

Seek \$250,000 in Hospital Campaign

Optimism Prevails As Workers Hear Plans

Official launching of the building fund for Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital took place on Thursday when 300 people were guests at a dinner in Knox Presbyterian church hall, tendered by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Licata. Invited guests were hospital directors and campaign workers, and representatives of town and district organizations. They heard a number of speakers explain the campaign from various angles and an air of optimism was in evidence as speaker after speaker pointed the need for a hospital in a town of 10,000.

Key speaker was John Gunn, president of the hospital board, who explained how, five years ago, the Chamber of Commerce sponsored a meeting, inviting organization representatives to discuss possibility of a hospital. Mr. Gunn was president of the Chamber at that time.

Interest was such, he said, that a charter was applied for in late 1955.

He spoke of an ill-fated early project when a house, donated by Delrex Developments, was offered in a raffle, only to have the postal department crack down on the plan. The house was later sold to form the nucleus of a building fund. Interest was given to the plan when Halton County in 1957 voted a \$6,000 per bed grant to county hospitals.

Early in 1958, tentative approval was granted by the Ontario Hospital Commission, an (continued on page 8)

Subdivision Report on Council Agenda, Auditor Here Monday

The controversial subdivision report will have a public airing next Monday.

Council has invited town auditor H. A. Lever to discuss the report with them that evening. It was prepared on instructions of the 1959 council to give a picture of subdivision costs on the town's economy and as a guide to future subdividing in town.

Discussion of the report with Mr. Lever will be followed by two meetings with subdividers at later dates.

On Wednesday, Delrex Developments will discuss release of more residential land for building when firm representatives will talk with council's industrial committee. It will be virtually a committee of the whole, as all council members have been invited to sit in on the meeting.

Representatives of Moore Park Development have also asked for an early interview with council about their subdivision plans, which have been held up by council's feeling that more industrial land should be included.

At Monday's meeting, Cr. F. Harrison criticized the auditor for referring the Moore Park man to the town engineer for report data which the auditor said had been obtained from the engineer.

"Was he supposed to dig up the information for the report or 'pass the buck' to a town employee?" wondered Cr. Harrison aloud, as Mayor Hyde said there should be discussion of the report that evening.

When Reeve Sargent said he would be absent from the Monday meeting, following a show of hands which revealed a majority favoured Mr. Lever's appearance then rather than calling a special meeting, Cr. Harrison questioned the mayor's procedure in trying to arrange a 100% attendance night.

"We can have half a dozen hand showings, but I'm not out of order in this" was the mayor's reaction. "In view of the beating this question has been taking, I'd like all members to be present."

In view of the Delrex request for as early a meeting as possible, it was decided to stick to the Monday plan, however.

The report bobbed up again in a letter from Harold Fobert of the Moore Park group which claimed inaccuracies in some figures and asked that it be revised before publication.

Council decided to take no action until the meeting.

A motion calling for the Delrex committee meeting was later passed. The meeting, according to this, is to clarify existing agreements with Delrex Developments and to consider in any manner in which orderly development of lands held by the company may proceed with due regard to the interests of the municipality as a whole.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Petition Asks Theatre Chain To Locate In Georgetown

Asking councillors to sign a petition indicating their wish for a movie theatre in town, Cr. Fred Harrison complimented a resident, Mrs. Agar Guest, for her interest in following a suggestion that theatre chains be contacted which he made at last week's council meeting.

Mrs. Guest, he explained, had been in touch with Odette Theatres, and was told that if a petition was received, signed by a large number of residents, they would survey the town.

"With a population of 10,000 I can't see why a theatre wouldn't pay," said Mayor Hyde. The mayor thinks it is a great recreational link in town.

Agreeing with the town of Tilbury, council endorsed a plea to the provincial government for revision of grants to arenas and community centres. Presently, towns which have Class A fall fairs can receive up to \$40,000 while other towns have a \$5,000 maximum grant.

The Tilbury resolution asks that figures be revised to \$25,000 for arenas and \$15,000 for community halls.

Agreeing with Reeve Sargent, Mayor Hyde says he is opposed to the principle of grants, but as the system is now prevalent "like everyone else we try to get as much as we can."

Increased budget for the Conservation Authority was forecast in a letter which named Georgetown's share at \$6,548 of \$82,876 to be received from various municipalities in the district. Last year the town paid \$5,274.

The budget will be discussed when Alex McLaren, local representative, attends a future council meeting.

Answering a request about expropriating industrial land made recently by Cr. Harrison, it was reported that the government recommends such a measure only as a last resort.

However, council has been told that existing industrial land can be rezoned, and allocated to another area if zoning is such that a maximum of such land is presently zoned industrial.

Vivian Terry, first class honours

Grade 2 singing: Jona Hearty, Milton, first class honours (87); Barbara Evans, honours.

Grade 2 theory: Carol Todd, honours.

Grade 4 piano: Peter McNamara, pass.

REBEKAH LODGE VALENTINE YEA

Members of Verdun Rebekah Lodge were hostesses at a very pleasant Valentine Fair, Saturday afternoon, February 13th, in the Lodge Rooms. Mrs. Peggy Wylie, noble grand, the convener, opened the afternoon at two-thirty, welcoming the many guests. The hall and banquet room and tables were all attractively decorated in the Valentine theme.

Mrs. Wellington Willett was in charge of the aprons and penny sale; Mrs. Gordon Spence Sr., convener of the bake table and delicatessen counter; Mrs. Richard Riddall, the touch and take; Mrs. Bob Jepson, the candy; Mrs. Ridley, the novelty booth, and Mrs. Ernest Simson the tea room were assisted by members of the Rebekahs.

Mrs. Bert McMenemy, Silver Creek, was the lucky lady to take home the beautifully decorated Valentine Cake, and Mrs. Lorne Shipway the fancy shopping bag. There were 28 prize winners after the penny sale draws were made, all received attractive prizes.

MUSIC RESULTS FOR HARRISON PUPILS

Results of mid-winter examinations tried in Toronto, in January, by Kenneth R. Harrison ARCT, RMT pupils were announced this week in the following favourable report.

Grade 1 singing: Roger Smith, first class honours (88);

Esquering Air Strip May Be In The Offing

Everything's up to date in Esquering Township. For scoffers, an air strip may become a reality in the near future.

Mr. B. J. Kovachik, a licensed aircraft mechanic, intends to buy twenty-three acres from Mrs. F. Joyce, at No. 5 side-road, on the west side of the third line. Before doing so, he wanted to find out if there are any regulations preventing him.

Hangars to service small aircraft are envisaged, and possibly an auto repair shop.

Council decided to leave any discussion till next week, and in the meantime find out as much as possible about the venture.

As their share in the Credit Valley Conservation Authority programme, Esquering will be expected to pay \$2500 for 1960.

A letter from H. T. Finbow, Wildwood, asking township council's endorsement of a three-page protest to the Department of Highways was read. According to Mr. Finbow, the Department of Highways plan to expropriate 4,068 square feet of his property. Since there was some confusion about the plans of the D. of H. Reeve Sinclair felt Mr. Finbow should come and discuss it.

However, on one point the Department of Highway's plan seems clear — the old grist mill at Norval is coming down. An appraiser happened in to ask the clerk for information and let the news be known.

A sordid story of salary was told by the simple expedient of a few addresses in a letter. The letter was from the city of Hamilton re relief costs. As all municipalities do, the letter tried to establish a place of residence, so that the place involved can pay the costs.

However, in four years the address changed eight times. One address was Burwash, one Kingston Penitentiary. The children involved are under the care of the Children's Aid.

Of seven firms tendering for a \$50,000 debenture issue, R. A. Daley Co., came out ahead. The debentures will cover the cost of a new five-roomed school at Speyside. The 8 1/2% debentures were sold at 97.66.

Ross Duncan New President North Halton Golf Club

At a meeting of the North Halton Golf and Country Club Directors, Monday, Provincial Mill manager Ross Duncan was named club president for 1960. Bill McNally, who has held the position for the past two terms did not stand for office.

He made the announcement at the annual shareholders' meeting held Monday, Feb. 8, at the new clubhouse on Maple Ave.

Directors elected were Dick Licata, Ted Fenning, Bill Carr, Jack Malcolm, Oliver Hunter, Ken Nash, Bill Breckenridge, Jack Gunning, Bus Binkley, Ben Matthews, Graham Farnell, Ross Duncan, Murt Allison, Fred Helson and Don Rand. Graham Farnell was elected vice-president and Fred Helson, secretary.

Hint that the club may consider expanding to an 18-hole course was evident in the past president's departing remarks, which urged shareholders to give the matter some serious thought. Mr. McNally also suggested the directors approach the Georgetown Lawn Bowling Association with a view to incorporate its facilities with those of the North Halton Club. He pointed out that a space was available near the club house suitable for a bowling green.

The total cost of the new Club House will be in the neighbourhood of \$100,000.00 according to a report by the building chairman, Ed Binkley. The building houses a four sheet curling rink, secretary's office, Junior lounge, a pro shop, main dining room, private dining room, observation lounge, kitchen and bar. A veranda leading off the main dining room will be included in future construction.

Other speakers were the chairman of the green committee, Jim Einton; the chairman of the house committee (continued on page 10)

WALTER "RED" ASSETINE MADE PRESENTATION

TWO OUTSTANDING veterans of the North-West Europe campaign in the 2nd World War, Walter "Red" Assetine, DCM, of 54 Byron St., (centre) and Sgt. Milton Shaw, MM, of Camp Borden receive copies of Col. C. P. Stacey's book "The Victory Campaign," the third volume of the history of the Canadian Army. Major General H. A. Sparling, CBE, DSO, CD (left) makes the presentation.

Autographed History Book Recalls War Battle Honours

An ex-Toronto Irish regiment NCO now living in town has been honoured by the Canadian Army at Oakville.

Walter "Red" Assetine, a local resident since 1956, represented the Canadian Army in a ceremony there Fri. in which he received on behalf of the army Volume 3 of the official history of the Canadian Army in the 2nd World War. The volume is entitled "The Operations in North West Europe" and is part of the book "The Victory Campaign" by Colonel C. P. Stacey, Col. Stacey is the director of the Historical Section, General Staff.

In making the presentation Major General F. A. Sparling, head of the staff which is in Oakville, presented to Sergeant W. Assetine, DCM, by Major General F. A. Sparling, CBE, DSO, CD, GOC, Central Com-

mand in recognition of distinguished service in the Northwest Europe campaign, World War II. The book was autographed by Col. Stacey.

Red, as he is known to the boys and men of the Legion's Little Nite, Saturday morning hockey in which he is such a diligent worker, received the Distinguished Conduct Medal in 1945 for outstanding heroism displayed during a German attack on the Holland town of Otterloo.

The town, a key point in the main axis of the advance of the 5th Canadian Armoured Division, and the responsibility of the Irish Regiment of Canada, was attacked on the night of April 16th, 1945, by approximately 1,000 of the enemy.

When 300 succeeded in infiltrating into the town and lighting themselves in along various of the narrow street, Sgt. Assetine took a section of three flame throwing carriers (Wasps) and cleared the vital sector resulting in an enemy retreat.

At one time the three carriers were under intense fire from three sides at point blank range and when the second carrier was knocked out by a concealed bazooka from thirty yards range, Sgt. Assetine rushed the position and with one burst from his Bren gun wiped out the crew. His leadership during the action resulted in seventy of the enemy killed, many wounded and the remainder demoralized that the tactical picture was completely changed.

A commutator to Goodyear Tire and Rubber in Toronto, Red lives at 54 Byron St. with his wife Jean and 4 children, Susan, 10, Judy, 9, Janice, 7, and Kansas, 5.

The first volume of the book "Six Year of War" was presented in 1955; the second volume "The Canadians in Italy, in 1956.

FAVOUR ONE ARBITRATOR IF POLICE - COUNCIL DISPUTE

A money-saving feature of a single arbitrator in place of three, should any dispute arise between the town and the police association, could be over-ruled by a decision which might cost more money in the long run, was Cr. Fred Harrison's opinion, as he voted against a motion by Cr. John D. Kelly at Monday's council meeting.

Asking for a recorded vote, Cr. Harrison was himself over-ruled when all members supported the Kelly move.

Council acted after a letter from the police association asking support in having legislation amended was received. Presently, a police force of 5 members or less, can have one arbitrator; others must have three. The government is being asked to let one man rule for forces of 10 or less.

"They want a dictator instead of democracy" opined Cr. Harrison.

"Not so," replied Cr. Kelly. "He must be picked by mutual agreement, or else he is appointed by the government."

When Cr. Kelly said his 3 man committee had spent an hour before making their recommendation, Cr. Harrison said committee findings aren't necessarily binding, as had been proven in a recent road budget debate.

"I'll vote on my own thinking, not that of the 'three wise men'" he said with a grin.

Council, as its meeting opened, stood in respectful silence as Mayor Hyde spoke of a former councillor, Thomas L. Lyons, whose death occurred last week.

Problem of his house being partly on a road allowance, harkening back to early surveying problems in town, was brought to council's attention by Clarence Reid. Other Maple St. E. residents are anxious to clear up similar problems, so they can get clear title to their homes, he said.

The property committee will investigate, and it was suggested that the owners submit a formal petition to council.

Claiming the town will be held responsible for medical bills for injuries suffered in a fall on a slippery sidewalk, a resident's letter was turned over to the insurance firm which holds the town's business.

There was a brief discussion on whether a property owner is liable for keeping his sidewalks cleared of snow, with Reeve Sargent saying the building by-law requires this.

"If so, it should be publicized, for many residents are unaware of this responsibility" said Cr. Ian Cass.

Establishes Chiropractic Practice Here, Toronto

Beginning Friday, a new Chiropractic practice will be started in town, by Mr. Gerry W. Corbett, DC.

Mr. Corbett and his wife Marjorie have lived in Georgetown, with their two children since March, 1950 having moved here from Toronto where he has held his clinic for three and a half years.

His practice will be from his residence three evenings a week, and he will maintain the Toronto office also, commuting to Toronto for this purpose.

A graduate of the 1956 class of the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic college in Toronto, Mr. Corbett has done much research into postural weight balance, and has interest in Life Potential development. He is the past treasurer of the Ontario Chiropractic Credit Union and is a member of Subud, Toronto. His hobbies are fencing, swimming and he is an avid hockey fan.

Norval Man Celebrates 93rd Birthday Today

Today, February 18th, Lt. Col. A. L. Noble of Norval marks another of life's milestones, as he celebrates his 93rd birthday.

For 93 years he has lived at "The Elms", the home his father built in 1868. He carried on business as a miller in Norval until 1910.

In fine health, and with a keen memory, he retains an interest in district affairs and in the organizations which he served so well in past years.

His friends wish him a Happy Birthday.

NOW OPERATOR AT GUELPH STATION

Stan Wright, a local resident who has been operator at Brampton CNR Station for two years, has been transferred to Guelph City depot in a similar post.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright are planning to continue living in Georgetown, where they have been residents for several years.

CARS DAMAGED IN QUEEN ST. ACCIDENT

Four hundred and twenty-five dollars was the estimated damage when a 1954 Chevy pickup, driven by William Cunningham of 10 Chapel St. E., was in collision with a parked car on Queen St., last Monday night, owned by Ray Turner of Glen Williams.

The Turner car was parked opposite 52 Queen St. when the pickup, northbound on Queen St., rammed the right front fender of the parked car which was facing south.

Const. Ted Scott, who made the investigation, placed the damage at \$225 to Cunningham and \$200 to Turner.

ICE UNSAFE

Recent above-freezing temperatures have made the ice on rivers unsafe. Keep children away.



DINNER GUESTS AND HOSTS
REPRESENTING ALL PHASES of district life, guests at a dinner Thursday were enthusiastic as they heard plans outlined for the new Georgetown hospital. Sam Penrice, left, spoke for industry; Steve Emmerson for labour; Reeve Campbell for industry; Ed Binkley for industry; and Thomas Van Leer, rector of Holy Cross Church pronounced the benediction. Dick Licata, right, and his wife, were hosts of the dinner. —Photo by Jay's Studio, Georgetown