest member, Betty Lucas of Glen Williams. The number employed at the Royal now stands at nine.

Completing the Royal bank staff are manager Dick Miller, George Mehn, James Parsons, Shirley Burt, Mary Higgins, Mrs. Ken Jubb, and Dini Kalsbeck.

Under manager Don Wingrove at the Commerce are Lee King, Bob Burke, Mrs. Fred Nelson, Mrs. Don Rand, Mrs. Jessie Wilcox, Mrs. Leiko Janssen, Mrs. Chris Richter, Mary Lindsay, Mrs. William Henderson, Mrs. Roland Avery, Grant Caskey and Neil Benton.

## Blindness No Handicap When Right Job Chosen

Field Supervisor Wesley Stanley told 60 present at the annual dinner of the Halton Advisory Board of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind that Halton has 44 registered blind. The dinner, attended by representatives of various organizations in Halton, was held in St. Paul's United Church, Milton.

In his report, the field supervisor reviewed that 16 had received eye service, four local service, three home tending, one pre-school child had been given training, four had received sales, seven library service, two had been employed and four had been allowed supplemental assistance.

The supervisor recommended planning for the annual picnic for the blind of Halton and Peel. The date was set for June 18 at Appleby College, Oakville.

Guest speaker of the evening, L. G. Williamson, National Director of Employment for the CNIB, was introduced by G. E. Elliott.

Mr. Williamson reviewed the work of his department organized in 1918. He outlined the training provided for the blind and the work of securing suitable jobs. "If you can place a blind person suitably on a job, blindness is not a barrier."

Detailing the types of training available for the blind, the national director recalled navigational training, basket work, training of dictaphone typists, field secretarial work, business management and household maintenance improvement.

Mr. Williamson also outlined the recent addition of a farm counselor to the staff to assist blind farm people to make their operations more profitable.

Following the dinner served by the Mr. and Mrs. Club of St. Paul's, Halton chairman G. F. Thompson welcomed those present. He noted C.N.I.B. campaigns would be starting in Milton, Acton and Georgetown on May 5.

The treasurer's report submitted by H. Kelson revealed revenue of \$9,759.60. Campaigns in the year had resulted in county grant, \$500; Oakville, Trafalgar - Bronte Good Neighbor Fund, \$4,000; Burlington \$1,579; Georgetown - Glen Williams, \$955; Milton \$1,285; Acton \$702; Avro Aircraft Employees' Welfare Fund, \$239; Orenda Aircraft Employees' Welfare Fund, \$105.

K. Y. Dick concluded the evening with expressions of thanks to the church, catering group and speaker.

## Georgetown Gets Award For Fatality-Free Year

Georgetown has been honoured by the Canadian Highway Safety Conference with a Special Citation Award for the distinction of having completed 1957 without one fatal traffic accident. The conference this year is being held in Edmonton, Alberta, from Monday May 5th until this evening.

Eleven other towns in Ontario were awarded the citation for class three which includes cities and towns with population between 5,000 and 10,000. Ajax, Arrgipior, Bowmanville, Port Erie, Hawkesbury, Kapuskasing, Extry Sound, Perth, Port Hope, Thorold and Whitby are the other towns honoured.



GEORGETOWN TOPPED ALL CLASSES in the music festival last week of urban public schools which was held in Acton. Among the winners was this triple trio from Chapel St. school. Seated, left to right, Yvonne Spear, Heather Arnold, Sylvia Ellis. Standing, Andrew DeBoer, Leonard Taylor, Jacqueline Shepherd, Mary Jean Tucker, Pamela Turnbull, Paul Marko. All are Grade 8 students in Principal Val Stein's class.

## Mrs. Sloan Is Head Of Chapel Home & School

Mrs. W. Sloan of 36 Hewson Crescent, was elected president of the Chapel Street home and school association on May 5th when the association held their meeting at the school. Mrs. Fred Tucker, 20 Main St. N., and Reg Broomhead, 14 Victoria Cres., share the vice presidency.

Mrs. Al Currie, 19 Elizabeth St. is again corresponding secretary, Mrs. Henry Hehan, 11 Aretta St., is recording secretary and the treasurer is Mrs. Gordon King, 16 Churchhill Crescent.

Members of the executive include Mrs. Joe Eastman, 60 Main St. N., Vera McGee, 15 Chapel St. E., and Mrs. J. Turnbull, 18 Morris St., and Mrs. J. Turnbull, 46 Main St. N., J. McBryde, 7 Elizabeth St., Mrs. Russ McClure, 3 Temple Road and Mrs. Murray Moley, 22 Wesleyan St.

W. Jackson of the Horticultural Society spoke to the members and encouraged a Junior Horticultural Society in connection with the school. Theirs were guests at the meeting and sang the selections that topped the gold medals for them at the recent music festival at Acton.

The winners of a competition to design a crest for the school, Lorne Coffell and Bobby McCumber were on hand to receive cash awards presented by the association.

## Deacon And Teacher At Belfountain Baptist

A deacon of the Belfountain Baptist Church and teacher of the Bible Class for many years William George McMaster died in Dufferin Area Hospital, Orangeville, on Saturday, May 8th after an illness of almost three months.

Mr. McMaster, born the son of the late Robert and Mary Jane McMaster was in his seventy-eighth year and lived all his life in Caledon Township. He is survived by three sisters and a brother. Mrs. Thomas Coburn (Daisy), 31 King St. E., Georgetown, Mrs. Sam Brock (Mary), and Mrs. Bert Laughton (Lily) of Belfountain and Jack of Caledon Township. Mrs. Merv Kirby of Glen Williams is a niece and Jack and Norman Coburn of Georgetown are nephews.

Rev. W. Butler of Orton conducted the funeral service in the Belfountain Baptist Church on Monday, May 5th at 2:30 p.m. Stewart Scott, Archie Lawr, Donald McArthur, Roy Trimble, Gordon Corbett and Harold Cameron were the pallbearers. Interment was in Blair's Cemetery.

## WHAT COUNCIL DID Ask Water or Sewer Service For Ann Street

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It was left to the water and public works committees of council to investigate and recommend a solution to council.

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All are under consideration, he was told by road chairman Walter Gray.

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## Bill Wilson Appointed Delrex Publicity Man

D. M. W. (Bill) Wilson has been appointed director of public relations for Delrex Developments Ltd. and associated companies. For the past four years he has been managing director of the National Warm Air Heating and Air Conditioning association, and prior to that was fuel oil controller for Trinidad Leaseholds.

Son of the late Harold B. Wilson, a justice of the peace in Belleville, Berkshire, Eng., where his parents married while his father was serving overseas in the first war. During his own service overseas as paymaster of No. 13 Canadian General Hospital, Mr. Wilson also married an English bride and they have four children, Carole Anne, Suzette, Robert William and Penelope.

Mr. Wilson attended school in Belleville, getting an accountancy degree from Ontario Business College, later taking advanced accounting courses with LaSalle Extension College, Chicago. He is the grandson of a United Church minister, the late Rev. W. D. P. Wilson of Belleville. While a resident of North Burnaby, B.C., he was secretary of the Kiwanis Club for four years.

## Music Medallists And Orators Entertain At Terra Cotta Club

Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Herb Dolson were hosts to the Terra Cotta Farmers Club for their regular meeting. Roll call was answered with "Benefits of a Hobby." Mrs. Fraser MacDonald read a poem "Rural Symphony" following with a paper, "We Each Have a Fort to Hold."

In the joint meeting a number of the Peel County Festival winners delighted everyone with their music. Joan McDonald sang a solo and Shelly Lyons gave a piano solo, Linda and Shari Lou Leslie favoured with a duet, all had won medals at the Festival.

Gary McNally gave the speech on "Soap Operas" with which he won the Peel county public speaking contest for his age group and Irene Hunter gave the recitation with which she won a cup in the school competition. Mrs. Lewis of Brampton sang two solos, and Mrs. Art McKane gave a reading "How to get ahead." Mrs. Owens McDonauld thanked the hosts and everyone who had made it such an enjoyable meeting. Mrs. Wilfrid Leslie and Mrs. Fraser MacDonald were in charge of the program for the evening.

## TRAFALGAR FIRE CHIEF WELL-KNOWN LOCALLY

Freeman Bray, 66, well-known by members of the local fire department in his capacity as Trafalgar fire chief, died at his home in Bronte on Sunday.

He had been chief of No 1 Brigade since 1932. He leaves his wife and one daughter.

Mrs. J. P. Hunter and served overseas with the Canadian Army in World War II. In 1948 he married the former Beatrice Richmond. A daughter, Nancy, is one and a half years old while another daughter, Catherine, predeceased her father recently.

The funeral service was held at the McLanaghan-Wall Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 30th at 1:00 o'clock with interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Guelph. Mr. Hunter was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church in Guelph.

## Transport Driver Was Well-Known Locally

A Direct Winters transport driver well known locally, James A. Hunter, age 38 of 171 Eramosa Rd. died suddenly at his home on Sunday, April 27th. Mr. Hunter was the regular Direct Winters driver between Guelph and Georgetown. A cousin, Mr. Albert Craig, lives in town at 30 Church St.

He was born in Eramosa Township, the son of the late Mr. and

## WHAT COUNCIL DID

### Restrict Sale and Use of Fireworks in Georgetown

Regulations for sale and use of fireworks in Georgetown were passed at Monday's council meeting.

Henceforth it is illegal to sell fireworks except during the week preceding the Victoria Day celebration and then only to people 16 and over. It is also illegal to discharge fireworks except on Victoria Day. Special permission can be given for public displays such as the one planned for the park on May 24th with the fire chief empowered as permit issuer.

Adoption of the regulations followed a plea by Fire Chief Jack Harlow at last Monday's meeting which dovetailed with a suggestion made a few weeks previous by Cr. Alfred Sykes. The fire chief mentioned the Roxy theatre fire and the prevalence of firecrackers at a hockey game later that day as reasons for control, and said the county fire prevention bureau will later recommend a uniform by-law which it will ask all municipalities to pass.

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## Hunters Association To Aid In Safety Program

A delegation from the Georgetown Anglers and Hunters Association were in Milton on May 1st where they attended a special meeting called by the Halton Sports Men's Club to familiarize Anglers and Hunters and rifle and pistol clubs throughout the county with a program now being organized by the Dept. of Lands and Forests, whereby each club may have members qualified as instructors.

The clubs will be authorized and requested to conduct a short course on the safe handling of fire arms. This course is laid down by the Dept. of Lands and Forests primarily for the benefit and safety of young hunters.

It is expected that the program will be in operation by the fall and as soon as training facilities are adequate, all hunters applying for their first license must present a certificate that they have successfully completed the course.

A representative of the Dept. of Lands and Forests was present at the meeting to explain the program and slides were shown to illustrate the training program.

Those attending were informed that seventy-one hunters have been fatally wounded in hunting accidents during the past four years. By establishing the safety program and making instructions mandatory for all new hunters it is expected the annual toll will be reduced considerably in years to come and as a result make hunting a safer sport.

The delegates from the Georgetown Anglers & Hunters Association comprised Don Hancock, Jack Fuckerling, Don Powers, Mike Marko and Albert Whitney.

## FIREWORKS MAY 24th

The annual Victoria Day fireworks display, a joint effort of town council and the Legion branch is planned in the park on Saturday, May 24th this year.