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SECOND SECTION

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Employment Registration Shows 413 Local Ex-Avros

Statistics compiled by Georgetown Employment Service were revealed to council at their March 23 meeting by Kelvin C. Brown, one of a group of ex-Avro men, who had volunteered to assist in classifying unemployed residents and making this information available to potential employers.

Mr. Brown said 415 of a total of 440 registered with the service are Georgetown residents, the balance

living in surrounding rural areas. It is difficult to keep figures accurate, he said, because when a man obtains employment he does not always notify the service immediately.

He estimates that 25 per cent of this total have become employed, and said that 12 to 18 people are weekly being placed in new positions.

Questioned as to whether he

thought many ex-Avroites are thinking of "pulling up stakes" and leaving the district, Mr. Brown said a small percentage is doing so, but he feels the majority are hoping to find employment close enough to keep their homes here. He personally knows of only three families who have moved so far, he said, but he knows of several who will be moving to the United States some time in the future.

Whether there will be a mass movement of people depends on the future industrial situation in the district, he said. There is indication that speculators have been approaching people looking for "good buys" in houses, but most home owners have quite a stake in their property and are not going to be panicked into losing their equity.

Chapel Street Pupils Entertain at Manor

On Wednesday evening, March 25th, sixteen pupils of Grades 7 and 8 of Chapel Street school had an entirely different experience that gave them all a great deal of pleasure. They, along with their principal, Mr. Val Stein, Bruce Mackeson, Hazen Allen, Bob Pinkerton, Mr. and Mrs. Vern McCumber and Mrs. James Evans, their accompanist and Kenneth Harrison, their musical director, travelled to Halton Centennial Manor where they entertained the residents with a musical evening.

The program for the evening consisted of "The Happy Wanderer," "Santa Lucia," "Cockles and Mussels" by the pupils. Mrs. Evans and Mr. Harrison played a piano duet of "Tea for Two." Barbara Evans and Bobby McCumber sang the vocal duet "Come Sweet Delight." "The Wedding of the Painted Doll" was the second selection of the piano duet team. Bobby McCumber's solo was the "Knight's Song" and the choir concluded the program with "Let us with a Gladsome Mind" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Miss Muriel Thompson, secretary at the Home, and a former resident of Georgetown, thanked the Georgetown guests for the great pleasure they had given the residents. The guests were served refreshments by the Manor Staff.

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GEORGETOWN ABOUNDS IN championship teams this year. One of them is this group of bantam all-stars who took top honours in a 4-town tournament recently in Acton. Left to right, kneeling, Bob Kemshead, Mac Korzack, (assistant captain), Jack Gudgeon (assistant captain), Wayne Dixon, Glenn Cooper. Standing, coach Fred Harrison, Bill Campbell, Wayne Riddall, Murray Marchmont (captain), Jim McNiven, Terry Lane, John Adams, Doug Quanbury, Ken Morrow, John Scott, Doug Vivian and manager Jack Gudgeon.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Malton Situation Won't Affect Plans for Sewage Disposal Plant

Georgetown's new sewage disposal plant got the go-ahead signal on March 23rd when council met with Brian Larmour of the Ontario Water Resources Commission and Mr. Dutton of the Proctor & Redfern engineering firm which is designing the new plant.

The meeting came after a letter from the Ontario Municipal Board asking if council wished to reconsider going ahead with the plant in view of the Avro layoffs. Council was unanimous in deciding that the plant is needed whether Georgetown grows larger or not and that Malton has not had any particularly large adverse effect on the scheme.

Cr. Fred Harrison spoke at some length about the need for more adequate sewage disposal. Georgetown has increased 2,000 in population since it was first learned the present plant is inadequate, he said, and he estimates twice as much effluent is being treated at present as the plant is designed for.

Since Avro slackened, some 30 new Delrex houses have been sold, he said. There is the question, too, of a temporary treatment system being used in the newer portion of Delrex and if this were added to the present disposal system it would aggravate the system even more.

Mr. Larmour explained that he had discussed the matter with the Municipal Board and it was felt wise to let the town know that if Malton had a serious effect, the OWRC would consider delaying its plans. Referring to information which he had heard presented by Kelvin C. Brown, about the number of locally unemployed people, he said he was convinced that a job is not being imposed on Georgetown beyond its financial capacity. The bid for a trunk sewer was exceptionally low, he said, and one which he was anxious to accept. (Of 9 bids for this, ranging as high as \$431,000, the tender of East End Excavators had been accepted to do this part of the job for \$155,600.)

Mr. Dutton explained that the new treatment plant is designed to service twice the present volume of sewage.

"What would happen if Georgetown said it couldn't afford to proceed at present?" asked Mayor Armstrong.

"We have two hats in the OWRC" answered Mr. Larmour. "Mine is financing and Dr. Berry is health. We have a commitment from the town to proceed and have authorized the building of more houses because of this. Legally, you are committed to proceed, but we are not a government body which would force you."

"In other words," said the mayor, "in jocular vein, we have the choice of deciding whether to proceed or not, providing we say yes."

Cr. Ern Hyde said there must have been some thought on the part of the OWRC and Municipal Board to write to council in the first place, and wondered if it was giving them an easy way out if the town wishes.

Mr. Larmour explained that he had suggested the letter himself. He had read in the Toronto papers

about Malton and believed at that time it might be calamitous for the town.

"If tax collections were to drop substantially, if I were a councillor here I would want to survery the situation," he said. "It's been a revelation to me that Georgetown stands on its own feet despite Malton. If the employment figures I have heard here tonight would do a lot of good. I didn't realize either that your houses are NIA and that your taxes are assured, despite unemployment."

Questioned by Cr. Hyde, Mr. Hutton said the first stage of the new disposal plant will handle a million and a half gallons daily. He estimated current intake, were all Delrex to be included, at 900,000 gallons. It is hard to correlate population figures to the size of plant, he said, because industrial requirements vary widely, and a new industry could throw any estimates completely out of line.

Asking if waste from the coating mills could be carried in the system, Mayor Armstrong was told by Mr. Dutton that this could not be done without pre-treatment. Questions of whether the town wishes to start paying for the sys-

tem this year, even though the disposal plant will not be completed, and avoid paying "interest on interest" was referred to council's finance committee to decide.

Speaking Finals Tonight At City Education Meet

More than 30 of Ontario's most skillful young speakers are preparing to charm away any notion that they should be seen and not heard.

They're the cream of the junior orators across the province, competitors in the Public Speaking Contest during the Ontario Educational Association's 90th annual convention at the King Edward Sheraton Hotel, Toronto.

For the first time in the contest's 35-year history, the competition is open to secondary school students. Their finals are being held to night, April 1, the elementary schools competed last night.

The contest is sponsored by Ontario Hydro and the Ontario School Trustees' and Ratepayers' Association.

All the speakers are champions from previous district contests—13 regional semi-finals in the elementary school division, 10 in the secondary—and all will talk on the benefits and applications of electricity.

In addition to prepared speeches, five to seven minutes long, there will be a contest in impromptu speaking, where secondary school students have only half-an-hour to study a chosen topic for a speech three to five minutes long.

The nine provincial winners will be chosen on a point system for their material, style, language and delivery.

Ontario Hydro, which has supplied more than 50,000 kits of background and reference material, will also donate cups, shields and cash prizes: in the elementary contest, \$75 for first place, \$50 for second and \$25 for third; secondary prepared contest, \$100, \$75 and \$50; and secondary impromptu contest, \$50, \$25 and \$15.

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This personal appeal to the users of our streets and highways is the basis of the Moral Responsibility Campaign sponsored by the Ontario Department of Transport. It is receiving enthusiastic endorsement and active support from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and from local safety councils, police departments, service clubs, women's groups and other community organizations.

You can help the Moral Responsibility Campaign achieve success by practicing the Golden Rule of traffic safety—drive and walk as you would have others drive and walk.

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