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THE ROTARY SHOW BOAT docks again on Friday and Saturday nights at the high school auditorium. Photographed at dress rehearsal prior to last week's opening, the whole cast goes through one of its numbers, with interlocutor John Gunn in tall white hat, end men, chorus and orchestra.

Photo by Jay's Studio, Georgetown.

Tax Rate Residential 65 Commercial 69

Uncollected Taxes, Contingencies Push Rate Up 4 Mills This Year

The average Georgetown taxpayer will face an extra $15 to $25 dollars in his tax bill this year.

Georgetown's new tax rate, set at Monday's council meeting, is 65 mills for residential properties; 69 mills for industrial and commercial.

Last year's tax rates were 61 and 63 mills.

Translated into money, a house assessed at $4500 paid $274.50 in taxes last year. This year the same assessment will yield $292.50, a tax increase of $1,800.

"We can't blame school costs for the increase as many other towns are doing" remarked Finance Minister Doug Sargent as he presented the budget to council.

Reeve Sargent attributed the increase primarily to a contingency provision of $33,700 and a provision for uncollected taxes of $26,000.

While such figures must be included in a realistic budget, he said there is hope that both figures are high and "I feel there is a good chance we might end the year with a surplus for a change, instead of a deficit."

Mayor Hyde echoed his remarks. The town is forced to budget with a pessimistic view he said, but he hopes that the year-end may see a reserve. There must be a tax collection bite he said. Delrex Developments, he said, have a great deal to do with the contingencies which council has had to budget for. He warned committees that they would have to keep a tight rein on spending and said the finance committee would be making frequent checks on the budget.

"One unpaid tax account has received some publicity" remarked the reeve. "Perhaps we should consider printing all delinquent taxes in the auditor's report this year as was done in the past."

Cr. Elliott had a copy of a "pie chart" which Oakville uses to tell taxpayers how their money is used and it was turned over to the finance committee for consideration.

Residential properties, which bear a total assessment of $10,026,850 will foot $651,745 of the town's 1960 tax bill of $878,310. The balance of taxes from commercial and industrial properties amounts to $226,565. Assessed value here is $3,283,550.

Last year town expenditures amounted to almost $1,100,000. This year's budget is $87,000 higher.

Besides the allowances for contingencies and uncollected taxes, the "up" department includes $20,000 more for public schools and $21,000 for the high schools, $22,000 in debenture charges, $10,000 county rates, $2500 interest, plus an allowance of $2500 for purchase of a new truck; $3500 for police salaries, which includes adding a man to the force, and $1750 for staff salaries.

In the budget, road expenditures have been slashed by $15,000, the Cemetery Board grant is down $3,000; and expenditures on new equipment have been reduced $9,000 from last year.

. . Social & Personal . .

Miss Judy McCumber, 12 Chapel St. E. flew to Calgary, Alta., to spend the Easter holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Pasehney.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watts and son Wayne of Downsview were holiday guests with her mother, Mrs. Harry Stockford, 18 George Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McCumber, Ann and Grant of London, were holiday guests with his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. S. McCumber, 10 Chapel St. E.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howard and sons, 17 Gower Ct. were in Montreal for the holiday week-end, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hedley.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Fisher, 17 Parkview Blvd. had guests from Winnipeg with them for the holidays. Mrs. R. D. Peacock, David and Kathleen.

Mike Wilson, a former local boy who now lives at RR 4, London, spent a few days in town during the holidays as a guest of Stephen Saxe, 59 Charles St.

F. O. Pete Darlington of Greenwood, Nova Scotia flew home to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Darlington, Main St. S., over the Easter week-end.

Patti Wilson, daughter of F. L. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson of Edmonton, Alta., spent the Easter Holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. Della Wilson of Victoria Street. Patti is a student at the Brantford School for the Blind.

Betty Mae Millerian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Millerian, R.R. 2, spent the Easter week-end in Montreal, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harold Faulkner, late of Georgetown. She returned home by plane.

Mrs. Harvey Bradley of Oshawa is visiting with her son Wilbert and Mrs. Bradley, 15 Parkview Blvd. On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hoare, Mrs. Eileen Parkinson and son Paul of Oshawa were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Myles Gibson and daughters Lynn and Leanne, 37 King St. spent the week-end in Thornbury and Durham. In Durham they attended the 50th Wedding Anniversary reception for Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp of that town.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wilson formerly of Georgetown and now living at 2145 Lemay Crescent, Ottawa, Brant, Kevin and Douglas spent two days this week with Mr. and Mrs. R. McConnell, 11 Windsor Rd. While in town the Wilsons visited with several of their friends.

Easter visitors with Mrs. C. Sargent, 71 Charles St., were members of her family. Mr. and Mrs. W. Ditchfield and granddaughter Diane, Douglas Ditchfield and Mrs. Vroman all of Windsor. Mr. and Mrs. George Sargent and family of Glen Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sargent and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sargent and family of town. Mr. and Mrs. B. Cowan and family of Hurontario and Mrs. Andy Mazzer of Ottawa. Dr. Mazzer was unable to be there since he was in Washington.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Hire Toronto Law Firm To Collect Disputed 1958 Payment

Council Takes Action To Fix Roads, Charge Delrex

A letter from Allen, Hunter, Campbell & Regan, solicitors for Delrex Developments, was received Monday by the town council, which reiterated the firm's stand that an account of $26,857 owed by the firm is more than offset by a contra account.

The disputed payment is contained in a 1958 agreement by which the firm, in consideration of releasing a block of land for residential building, agreed to make up the tax difference if new industry did not come to maintain a 60-40 ratio contained in a 1954 agreement when Delrex first came to town.

The town received $400 last year under this agreement. This year, the Delrex firm submitted a list of public works which it claims it installed above its original agreement and has declined to pay the $26,857 account which was due three months ago.

The letter stated, however, that a 1959 tax bill owing will be paid when the required funds become available and definitely before the end of the year.

Another contentious point, roads in East Delrex, was dealt with in the letter, with Delrex Developments denying responsibility for putting roads in the condition demanded by the Dept. of Highways for subsidy. The firm claims that the 1954 agreement did not give specifications for grading and gravelling, and says that it will scarify the roads and top dress them with crushed gravel, but awaits word that the town will hard surface them immediately after.

The letter drew a blast from Cr. Fred Harrison, who said no work had been ordered by the town which had not been paid for.

"What's the idea of people doing things on their own and sending the bill to us?" he enquired. "A year ago they talked about paying the town $147,000 under the land release agreement and now they're disputing $26,000."

Mayor Hyde said the $26,000 seems to be being used as a bargaining point for negotiations on further land release, and his suggestion that steps be taken to proceed with collection met unanimous council approval.

The Toronto law firm of Willis & Dingwall will act for the town in demanding collection.

Reeve Sargent, while voting for the motion, said he would prefer first to get advice from the Municipal Board which okayed the Delrex agreement, but his suggestion did not receive majority support. The board, however, will be consulted if any questions arise, the mayor said.

"I don't like the idea of going to court, but sometimes you have to" said Deputy Reeve Gray. "This payment is in lieu of industrial assessment and we either have to have the money or the industry."

Definite action was also taken on roads, with motions passed to purchase up to 30,000 cubic yards of gravel at 10c from Eason's pits, and to have Jay L. Cook Construction Co. crush and deliver up to 20,000 yards of granular base at 85c per cubic yard.

The purchase will be delayed a week and the Willis & Dingwall firm will contact Delrex Developments to see if they will proceed with this work. If not, the town will commence road work and attempt to collect from the firm.

Mayor Hyde said that last fall the town had declined to accept East Delrex roads because they were not in shape for DHO subsidy, and that the top dressing suggested in their letter would still leave the roads ineligible for subsidy.

"If the right amount of gravel had been put on roads last fall we wouldn't have these conditions now," said road chairman Gray. "The gravel is gone and we're getting stone and mud."

Mayor Hyde said there is insufficient gravel on the roads and what has been used is not the proper type.

"Until the roads have a proper base, it is a waste of effort putting on top dressing" he continued. "If Delrex won't do it, the town is forced to do the work and attempt to collect from them."

The mayor said the Delrex firm had brought other subdivision roads to DHO standards before the town accepted them.

"In all fairness to the firm it wasn't contained in the agreement" said Cr. Kelly.

Cr. Ian Cass expressed concern about an expenditure of possibly $40,000 and wondered if a twelve-inch thickness had to be used on the entire road width.

Mayor Hyde said it might be logical to put on six inches this year, seal it with an inch of top dressing and next year add more gravel if necessary.

"If we're not going to put these roads in proper condition I'll withdraw my motion" said Cr. Harrison, who had moved the gravel purchase. "We expect subdividers to give us proper roads, and we shouldn't be looking for ways of cutting down."

Cr. Cass opined that he had never seen any town road that has twelve inches of gravel its whole width.

Cr. John Gunn queried whether half the job might endanger the roads next winter and the town could lose what it has put into them. He was told by the mayor that the only danger would be if heavy construction trucks used the roads extensively. Such a thing had happened on the Charles St. extension, he said, and is a matter which should be covered in the town building by-law.

Cr. Harrison differed, saying that on Charles St. the roadbed is still there, even though it now has a mud coating.

A motion later in the meeting was approved that no more building permits be issued in Delrex East until roads are put in condition to bear more traffic. This had been advised by the Toronto solicitors, the mayor explained.

Lodge Protest Against Mimico For Signing Of Over-age Players

Community Centre soccer commissioner John Boyd has lodged protests against the Oakville soccer tournament committee following a pair of incidents at the eight team tourney there Saturday that may have cost Georgetown teams the titles.

Georgetown was represented by both Atom and Bantam teams. The first protest was lodged following a 3-0 Bantam loss to Mimico in the first round of the playoffs in the older division. Georgetown had held the Mimicos to a 0-0 tie until well on in the game, when Mimico fielded three new players who on according to commissioner Boyd were known to be over the 16 year age limit.

The Bantams took on Dixie in the second round and played to a scoreless tie after five minutes of overtime.

The second protest came in the Atom final. Atoms had defeated an Oakville entry in the 1st round and gained the finals against another Oakville entry on a bye. The teams played regulation time and five minutes overtime without scoring.

Despite objections by Boyd who favoured letting the teams play until one side scored, since it was the last scheduled game, tourney officials called it after five minutes to decide a winner by shots on goal.

Georgetown boys sitting on the Oakville bench said that the team became dejected when notified that the shots on goal in the overtime would make the difference, and were sure that they had lost.

When the announcement was made over the PA in the Oakville had copped the title, 3 shots to 2. Georgetown officials reflected the surprise of the spectators and questioned the decision.

No action as yet has been taken on either protest.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Seek Lacrosse Location In The Park or Arena

Assistance in a location for lacrosse, either in the park or the arena, was sought by a group of sportsmen when they interviewed council, Monday.

Herb Robinson and "Red" Asselstine were spokesmen for the men who last year started a boys league. Mr. Robinson explained that they had operated in the arena, but thought that this year, with council help it might be possible to have a lacrosse box in the park.

Mr. Asselstine said that a total of 23 interested men had devoted their time to teaching lacrosse to the boys, and this year it is hoped to include age groups up to 16. The men had chipped in two dollars apiece to get things going, he said, and had paid a $5.00 per night fee at the arena until their funds ran out.

He said the arena was idle all summer and that with cooperation from town authorities it could be used and might even bring in some revenue. He urged council to make some arrangement with the arena board.

"Last year when I was property chairman, I tried to have a $400 skating rink installed in the park, but only two councillors were in favour" said Cr. Fred Harrison. "I'm surprised the mayor doesn't remember this because he spoke quite strongly against it at the time."

The request was referred to the property committee which will attempt to aid in providing facilities.

Baptist Sunshine Club Entertains At Manor

Members of the 1st Baptist Church Sunshine Club presented an entertaining program for Barton Manor residents on Tuesday, April 19th, under the direction of Mrs. Don Black.

Solos by Mrs. Don Hancock and a duet by Mrs. Hancock and Mrs. Don Livingstone were followed by a devotional by Mrs. Earl Clements.

Slides on the life of the famous Indian poetess, Pauline Johnson, were shown and the group led the residents in singing several old familiar hymns.

The club held the second half of their meeting at the home of Mrs. W. Compsty. Mrs. Doug Peck in charge. Mrs. F. Hayward gave the treasurer's report, and the minutes were reviewed by Mrs. Graham Porter.

Several members turned in articles to be passed on to the hospital auxiliary for their bazaar. Lunch was served by the group in charge, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Ab Nostop, Mrs. Earl Clements, Mrs. Ken McLean, Mrs. Emers Thompson and Mrs. W. Compsty.

Provincial Bowlers Take Top Honours As Industrial Playoffs End

Provincial Motor Supply the cheap as Industrial bowlers completed their eighth and final week of playoffs last Thursday night. Glen Anderson's teams were the successful teams in Bantam Conditions.

A Section	
Provincial	29 439
Silvers	25 999
Andersons	25 554
B Section	
Glen A	27 056
S & S	26 877
Kentner's	24 688
C Section	
Cottons	25 628
Legion 2	25 619
Ramblers	22 964

Taught English at Baptist Seminary

Mrs. John Coghill, 9 Arletta Street, mother of Mrs. William Copeland, died very suddenly on Good Friday morning after suffering a stroke. Although nearly eighty years old, Mrs. Coghill was active and enjoyed a walk down town quite often. She was born in St. Mary's, the daughter of John and Margaret Watson.

Prior to her marriage to the late John Coghill she was a teacher in Toronto at the Queen Alexandra Public School and at the Toronto Baptist Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. Coghill came to Georgetown about ten years ago on his retirement from the position of Inspector for the Department of Health in Toronto. He died shortly after coming to Georgetown. While Mrs. Coghill's health permitted she was a very active worker in the Baptist Church.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. William Copeland, 9 Arletta Street, and three sons, Albert, George and Jack, all of Toronto. Eleven grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren are also left.

Rev. Gordon Brown of Runnymede Baptist Church conducted the funeral service on Monday, April 18th, in the Trull Funeral Home, Yonge St., Toronto. Pallbearers were her three sons, her son-in-law, Mr. Copeland, and two grandsons. Interment was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto.

Eight New Kinettes Welcomed to Club

April 14th was initiation night for six local Kinettes.

In a brief ceremony at the Jack O'Lantern restaurant, Kinette president Mrs. Bern Middleton presented the Kinette pin to newcomers Mrs. Walter Scinski, Mrs. Harry Levy, Mrs. Jim York, Mrs. Gary Alton, Mrs. Barney Woodward, and Mrs. Russ Stevens.

A slate of prospective officers was also presented by the nominating committee, Mrs. S. Meltzer, Mrs. Bill Hewitt and Mrs. George Baker, the election to take place at the club's next meeting.

A guest at the meeting was Mrs. R. D. Whitson who demonstrated Beauty Counsel.

Eight Kinettes were at an inter-club meeting at Galt on April 17th. The president, Mrs. Middleton, reported on the local club's work during the past year, including their assistance with the Red Cross canvass, retarded children blitz, Sandra Murden Fund, and their purpose for orginization, to boost the projects undertaken by their husbands, the Kinsmen. She said the club also hopes to be able to aid the Hospital Fund.

Those making the trip were: Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. George Mundy, Mrs. Bob White, Mrs. Dean Taylor, Mrs. Bill Hewitt, Mrs. Reg. Higham, Mrs. Bruce Wilson, Mrs. Jack Mackenzie and Mrs. Clare Burns. Mrs. Wilson, one of the club's most diligent workers, will be lost to the Kinettes shortly, when the Bruce Wilsons move to Montreal.

Tells Business Women Of South American Stay

The Business and Professional Women's Club met at the Jack O'Lantern for their regular dinner meeting on Monday evening with a good attendance. Minutes and treasurer's reports were read and correspondence dealt with. The portion of constitution dealing with nominations was studied and discussed. It was decided to hold the May meeting on Monday, May 30th, the fifth Monday of the month, in view of the Commonwealth Day (Victoria Day) holiday falling on the regular meeting night. At this meeting the nominations committee will be held as well as receiving final reports of the year.

Invitations were received from the United Nations Association to attend a morning and afternoon session at which Wilson Woodside will be the guest speaker this week, the United Nations Committee planned to attend this. Twenty-two members plan to attend the Regional meeting in Stouffville on May 9th. They will meet at the Jack O'Lantern close to five o'clock, and any member not present who wishes to attend should contact Mrs. Aileen Bradley and transportation will be arranged.

Mrs. Batty of Sargent Road, a new resident to Georgetown was the guest speaker for the evening. Mrs. Batty's husband is an engineer, and the couple with their three children, have just returned from a two-year stay in Peru, where he was engaged in the copper mines. Mrs. Batty's talk was most interesting in so many aspects. Her excellent slides brought the club from the high mountain peaks to the Amazon River, to its mouth, geographically, historically and anthropologically. Her word pictures were vivid and one could almost hear the jungle sounds she spoke of and smell the odors. She also illustrated her talk with samples of clothing worn by the natives; their gourds which were beautifully carved; a copper vase inlaid with silver, which is peculiar to the natives in that district; beautiful feather fans and flowers and small carved, coloured figures; replicas of the natives in their national costumes.

Norma O'Shea thanked the guest and presented her with a gift on behalf of the club. The meeting closed with the benediction.

St. John's Minister Accepts Call To Belleville Church

Rev. Morgan McFarlane will become minister of Tabernacle United Church, Belleville, at the end of June.

Mr. McFarlane, who has conducted services at St. John's United for almost 6 years, announced his decision to accept the Belleville call last week. He succeeded Rev. John Smith here.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Staff, Police Salary Revisions In Budget

Salary raises for a number of town employees totalling approximately $1750 and some further adjustments answering a brief from the Police Association were included in motions passed at Monday's council meeting.

Salaries of the town clerk, assessment commissioner, foreman and seven members of the office staff were revised upwards and a $400 car allowance voted to the town engineer.

Beginning a 44 hours week in service placed recently, council approved a salary schedule for policemen which calls for $4625 first year, $4055 1st class constables, $3550, 2nd class and $3250 probationers.

In addition to other extras granted, $100 will be given the constables yearly for cleaning and repairs to clothing, a $3 monthly remuneration to men earning a 5-year service bar, and a service schedule which provides a graded elevation to 1st class constable in two years, subject to the police chief's recommendation and council approval.

Following the motion which passed unanimously, Mayor Hyde expressed his displeasure with a news report which he said had appeared prior to the meeting.

"I don't favour news appearing in the press as fact before it comes before council" he said, without explaining the incident.

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A letter from the police chief commended Cpl. Bishborough and Constable Lowe for their handling of an investigation into a cloakroom fire at St. John's United Church. Parents in action in "being taken" for the youngster involved in the incident, he said.

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Twenty-one applications were received answering an advertisement for an addition to the town police force, but due to the lateness of the hour when the matter came up, the applications were held until next Monday's meeting.

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A difference of opinion between CNR officials and the town in winter maintenance of a private crossing which leads to the paper mills was noted in a letter from a CNR official, and the matter was left with the road committee.

Shows Indian Costume In Speech to Ladies

The Woman's Federation of St. Andrew's United Church held their Easter Thank-Offering meeting on Wednesday, April 13th, 1960.

The president, Mrs. J. Parks, opened the meeting by welcoming the ladies visiting from other churches in Georgetown, and was joined in the singing of the hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus". The meeting was led in prayer by Dr. Donald.

Mrs. Kevin Brown conducted the devotional service entitled "Sacrifice and Thanksgiving".

The guest speaker, Mrs. Patel was introduced by Mrs. C. Donald. Mrs. Patel was originally from Indore, India, and was educated in Bombay. Her husband is with the Canadian Government here. Mrs. Patel spoke to the meeting on Social Welfare Work the Indian women are doing for their people, and conditions in various parts of the country. Following this most informative address, Mrs. Patel modelled several different costumes worn by Indian women which were very interesting.

A short business meeting was held and the women were reminded of a Rummage Sale to be held in the church on Saturday, May 7th, at 2:00 p.m. and also a Tupperware Party on May 4th, to be held in the home of Mrs. G. Stephens at 62 Rexway Drive. The women were asked to contribute various items each month in preparation for the November bazaar.

The meeting was adjourned and the ladies enjoyed a social hour. The hostesses were, Mrs. M. Bridgen, Mrs. K. Brown, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. A. Turner.