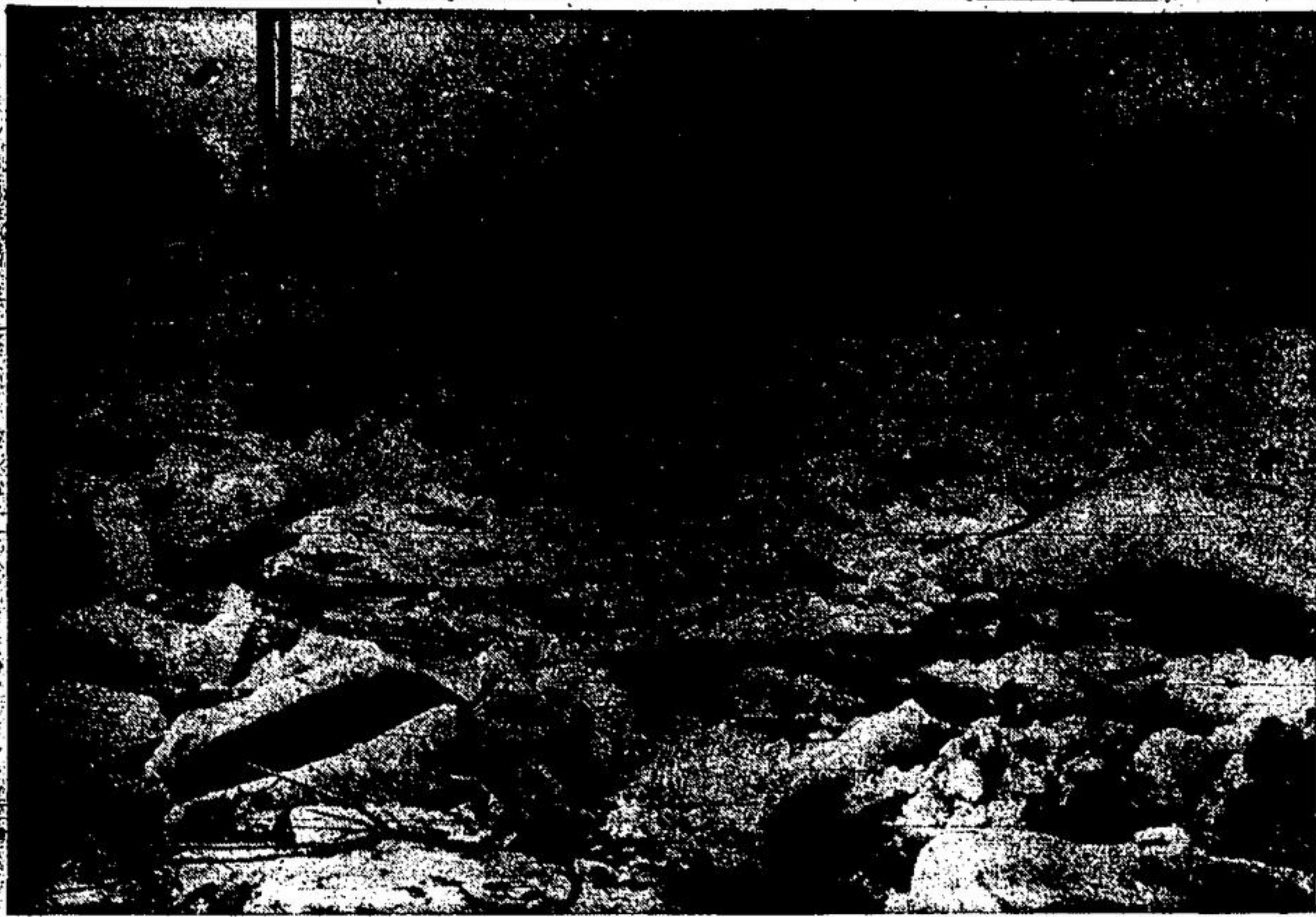


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### TENSION BUILDS

—Peter Jones, Georgetown

CHUNKS OF ICE, some two feet thick, scrape the bottom of the bridge in this picture taken shortly after flood threat became real. Water is already flowing over the 9th line at the base of the hill.

## Charter Member Harold McClure Honoured As 30-Year Member

### Prize-Winning Trophy Presented At Dinner

Presentation of a 30-year certificate to Harold McClure, only charter member to retain his membership in the Lions Club, and display of a new swimming trophy in memory of a deceased member were features of a Friday party to mark the Lions charter night. The club was chartered on February 24th, 1931, when twenty men met at the Georgetown Inn for dinner. Operated by the late Mrs. George Adams, the Inn was located in her home, now the James Evans' residence at the top of Main St. hill. Membership in the club is now 53. The anniversary party was held in Guelph's Royal Hotel and featured a visit from international director Charles Mowrey of York, Pa., whose speech was an eulogy of past club activities and a "pop talk" to keep progressing in its chosen fields of public service. Harold McClure, making one of his first public appearances after a lengthy illness, was accompanied by international director Frank Bartlett of Hamilton, who presented him with a 30-year certificate. With Richard Licala, Mr. McClure was presented with a life membership by president Jim Jones, who named these two veteran members as the backbone of the club. Also honoured were Jack Armstrong, master of ceremonies for the evening, and Don Barrager, song leader, who received 15 year awards. The memory of Ed Pries will be perpetuated in a handsome trophy which the club will award each year to the most improved swimmer at the community pool. Ollie Dyson presented the trophy which honours Mr. Pries, a valued club member at the time of his death in an auto accident, and superintendent of the arena and swimming pool.

Dr. Alan Thompson toasted the ladies and Mrs. George Hewson replied to the toast. Muri Allison introduced guests at a table reserved for past presidents and visitors. District Governor Jack Vicary introduced the guest speaker, and appreciation for his talk was expressed by Don Barrager. Visitors present included Sandy Best, M.P. and Stan Hall, M.P.P. who complimented the club on its history of service. Mayor Ern Hyde, the presidents of Brampton and Erin clubs, Jim McCracken and Fred Wilson; George Locklin, a Canadian director, and George Hughson, zone chairman were other dignitaries present. Head table guests were piped to their seats by two members of the Girls' Pipe Band, which the club sponsors, Betty Avery and Mabel Greig. During dinner, music was provided by a local trio, Ralph Ursel on piano, Ron Sproutie, drums and Bernard Strutsdale, bass, viol and vocalist. Tom Barrie, afterwards the Ben Alexander Orchestra took over for dancing, with a number of lucky draw prizes drawn during the intermissions. Present club membership comprises Bill Allen, Muri Allison, Jack Armstrong, Bill Bailey, Don Barrager, Al Blackwell, Ernie Bodnar, Bob Brick, Alf Brisbane, Jim Carney, Bill Carswell, Harold Coleman, Garret Collett, "Gob" Collier, Ivan Crabtree, Ollie Dyson, John Elliott, Harold Fobert, Clare Francis, Ken Gallimore, Bill Garbutt, Jim Gardiner, Boyd Garland, Walter Gray, Henry Helfant, Murray Henley, "Scotty" Herkes, George Hewson, Howard Holmes, Wm. C. Hunter, Jim Jones, Tom Ledwidge, Dick Licala, Dr. Alistair Macintosh, Harold Marshall, John Mathies, George Mitchell, Earl Olsen, Ross Otto, Pearce Porter, Tom Reed, Dick Riddall, Art Scott, Dr. Alan Thompson, Pat Vance, Jim Young, Fred Zorge, John Zorge, Al Currie, Harold McClure, Dick Miller, Bill Nowell and Stan Wade.

### WHAT COUNCIL DID Pipe Band Can't Share Citizens Fund Grant

A strong plea for the new Georgetown Citizens Pipe Band to receive a 50% share of the town's \$1500 grant to the Citizens Band was turned down by council Monday. Roy MacLoughlin, organizer of the new group, pointed out that his new group has an executive and listed twelve members, five of whom he said are ex-members of the girls pipe band. He summarized his band's activity, starting with the old brass band, then the girls pipe band with which he was associated from 1942 until 1950, and again from 1959 until recently. He reported that a committee member had told him the band has a surplus in the treasury, and thinks the grant could be split without harming that band. "When the voters in 1955 endorsed a grant to the citizens band, they didn't know the pipe band was self-supporting. They voted for music, and the by-law doesn't specify that it be brass or pipe," he pointed out. If the new band receives \$750 to help outfit it with uniforms, he thinks it might be possible that another year they might not need a grant, he said. "We have three jobs hooked already, but I fear that if we don't get our uniforms, we won't be able to continue," he concluded. Recreation chairman Jim Brown then reported that he had discussed the matter with

the town solicitor, and the opinion is that the by-law specifies the brass band as the one to receive a grant and that no other band is entitled to any of the money.

Council, which had also been asked for help from the girls band, decided to engage them for a number of public engagements for \$250, continuing a similar arrangement of last year.

Substantial aid was given the bantam hockey tournament scheduled for Easter week with decision to pay for crests which each young player will receive. Total bill is \$250.

Erection of advertising signs at Mavel Motors and at the new Brewers Retail store was okayed by council.

### Councillor's Daughter Is Best Public Speaker

Daughter of a Georgetown councillor, Irene Hunter of Terra Cotta won a Lions Club speaking contest Monday in Brampton. Two contestants from each of four high schools were featured and the judges, members of Brampton Toastmasters' Club chose Irene as winner for the girls and a Brampton student as boys' winner. Miss Hunter parodied soap operas in her clever speech.

Lions Clubs in this zone sponsor the yearly contest. Monday's event was a sub-zone final and Miss Hunter now competes again in the zone finals which are planned in Streetsville on March 23rd.

Two local students, Don Burt and Marilyn Murray represented Georgetown and placed well with their speeches on Sir John A. MacDonald and Racial Discrimination. The other Streetsville competitor was also from this district, Gary McNally, son of Mr and Mrs. Charles McNally, Terra Cotta. John Mathies was chairman of the club committee which arranged the contest.

### Fun-Fair Registers Sell-Out in Hour

A sell-out within an hour of opening was the astounding success story of the Harrison Home and School Fun Fair. Principal H. Knapper introduced Ed Wilson, chairman of the Public School Board, who officially opened the fair. Every schoolroom was transformed into a fair booth, with movies provided for the children, so that the adults could browse undisturbed. In addition, afternoon tea refreshed the browsers in their rounds. The general conveners of the Fun Fair were Mrs. Fred Zorge, and Mrs. C. Hart. The Baking and Delicatessen Booth was convened by Mrs. F. Nicholson and Mrs. C. Kidd, the Candy Booth by Mrs. J. Ferguson and Mrs. G. Sigurdson, the Bummage and White Elephant by Mr. D. Gosling, and Mrs. Henry Macklem. The Children's Hobby Room by Mr. Mackison and the Grade 8 boys, the Apron Booth by Mrs. J. Hogg, Speeches and Novelties by Mrs. V. Gunn, The Parcel Post Sale by Mrs. D. Gosling and Mrs. Myers, the Treasure Chest by Mrs. F. Platts, and Mrs. W. R. Smith, and the Children's Shopping Centre by Mrs. V. Landry.

## Spectacular Glen Flood Piles Ice High in Streets

### Retiring as Post Office Caretaker

The man responsible for keeping the local post office grounds the picture spot in the downtown area, Mr. Alf Rolfe, is retiring. Mr. Rolfe, who took over the superintendent's position twelve years ago was eligible for retirement three years ago, but has had numerous extensions granted at his request. Now at 68 he, and Mrs. Rolfe who assists him in maintaining the twenty-five year old building, are moving from their Mill St. apartment to a cottage on the Limehouse sideroad. He will be a retired man as of March 8th. Mr. Rolfe's successor has not yet been named.

### AVIAN TESTS CONTINUE

Though hampered by unfavorable weather, runway tests being conducted on Georgetown's Avian 2-180, which will lead up to the gyro-plane's initial flight, have so far progressed without a hitch. Encouraging is the news that the football-shaped craft has been off the ground during the current tests. However, officially the Avian will not have made a flight until it makes a pass over the field. If circumstances are right the pilot could get the nod this week, but the ground trials are likely to continue for some time.

### Flooded Basements Main Damage For Residents

The possibility of a recurrence of the flood which threatened Glen Williams homes for two days is apparently unlikely. According to area residents a combination of abnormal weather conditions which froze the water of the Credit to the riverbed were responsible for the natural freak which developed early Friday morning. Other years since the removal of the retaining dam in the centre of the village, spring thaws have raised the water level but rarely presented a flood threat. By six o'clock Friday morning the huge chunks of ice locked solidly a few hundred yards upstream from the old lower paper mill had created such a pile up that the water flow diverted from the regular river course and split into two branches just above the bridge at the corner of the 9th line and Guelph Road. The 9th line above the bridge was almost immediately impassible, however traffic was able to enter the Glen from the west side until late Saturday night when the road over the bridge was finally declared closed. The water level reached its height just before the wall of water and ice released when a dam burst at Terra Cotta hit the jam at 11 o'clock Saturday night. The collision was spectacular. The seemingly immovable ice barrier which had resisted TNT charges throughout the day suddenly heaved, throwing the miniature bergs in every direction. Cars stopped by the George Preston store were trapped by the muddy tide which caught them unaware. A Provincial Police cruiser manned by Cst. Pelcump of the county detachment was among the group of four which received the cold bath. One car was struck broadside by a piece of the escaping ice and pinned against a wall of the store. On the opposite side of the jam, a barn owned by Cliff Davison was in the path of the new swell, and livestock there received the same chilly treatment as the motorists across the river. In minutes the water was gone. The impact of the Terra Cotta floe though unable to move the jam, created an open channel and the backed up water was through. Heavy winds and rain all day Saturday triggered the Terra Cotta break which started the chain reaction. Had the dam not burst there, the eventual end of the ice build up in the Glen was unperceivable. When the Terra Cotta water reached the Glen jam, the ice was back to the old Barraclough Mill. Though little water damage was reported in their homes proper, many Glen residents had their basements flooded. Some moved out of their homes temporarily and others just upstairs. The Bob McMaster farm was in the middle of the turbulence.

Wide coverage by press, radio and TV made the Glen a tourist mecca. Sunday morning as hundreds of motorists flocked to the scene in time to watch a trio of bulldozers clearing the ice-cakes off the village's streets. By Sunday afternoon all arteries were clear again. What happens when the broken ice thaws? Probably nothing. Nature who remedied the situation with the Saturday rain is also providing for a sudden warm spell with the dust from the dried mud which is being stirred up by passing cars and coating the ice chunks. Dirty ice melts slowly.

### Leslie Abbiss, 41, Was Avian Firm Employee

A town resident for six years Leslie E. Abbiss, 41—died suddenly February 20th at Guelph General Hospital. He was employed with Avian Industries. Mr. Abbiss, who was a native of Stouffville, Bedford, England, came to Canada ten years ago and had been employed as a field service representative with Avro prior to joining the Avian firm. Following their marriage in Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Abbiss had lived in North Bay and Ottawa and came to town when they purchased a house at 34 Henry St. in the Cloverdale subdivision. He leaves his wife, Doris Carey, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Abbiss and a brother, Richard of Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk. Rev. Kenneth Richardson of St. George's Anglican Church conducted the funeral service on February 22nd at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home. Cremation followed.



### ROADS WASHED

—Peter Jones, Georgetown

IN ITS DIVERTED COURSE the Credit River at the height of the flood made Glen Williams roads impossible in four spots. Here, on the east side of the bridge, large cakes of ice crossing the road presented a threat to motorists during the early stages.

### Bridge, Euchre Raise Funds for Banquet

The bridge and euchre held at Chapel Street School Thursday, February 23rd, by the Home and School Association was an outstanding success. The attendance exceeded the expectations of the most optimistic, and ensured a successful banquet for the Grade 8 pupils this year, since all proceeds will be directed to this purpose. The bridge prize was won by Mrs. Tom Hewson, while Mrs. Sid Hulme and Mrs. Ron Kitchen were the two winners of the euchre prizes. A floral arrangement donated by Rosedale Floral was won by Mrs. J. McCartney. At the conclusion of the card-playing, lunch was served.

## Inaugurate Tree Program To Beautify Town Streets

### Council Okays \$500 To Replace Foliage

A planned program of tree planting was embarked on by council Monday when a Cass Sargent motion to budget \$500 this year as a start was endorsed. The Refreshment Booth, serving hot dogs and soft drinks, was run by Mrs. Don Wilkes, helped by Mrs. Henry Helfant, Mrs. C. Rea, and Mrs. M. Armstrong. The Grade 8 girls served the afternoon tea, which was convened by Mrs. A. Harris, Mrs. H. Baleslow, and Mrs. A. Macintosh. Mrs. Ed Wilson and Mrs. H. Knapper poured. Council declined to support a Whitty council resolution asking for more representative voting in county councils. Reeve Sargent explained that in Halton, the south end of the county has 73% of the population but has only four votes in county affairs. "A change would be no advantage to Georgetown, so I suggest we file the Whitty request," said the mayor. Council agreed. Credit Conservation Authority notified council that Georgetown's share of this year's \$181,000 budget will be \$8,792.

Notice was given by Cotton Bros. store that they will claim damage from basement flooding caused by a storm sewer. A bad drainage condition on Main St. N. will be fixed by channeling water lying on the road into a ditch. Deputy Reeve Elliott reported that the public library board is not empowered to borrow money and that it is too late for any Winter Works program to make major library renovations. The finance committee will discuss whether the board could receive a higher grant, he said. Cr. Jim Emmerson said his committee has figures from 100 companies, which prove the town could save a substantial amount by installing its own gas tanks and suggested that the waterwork building as the best location. His property committee will be discussing the matter further.



### CREDIT RIVER (ON THE ROCKS)

THE TURBULENT Credit when blocked by an unprecedented ice jam makes its own course on both sides of the floe flooding basements and barns and endangering the homes of many Glen Williams residents. —Peter Jones, Georgetown