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SEEK \$250,000 IN PUBLIC DONATIONS FOR HOSPITAL FUND

Name Thomas Dillon As General Chairman

John A. Gunn, president of the Board of Directors of the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital Association recently announced the launching of a fund to raise roughly \$1,000,000 for a new hospital in Georgetown. In addition to grants anticipated from Federal, Provincial and County Governments, which are expected to total \$810,000, \$250,000 will be sought from public sources.



J. A. GUNN

Thomas A. Dillon, President of the Thomas A. Dillon Co. of Toronto, and a resident of Glen Williams will be general chairman of the campaign Mr. Gunn stated.

At a recent organizational meeting the following persons were announced as having accepted key positions in the effort: Thomas A. Dillon, B. H. (Bill) Breckenridge, Corporate Advance Gifts, John Ord and John Y. Armstrong, Corporate Special Gifts; Richard Lieta, Small Business Firms; Robert McMenamy, Bruce Wilson, Pearce Porter and William Collier, Gifts of Employees; Rev. Alex Calder, residential area; Denny Charles, rural areas; Leadership in securing gifts from physicians will be shared by Dr. C. Alan Thompson and Dr. Alistair Macintosh. Mrs. Alex Taylor will be responsible for Women's Clubs. Thomas J. Ferguson is chairman of Public Information. Jim Jones will lead the solicitation of Men's Special Gifts and Mrs. Al Currie is chairman of Women's Special Gifts.

The million dollar hospital fund will make possible the erecting of an up to the minute, 1 story, 65 bed hospital with plans for later expansion to 150 beds. Surveys indicate that upwards to 1800 persons in Georgetown and district will need hospital care this year. The creation of the Georgetown and District Hospital will relieve the present demand upon the already hard pressed services of hospitals in Guelph and Brampton. Plans provide for the building of the new hospital on spacious grounds at the foot of Princess Anne Drive. All committees are in the process of formation and upwards to 500 persons will eventually be involved in the campaign.

Interesting History Of Two Gavels For Mayor

Presenting a gavel to incoming Mayor Ern Hyde at Monday's inaugural meeting, Ex-Mayor Jack Armstrong told an interesting sidelight on what he termed the "distinguishing badge of a presiding officer." It was in 1932 that council first decided to have the mayor make use of a gavel which, commonly, is rapped on the table to signify passing or turning down of a motion, but which can also, if the occasion warrants, call for order at a meeting. At that time, Mr. Armstrong said, it was his intention to present the gavel to the town himself and he ordered one. When his purchase arrived a few weeks later, he took it to a meeting, only to find that another councillor, the then-reve Kenneth R. MacDonald had had the same idea. Before Mr. Armstrong could produce his purchase, Mr. MacDonald came forward with a handsome gavel which he had designed himself. It was decided that, when Mr. Armstrong retired from office, he would retain this as a souvenir, and he now treasures it at home, he said, while presenting his own purchase to Mr. Hyde for future use.

Seven Homeless After Flash Fire In The Glen

A Glen Williams family is homeless as the result of a flash fire that completely gutted their two room house near the outskirts of town Friday. The small oil space heater which was blamed for the blaze exploded at about 3:40 Friday afternoon while Mrs. Thompson was at home with her two youngest children and her mother. A Star Weekly carrier, Bill Walms, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Walms also of the Glen, was credited with rescuing one of the children, Bill who was at the door when the stove exploded rushed into the house and swept up the youngest child carrying her to safety. His hair was singed by the flames. The older child was carried out by Mrs. Thompson while Mrs. McMurdo dashed to a neighbour's phone to turn in the alarm. By the time the firemen arrived the house was beyond saving. The windows had melted from the heat and flames were licking up the sides of the roof. The contents were either devoured by the flames or damaged sufficiently to be a total write-off. At the end of the hour and a half battle only a shell was standing.



REEVE AND DEPUTY TAKE OATH

REEVE DOUG SARGENT, left, and Deputy Reeve Walter Gray take their oath of office Monday from Clerk C. G. Benham at the Georgetown council inaugural. Rev. Alex Calder, left, and Rev. Morgan McFarlane conducted a short religious ceremony during the meeting. —Photo by Jay's Studio, Georgetown

Reeve Sinclair, Council Installed in Esqueving

January 4th saw inauguration of the 1960 Esqueving township council when at a morning ceremony the 5-member council took their oath of office. Clerk-treasurer K. C. Lindsay officiated. Council members are Reeve Campbell Sinclair, Deputy Reeve Wilfrid Bird and Councillors George Leslie, Walter Linham and Wilfrid Leslie. A devotional period was conducted by Rev. Alex Calder at the start of the meeting. Main items of business when council reconvened in the afternoon at Stewarttown were appointments to various township boards. George Leslie and Wilfrid Leslie will represent the township on Esqueving Fire Area 1, which is served by Georgetown Fire Department. Campbell Sinclair and Walter Linham are on Acton Fire Area board and Wilfrid Bird on Milton area. Edwin Harrop was appointed to Esqueving Planning board for a 3-year term. Wilfrid Leslie represents the township on Credit Conservation Authority. Wilfrid Bird on 16 Mile Creek Authority; and the Reeve on Grand Valley Authority. Routine business included establishing a \$128,000 mortgage credit at the bank and pay-

NEW MAYOR GETS A GAVEL

HANDING THE GAVEL to incoming Mayor Ern Hyde, Ex-Mayor Jack Armstrong explained that it is one which he is presenting to council, while retaining the one he used during his terms of office. Looking on, left to right, are Assessment Commissioner Joseph Gibbons, Town Engineer Geoffrey Blyth, Clerk-Treasurer C. G. Benham and Police Chief Roy Haley. —Photo by Jay's Studio, Georgetown

SLIGHT TAX INCREASE FORECAST BY MAYOR

CONFIDENT INDUSTRY THIS YEAR: HYDE

"It is possible and probable that we will have a slight tax increase this year," warned Mayor Ern Hyde, in his inaugural address to council Monday, "and we must tighten the purse strings wherever we can." The mayor said it is his hope to end 1960 without a deficit. "I have confidence that, before this year is ended, Georgetown will have some of the industry we have been searching for," he continued. It is his belief that industrialists are not bargain seekers, and that if a town proves it is operating in a businesslike way, a favourable look will be taken when industry is seeking new locations. Mr. Hyde stressed the importance of committee work, saying as much as possible business should be done in the committee room, though also pointing out that no member is expected to accept a committee report without question if he is opposed to such decision. Taking their oath of office from Town Clerk C. G. Benham nine Georgetown men took their seats around the council table to begin their terms of office. Returning to council seats were Mayor Ern Hyde, elevated by acclamation to this position, Reeve Doug Sargent, Deputy Reeve Walter Gray and Councillors John Elliott, Fred Harrison and John Gunn. Taking council seats for the first time were Ian Cass, William F. Hunter and D. Kelly. Following a customary procedure, Georgetown Ministerial Association had been asked to conduct a religious ceremony, and appearing for this group were Rev. Alex Calder who read an appropriate portion of scripture and Rev. Morgan McFarlane, who offered prayer. Another custom will be continued and council plans to attend the morning service at St. John's United this Sunday. Following the meeting, Mayor and Mrs. Hyde entertained councillors, town officials and their wives at a social evening at their home on Ewing St.

Wilson Again Heads Public School Board

Public School Board chairman, Ed Wilson, accepted a nomination to head the board for the sixth time in its ten year history last Wednesday night when the election of 1960 officers took place at Harrison Public School. Only the second member to ever occupy the position, since the board was reconstituted after a one-year period when public school needs were served by a Board of Education, Mr. Wilson guided the board through its initial term in 1950 and drew re-election in 1951-52 and '53. He returned to the chair in 1959 following the resignation of Ray Salter who headed the board from 1954 to 1958. The board was unanimous in retaining Jim Evans as secretary-treasurer and business administrator. Comprising the committees for the coming year are: finance—Stan Finlay and Kelvin Brown; property—Harry Shortill and Roy Hansen; management—Ray Salter and the remainder of the board; planning and development—Roy Hansen and the remainder of the board. T. H. VanSickler was re-appointed to the public library board for a three year term, and M. H. Moyer re-hired as attendance officer.

Plan Blitz Campaign For Murden Fund

A blitz campaign, designed to aid Mr. and Mrs. Roy Murden in a substantial way for heavy medical bills incurred, is being planned for Monday, January 25th. Announced elsewhere in this issue, it is a plan of three local residents, Jack Spence, Sam Meltzer and Frank Bryant who, with Mrs. Leonard McAfee have obtained the help of a number of canvassers. It is planned to visit every home in town that evening, asking for cash donations to the Sandra Murden fund. Sandra was seriously injured when struck by a car in October and has been a patient in Toronto General Hospital since then. Canvassers who wish to volunteer can call Mrs. McAfee at TR 7-4417.

Don Hancock Named Angler, Hunter Prexy

The 1960 officers of the Georgetown Anglers & Hunters Association will be headed by an R. R. 1, Glen Williams resident, Don Hancock who was named to his first term as president last Wednesday night when the GAHA held their annual election of officers at their cabin near Hickory Falls. Don Powers was elected vice president; Mike Fitzmaurice, treasurer, and George Hoare, secretary. The club's past president is Gordon Spence. A four member entertainment committee includes Art McAllister, Harvey Copland, Fred Darby and Don Thompson, and Ralph Banke, Bob Satterington, Ian Prosser comprise the social committee. A sports committee includes Coe Hoare, Don Livingstone, Fred Darby and Gordon Spence. A number of members of the GAHA were present at a conference on fish and wildlife control and management on southern Ontario farms. The conference was held at the Memorial Hall at the Ontario Agricultural College Guelph, on January 12th and was sponsored by the conservation council of Ontario.

BRIDGE AND EUCHE RE AT CWL CARD PARTY

Bridge and euche were the features when eleven tables of players enjoyed an evening of cards in Holy Cross School on Friday. The evening was sponsored by the Catholic Women's League.

Trout Re-Stocking is Club 1960 Project

Georgetown District stream will be restocked with trout this year it was disclosed last Wednesday night when the Georgetown Anglers & Hunters Association announced their plans for 1960. The restocking program would have been carried out last year by the Association but for the difficulty in obtaining trout.

Curlers In Action As New Curling Rink Opens

The familiar satisfying "click" of rock colliding against rock, a sound too-long absent from the ears of local curlers, was revived here last week and when the new North Harbour Golf and Curling Club opened its doors. Situated on the third level, the building, when completed, will also house the golf clubhouse now located in the old clubhouse of the 1st tee. because of activity as veterans and novices alike tried their "eye". Five curling has been offered at the rink until this Sunday. The regular club members are too willing to assist with instruction. Scheduled on the third level, the building, when completed, will also house the golf clubhouse now located in the old clubhouse of the 1st tee.

GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST

LIKE ALL GOOD THINGS, Christmas comes to an end and last week town employees were busy dismantling the attractive display which drew attention to the Municipal Building during the holiday season. Santa and his sleigh will now be stored away until the next Christmas season. —Photo by Jay's Studio, Georgetown.