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ON TARGET ?

ONE OF MANY local ladies enjoying Canada's national winter sport, Mrs. Sam Mackenzie, 50 Main Street South was a bonspiel participant Thursday at a first event held in the new rink. Membership is over 70 in the ladies' section which is planning an active season of competition and invitation bonspiels. Photo by Jay's Studio, Georgetown

Special Council Meeting Will Discuss Report on Town's Subdivisions

"Poor Services" Claim Wants Tax Reduction

Many times the ratepayers have accused councillors of being batty, but the accusation was confirmed Monday night at Esquesing Township Council. Reeve Cam. Sinclair admitted they had bats in the attic of the township offices.

Another age-old cry of taxpayers was echoed, when Mr J. Jeffries contended, "I'm not getting my money's worth for my taxes. There's no fire protection and no school within walking distance", he continued.

Reeve Sinclair replied "All the comforts are cheaper in Esquesing than anywhere else". He also defended the fire department saying, "The boys are there pretty fast, and with lots of water".

Mr. Jeffries stuck to his point. "I'd like a reduction in taxes", he repeated. "Is there any good going to the County?"

Reeve Sinclair pointed out that appeals have to go to the County Court of Revision.

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The Milton Association for Retarded Children requested a grant from the township, explaining that one of the ten pupils was from Esquesing.

A copy of the brief presented to the Provincial Government was also enclosed. A request for "opportunity classes" integrated into all school systems is the main point in this brief.

"Opportunity classes" are classes for pupils whose "I.Q." falls between the normal and the retarded.

The Township authorized a $100 grant.

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Perhaps with the Hillsburgh tragedy in mind, Esquesing School Area Board asked that No. 27 sideread by the railroad crossing be sanded more frequently.

Hospital Public Information Officer

TOM FERGUSON

Thomas Ferguson, is acting as public information officer for Georgetown's hospital fund drive.

A sales executive with the Halliday Company, Burlington large manufacturers of homes and cottages Mr. Ferguson came to Canada from Scotland in 1949. He served 8½ years in the RAF is an ex-Battle of Britain pilot and won several decorations including one from the Free French government awarded by General de Gaulle while living with the Cross of Lorraine squadron, based in England.

With his wife Jocelyn and sons Ian and Jamie, he lives at 12 Market Street.

VISITORS ATTEND HI-C FIRESIDE

The St. Andrews Hi-C group held their first Fireside meeting last Sunday evening attended by young people from St. George's, Christian Reformed, Knox Presbyterian and Grace Baptist Churches. The assembly numbered over 80.

Mr. Fred Gould from the Sudan interior mission in North Nigeria was the speaker and showed coloured slides of this work there. A social time was held after the service and lunch served by the Hi-C group.

Not Council Business At Present: Mayor

The auditor's report on subdivision costs, a subject of much speculation since it was ordered in November, came a step closer to being publicized when council voted Monday to have auditor H. A. Lever attend a special meeting to explain its contents to council.

No date was set for the meeting.

A Gunn-Sargent motion for the meeting followed a request by Eric Beard, a defeated council candidate in the December elections, for publication of the report.

Asking a recorded vote on the motion, Mayor Hyde was joined by Crs. Harrison and Cass in opposing the meeting. "Yes" votes of the other six councillors were recorded.

Mr Beard, in his request, said he felt a number of council candidates had made the report an election issue and wondered if publication is being suppressed because it might embarrass some people.

"You realize council has a great deal of business to do and that it would be a waste of time discussing something which we haven't any reason to discuss" said Mayor Hyde, who pointed out that the report can be read by any ratepayer in the clerk's office, or that a copy can be obtained by anyone who wishes to pay typing charges.

"I was involved in the election and that's why I think the report should be a priority item" said Mr Beard.

"You've a right to see the report and get a copy, but you have no right to come here and deal with something that isn't council business at present" was the mayor's reply.

Cr Gunn said he had been asked by many people what is being done with the report and that a public meeting, with the auditor explaining details is his wish.

"In November we had a number of meetings to find out why taxes increased. It would be a matter of interest to know that some of the town's newer areas have paid more in taxes than they have received in services" he said.

"If and when there is something pertaining to subdivisions, we'll discuss the report" said the mayor. "To discuss a report that pertains to nothing is a waste of time and I consider the matter closed."

Reeve Sargent said ratepayers have paid for the report and have the right to have it readily available, either by publication in the newspaper or in booklet form. Interest is such that it could be sold to cover printing cost, he thinks.

Later in the meeting, discussion was continued after the Gunn-Sargent motion was placed on the table.

"There is almost unprecedented interest in the 1959 tax situation" said Mr Gunn. "If we hadn't had so many people at council expressing their tax views, I wouldn't feel so strongly. Subdivisions are bound to be on our agenda in future, and it will be valuable to have the auditor's viewpoint elaborated."

A discussion then arose on whether the report belongs in 1960 business at all when Cr. Harrison said it had not been received before the end of the year as promised and had not been paid for in the 1959 accounts.

"The report was dated Dec. 29th and is certainly the business of this council and every ratepayer" said Reeve Sargent, who said it should be prescribed reading in every household. Just reading the report in the clerk's office gives no opportunity to study it, he said.

When Cr. Harrison called for the envelope in which the report had been received, it was established that it was postmarked Dec. 29th and Cr. Kelly gave the opinion that once it

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Brisk Council Debate as Road Budget Slashed

Establish Reserve Fund for Reconstructing Main Street

Slashing this year's road budget to $105,000 plus a $20,000 reserve fund for reconstruction of Main St caused a brisk debate Monday at council, and Crs. Gunn and Cass supported Reeve Sargent's contention that the budget should be higher.

Prior to the debate, a motion was carried that this year's tax rate include a $20,000 allotment for a $75,000 improvement job on Main Street.

"The road committee feels it shouldn't be debentured and can't be done in a year from current revenue" explained Mayor Hyde, saying that the $20,000 might be spent this year or held until the whole job could be done.

A Gray-Harrison motion for the $125,000 road budget was then tabled, with Reeve Sargent arguing that last year the town had spent $147,000 on roads not counting any reserve fund.

"I'd rather see a realistic budget than a debent at the end of the year" was his opinion.

Deputy Reeve Gray said that if such a budget a good deal of work would have to be left undone, but that his committee advice would be taken and he would do what he could with his allotment.

"We have 42 miles of roads to maintain and prime and chip is the only way to treat new subdivision roads at a reasonable cost" he said. Last year $40,000 alone had been spent on road work in one subdivision, he pointed out.

"I'm confused" opined Cr. Harrison. "We are supposed to do as much work in committee as possible. When a motion takes this kicking around, we might as well let the chairman be the committee. In future maybe I'll do my debating at council table and not waste time attending committee meetings."

Mayor Hyde said that road chairman Gray was confusing him.

"He brought in a $100,000 budget and we upped it to $105,000 and now he's talking against it" said the mayor.

"It's better than nothing and we have to get our subsidy request in to the government so I'll vote for it" was Mr Gray's answer.

Cr Ian Cass, also a road committee member, then said he had changed his mind and presented an amending motion which would increase the budget by $10,000.

Asking a recorded vote the mayor said he was opposed to any increase.

Explaining that he was taking the advice of the road chairman and engineer Cr. John D. Kelly also expressed his opposition to the amendment, which when voted upon was supported only by Crs. Cass, Gunn and Reeve Sargent.

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Pointing out a danger to school children at the John St. bridge, Chapel St. Home & School association's request for improvements was turned over to the road committee.

St. Paul's Baptist Has New Minister

Rev. E. A. Pinkerton, BA, will begin his ministry with St. Paul's Baptist congregation this Sunday in the George Kennedy School.

Rev. Pinkerton has been appointed as extension missioner by the Extension Board of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec. He just recently completed an extension period of work in the Olivet Baptist Church in Sarnia.

Rev. and Mrs. Pinkerton will be moving here when accommodations are located.

Choose Andy Crichton Driver Of The Month

Andy Crichton, 23 Edith St., is "the courteous driver of the month."

The first to be named to the monthly honour to be bestowed on local motorists who show courtesy to other drivers and pedestrians Mr. Crichton wins an accompanying prize of ten gallons of gas from the Radical Car Club, a group of young local motoring enthusiasts who sponsor the contest.

A courteous driver is chosen each month by the police department.

BROWNIES NATURE HUNT WINTER GAMES, LUNCH

Brownies and their leaders from St. John's United Church spent Saturday afternoon in the park.

They had games in the snow an a nature hunt under leadership of Sixer Jane McFarlane. Later they went to the church for chocolate milk and sandwiches. Their meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and Brownie chimes.

BAPTIST COUPLES CLUB HAS TOBOGGAN PARTY

Twenty-five members of the 1st Baptist Church Young Couples Club held their annual toboggan party Saturday.

Two hours of tobogganing fun on Gilman's Hill, north of the Glen was concluded at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Robson, who served lunch to the group. The evening ended with a short devotional and business meeting. Rev. Lloyd Whan closed with prayer.

The presidents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hancock arranged the evening.

Instal Jack Armstrong Halton Chapter Principal

Ex Comp Jack Armstrong was installed as First Principal of Halton Chapter, R.A.M. No. 234 last Wednesday evening in a ceremony in the lodge hall conducted by V. Ex Comp Low Tracy and past principals of the Chapter.

The installing team was assisted by Rt. Ex Comp Hyatt McClure of Peel Chapter, Brampton and Ex Comp George Moss of Guelph Chapter. During the evening the retiring principal Irwin Noble was presented with his 1st principal's jewel by Mr. Armstrong.

Other lodge officers installed in the ceremony were Sam Penrice, 2nd principal; Rev Moody, 3rd principal; Jack Addy, secretary; Charles Renwick, treasurer; Wm. B. Hamilton, director of ceremonies; John Gunn, principal sojourner; George Sibill, Scribe N; Ed Hall, senior steward; Gordon Harley, Junior steward; Thomas Niven, outer guard; Vic Gunn, Douglas Lattimer, Ralph Ursel and Edwin Wilson, masters of the veils; Ralph Ursel, organist; and E. L. (Jack) Arnold and John D. Kelly, auditors.

McGilvray New President Georgetown Fall Fair

GARFIELD McGILVRAY

At the annual meeting of the Esquesing Agricultural Society held in the Community Hall, Stewarttown, last Thursday evening, Garfield McGilvray was elected president for 1960, succeeding Wilfrid Bird, who has held the position for the past two years.

In accepting the office, Mr McGilvray said he considered it both an honour and a privilege to serve an organization that held a record of over 100 years service to the community. The Esquesing society sponsors Georgetown Fall Fair.

Other officers include Robert Cunningham, R.R. 2, 1st vice president; Ken Ella, Hornby, 2nd vice president, and Trevor Williams, Georgetown, secretary-treasurer.

Directors elected were: John Bird, Mac Alexander, T. J. Brownridge, Jim Fisher, Spencer Wilson, Ken Ella, Oliver Hunter, Graydon Chester, Frank Wilson, Nelson Robinson, Vern Archer, Len Coxe, Keith Webb, William Cromar, Lloyd Fisher, Wilfrid Bird, R. Cunningham, Murt Allison, Jack Williamson, K. C. Lindsay, Val Stein, Denney Charles, Maurice Baker, George Burt, Donald Lindsay, Ward Brownridge, Howson Ruddell, Floyd Brigden, Ford Wickson, Earl Wilson, Robert Lawson, Donald Wingrove, Cam. Sinclair, W. T. Graham, Vern Picket, Norman Sinclair, Lloyd Miller, C. Davis, Percy Clark, Pat Patterson, John T. Armstrong.

The treasurer's report showed a net loss on the year's operations of some $200, after a prize list of $3700, and all operating costs had been paid. It was pointed out that a number of supplies purchased this year aided in the deficit and will not likely appear next year.

The Bernard midway was hired for the 1960 show which will be held on September 30th and October 1st.

Reports were given by the directors on all phases of the fair, and suggestions made for improvements in many classes. Plans were also made for the Valentine euchre to be held on February 10th in Stewarttown Hall. Delegates were also reminded of the Ontario convention at Toronto on February 23-24.

The ladies section of the Board served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Raiders Crush Orillia In 19-4 Scoring Spree

Georgetown Rader followers may get a sneak preview of things to come in the Intermediate 'A' playdowns this Friday night.

A 19-4 romp over a shakey Orillia club Monday night satisfied the minds of that northern club's executives that to finish out the schedule and vie with Milton and Georgetown in the uncoming round robin semi-final would be so much insanity.

The Orillia decision to call it a day solved problems all over the place.

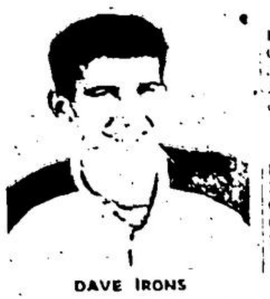
Midland Flyers up until now have been twiddling their thumbs and taking up the odd exhibition game offer thanks to a short season and a bye into the Intermediate A playoffs.

With the Orillia collapse, a hasty call to Midland secured the Flyers to fill the hole left in the schedule Friday night. But chances are the contest won't be exhibition.

The OHA is mulling over the idea of allowing Midland to finish out the schedule in place of Orillia with wins and losses counting only for their opposition. If the idea meets acceptance with the higher-ups and it probably will, the Raiders will be playing the Flyers Friday night for points.

Midland is coached by former Chicago Black Hawk great Roy Conacher.

The Raiders showed no mercy for the reeling Orillias who were playing in front of their last handfull of die-hard supporters, and but for the straight time under which the game was played because of the late starting time the total would have been a lot higher.



DAVE IRONS

Goalie Norm Lockhurst came close to adding salt to the wound when he raked in the puck near his crease and started out for the distant pipes. With all the grace of a lame elephant, the heavily padded Lockhurst made his way to the Orillia end and even beat the opposing netminder but his shot was blocked by a defenseman. Lockhurst and W. Thompson, who played his usual hard-toiling game, were the only Raiders who didn't make the score sheet.

Jr. Beaumont and Dave Iron scored 4 goals apiece, Bud Varey counted 3, Blake Inglis, Doug Richardson and George Grasby 2, and Roy Luyben and Jamie Cunningham 1 each. Anybody not mentioned above didn't make the trip.

Intermediate 'A'
Central Ontario Standings

Bradford	19	16	3	32
Milton	20	14	6	28
GEORGETOWN	22	11	11	22
Orillia	20	5	15	10
Port Credit	20	3	17	6

Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. H. Clarke of Toronto, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Chard, Elizabeth Street on Sunday.

Mrs. Rex Heslop, Heslop Ct. has ben visiting in Kirkland Lake with her sister, Mrs. Clarence Hack.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Marks and daughter Wendy, 22 Shelley St. spent a recent weekend on a skiing trip to Sundridge.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Thompson and sons, Ray, Phillip and Stephen, 70 Prince Charles Dr., have recently returned from a 10-week vacation in England, where they visited with relatives.

Celebrating his fourth birthday on January 22nd, Ian Hogg, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hogg, 28 Windsor Rd. had a party. Guests were his sister Margaret, Gordie Nichols, Kenny Asselline, Brian McLeish, Gary Hole, George Dixon, Linda Dixon, and Gail Douglas.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Would Build Factories Wants Land Donated

"Could we ask our solicitors to come to council next week and explain how the town could expropriate land for industrial purposes?" was a question asked by Cr Fred Harrison at Monday's council meeting.

Mr. Harrison said that last week a man was in town looking for land to build three factories for rental and hadn't been able to locate any.

"I've heard a lot of talk about how industry is going to Brampton and Oakville and I hate to think opportunity almost knocked our doors down" he continued. "It's regrettable if we can't get industry here because we have no land."

Cr. William Hunter said that the visitor had offered to build three factories on the highway if the owner would deed him the land.

"It wasn't a question of buying the land, and he would consider only highway frontage" Mr. Hunter said. The land owner was offered the credit for any industrial assessment on the buildings, he said.

Mayor Hyde said he thought any such information could be obtained from the government, and he suggested the clerk write and secure the information desired by Mr. Harrison.