



HANDLING TOWN'S 1961 AFFAIRS

THIS IS THE 'OFFICIAL PICTURE' of Georgetown's 1961 council which took office at the inaugural meeting Monday night. The picture was taken in the council chambers and will take its place in the municipal building hall beside frame photographs of past councils. Seated are Mayor E. T. Hyde, Deputy Reeve John Elliott, and standing are councillors (l to r) Don Barrager, Bob Burke, W. F. Hunter, Ian Cass, Jim Emmerson and Jim Brown.

Monthly Tax Instalments would Be Town "First"

Year's Accidents Under 100

Excessive speed was the major cause of accidents in Georgetown in 1960. In a statistical report issued last week by the local police department, speeding played a part in more accidents than any other single factor. Failing to signal was second on the list and was followed by failure to heed signs, following too close and inattentive driving. Forty-two people were injured in the accidents, twelve of them children under the age of fifteen. Five accidents involved pedestrians and of five hit and run accidents local police made apprehensions in three cases. There were no fatalities within the town limits. It was the first time in years that police were able to record the accident total at less than 100. At midnight New Year's Eve the number of reportable accidents stood at 99 culminating a year of traffic safety campaigning aimed at holding the accident rate to less than three figures.

Sees No Tax Increase But Water Rates Up

Georgetown may set a 'first' in tax collecting this year, it plans hinted at by Mayor Ern Hyde in his inaugural address to council on Monday work out. "I hope the finance committee can come up with a first in Canada—monthly tax instalment payments," he said. "I'm sure it would be copied by every municipality. It would be an advantage to individuals and a distinct advantage to town financing." The mayor predicts no increase in mill rate in 1961. "Or if there is, it will be only a very small amount." Mayor Hyde said council is faced with a busy, interesting year in which he expects committees to deal with even more of the business than they have in the past. Despite forecast of no increased taxes, he thinks the road budget can be upped somewhat, depending on how other departments budget. One expense increase to residents will be a surcharge on water bills to help meet costs of the new sewage disposal plant. The extra billing will demand more mechanization of the town office, he thinks. The mayor spoke of the need for face-lifting of the downtown area, without going into any detail about what council might plan. Town clerk Clarence Benham administered the oath of office to the nine 1961 councillors, Mayor Hyde, Reeve Doug Sargent, Deputy John Elliott and Councillors William F. Hunter, Ian Cass, Don Barrager, Jim Brown, Bob Burke and Jim Emmerson. Following adjournment, the mayor and his wife were hosts to council, city officials and their wives at their home on Ewing Street, where a buffet supper was served.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Reeve Opposes Method Of Committee Choice

Says Councillors Should Be Consulted. Complete composition of committees were established at Monday's inaugural town council meeting. But the appointments did not meet unanimous approval and three councillors registered an opposition vote when a recorded vote was asked by Reeve Sargent. When a motion was tabled to endorse the committees, Reeve Sargent said he had comments which he would like to make and would like the motion held until the first business meeting the next night. When motion mover John Elliott declined to withdraw his motion, Reeve Sargent asked for a recorded vote. "I realize it is a difficult job to set up committees but I don't feel the suggested committees are to the town's best advantage and I feel opinions of councillors should be considered when they are drafted," he said. Cr. Ian Cass said he agreed with the reeve's opinion. "You know my feelings about taking the town planning chairmanship for another year. We could take three months to debate appointments and I feel any other method of establishing committees would be unworkable," he said. "If we throw the matter open, no one would be satisfied," was Cr. William Hunter's opinion. When the vote was taken Reeve Sargent and Councillors Brown and Burke voted against the motion, which carried to the 6-3 split. Name Chairmen Only committee change this year is addition of civil defence to the duties of finance chairman which this year will be held by Deputy Reeve John Elliott. Reeve Sargent, who has been finance chairman for the past year, will have the post of road chairman, while Cr. William F. Hunter will be police and fire chairman. The other two members of last year's council retain their chairmanships. Mayor Hyde as head of the administration committee and Ian Cass as town planning and industrial chairman. Bob Burke will head the water and light committee, Don Barrager public works and

O.P.P. Handled 255 Accident Investigations

Two hundred and fifty-five accidents were investigated during 1960 by the North Halton Provincial Police detachment, eight of them were fatal, resulting in 11 deaths, 59 were injured in mishaps on North Halton roads. Accidents gradually increased from 32 in January to 13 in June. A sudden drop occurred in March when only 11 accidents were recorded. From the summertime low they increased quickly to 28 in December. The heaviest number of fatalities was recorded in May when three people were involved in fatal accidents.

O.P.P. Accident Report table with columns for Month, Accidents, Fatalities, Injured. Data: January 22, 1, 2; February 20, 1, 6; March 11, 1, 2; April 16, 3, 6; May 17, 3, 2; June 13, 4, 5; July 18, 4, 6; August 22, 2, 4; September 22, 2, 4; October 29, 1, 9; November 27, 2, 6; December 23, 1, 9.

Make Several Appointments Esqueuing Council Inaugural

At the inaugural meeting of the Esqueuing Council, January 4th the Declaration of Office was administered, with the Reeve Campbell Sinclair, Deputy Reeve Wilfrid Bird, and Councillors George Leslie, Wilfrid Leslie, and Walter Lantham solemnly taking the oath. After a short devotional period by Rev. J. E. Maxwell, the reeve spoke of his hopes for the township in the coming year. Following this, the regular business meeting began. Appointments, a regular part of all first meetings, took precedence. A new assistant to A. W. Benton, has been appointed by by-law council appointed Mr. Geoff. Donnyato that position. Esqueuing Township again signed a three year lease with J. McDonald for the garbage dump, at a rent of \$800 per year. It was decided that Reeve Sinclair, the Deputy Reeve and Councillor Wilfrid Leslie should attend the Ontario Municipal Board hearing at Dundalk on January 11th. A custom, started some years ago in Esqueuing Township, was continued this year, when Reeve and Deputy Reeve each entertained the township of heads and employees. The Reeve, Campbell Sinclair held a dinner at the Jack O'Leary on December 15th, the closing of the old year, and Deputy J. Reeve W. Bird, entertained at Hawthorne Lodge on January 3rd at the beginning of the New Year. The guests attending were the council members, George Leslie, Wilfrid Leslie, and Walter Lantham, Clerk K. C. Lund, Assessor A. W. Benton, the newly appointed assistant assessing Geoff. Dennis, Building Inspector W. Hills, Road Superintendent W. Townsend, and his staff Herb Bosher, Lindsay, Sam Mitham and Bill Corley, C. A. Grant, Wallace Fire Area, Cam Sinclair and Walter Lantham to Acton Fire Area No. 2, and Wilfrid Bird to Milton Fire Area.

Collapses at Inaugural Wife Takes Over Duties

Rev. Charles Gower Once Minister Here. Mr Gower was 68 and had been in the ministry for thirty-two years. He came to Georgetown as a replacement for Rev. Ostrom from Waterford and in 1950 when he left for North Dresden Baptist church he was succeeded here by Rev. A. J. Barker. He had also held pastorates at West Lorne and Dresden and had been at Petrolia since 1957. At the time of his death he was moderator of Methodist Church. While here Rev. and Mrs. Gower lived at the church parsonage at 48 Main St. North. QUEBEC LEADS IN HYDRO. The province of Quebec is now the largest producer of hydro electric power of all the provinces. According to the Book of Knowledge it has about one-half the installed capacity of the whole country.

ENTERTAINS CLASS

During the holiday week, Miss Vera Pickett entertained the girls of the 1960 Grade 13 class of Georgetown High School at a buffet dinner at the home of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Vera Pickett, R. R. 3, Renewing acquaintances during the afternoon were Barbara Kinrade, Carole Lane, June Lison, Jacqueline Fost, Margaret Eason and Marilyn Barth.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Dixon, 27 John St. W. announce the engagement of their daughter, Roberta Gale Dixon, to Raymond Carl St. John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas St. John of Brampton. The marriage will take place on Saturday, March the eleventh, 1961 at two thirty o'clock in Grace United Church, Brampton.

Relatives Attendants At Wedding in Brampton

Relatives from town were attendants at a wedding in St. Mary's R.C. Church, Brampton, on December 31st. The bridal couple were Russell Mason of Ayr and Newfoundland, and Patrick Stables of Bell Island, Newfoundland. The groom, who works in Brampton, has a town residence a year ago when he made his home with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Kent. After the ceremony, at which Rev. Fr. C. W. Sullivan officiated, a reception was held in the Queen's Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Kent, who live at 24 Queen St. Ontario.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Whette of 57 Elm Street, Georgetown have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Mary, to Ernest, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Warr, of Milliken.



HEAD FIREMEN'S EXECUTIVE

FOUR TOP OFFICIALS of the fire department were returned to office on Sunday, when firemen held their annual election; Bob Bonfield, left front, continues as fire chief; Erwin Lewis, right, as deputy; Clarence Spence, standing rear, is secretary again and G. Inglis treasurer.

Toronto Man Joins GHS School Staff

A Toronto man, Don Young, joined the local high school staff when school reopened last week. He replaced Mrs. Adams, who moved to London after teaching at the school for the fall term. Mr. Young graduated from the University of Toronto in 1947 and from Ontario College of Education the following year. He taught at Galt central high school, then at George Harvey Vocational School before coming to town. Interested in choir work, he has been chorister at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, has been a member and in structure of the Cathedral Choir also. Unmarried, he has taken an apartment at Berwick Hall. He is teaching English and business practice at GHS and is home room teacher for Grade 9A.

Support Group Seeks Hockey Billing

Still busy engaged with the task of finding accommodation for the hundreds of youngsters who will invade town Easter week for the Bantam hockey tournament, the All-Star Support Ladies' Auxiliary set up a phone committee at their meeting Monday. Anyone who can give some assistance by billeting one or more of the boys may make their availability known by calling any of the four committee members. They are Mrs. Joseph Schertel, R. R. 1, Norval, TR 7-4928; Mrs. Jack Gudgeon, 9 Normandy Blvd., TR 7-3377; Mrs. George Dickson, 26 Windsor Rd., TR 7-4998; and Mrs. Tom Peavoy, 75 Edward St., TR 7-4949. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. George Dickson and drew an increase in attendance. The ladies are also currently involved in ticket selling and completing arrangements for a tournament here tomorrow night (Friday) when teams from Weston will play here. The next meeting was scheduled for Mrs. Bill Dwyer's home, 55 Maple Ave., on Monday, February 13th.