



HOSPITAL FOUNDER AT CONFERENCE HERE

PICTURED ABOVE is an artist's drawing of the 120 bed Kaonde Hospital, which was established by Dr. Robert Foster in 1951. Dr. Foster will speak at the missionary conference here on Sunday. In the foreground is the children's ward, with the lab and Pharmacy unit to the right. Behind the children's ward is the Men's ward, the women's and maternity ward, and the T.B. ward at the rear. Student nurses dormitories and class rooms occupy the smaller buildings at the rear. Dr. Foster pioneered the hospital and is its architect and its designer. When he returns to the field he anticipates the founding of a new hospital.

Mayor Discusses Town Finances In Radio Address

An address by Mayor Ern Hyde, on a district radio station, October 21st, 4th of a series.

This morning I will talk to you on the finances of Georgetown, the budgeting, and the levying and collection of taxes. The first job for any Council to face early in the New Year, is to bring in a budget, so that a Mill rate may be struck and actual tax billings sent out.

Even before much can be done with the budget, the Auditor must produce a year-end statement for the previous year. In the past this auditing and budgeting has taken up the first 3 or 4 months of the year, so that by the time the tax bill goes out, plus the allotted time allowed for payment, the first income for the Corporation would be in the early part of June.

When the Town was less than half its present population, this situation, although not completely satisfactory, did not present too serious a problem. However, with the rapid growth with a population over ten thousand, and with a budget reaching the million dollar mark, there is now a dire need to make changes — the methods that were good enough before are now completely inadequate.

You might wonder why we cannot go along now as we have in the past.

With a million dollar budget we, to-day, cannot afford to operate the first five or six months of the year without revenue. This means that we borrow from the Bank sums of money that last year, 1960, cost over \$11,000.00 for interest and that this year will probably be higher.

This year we have taken steps that future Councils should take advantage of. We also started a system of monthly tax payments that future Councils should adopt.

This year the Finance Committee, under the able chairmanship of Deputy Reeve Elliott, and with a great deal of assistance and advice from our auditor, Walter Pope, studied the problem, and as a result we purchased new modern office equipment that has multiplied the office efficiency ten fold, and made many other things possible. The most important of these is that future Councils will be able to have their year end statement, prepare a budget and have the tax bills in the hands of the taxpayer by the first day of March, and keep the payments on a monthly basis for ten months of the year.

This monthly billing, in my opinion, is going to have far reaching effects. First, it has been accepted by 90% of the taxpayers as a desirable way to meet tax commitments, and second, I am sure will eliminate tax arrears, and thirdly will eliminate a great deal of current borrowing.

In other words we will spread the payment of taxes to the taxpayer, and we will have revenues coming in to meet current expenses during the early part of the year, and eliminate a great deal of the costly borrowing. Councils for several years have been discussing the need of modern mechanism for efficiency. The 1961 Council have made this a reality, and I can boastfully say that we here in Georgetown have the most modern and efficient office in the Province of Ontario, and further we have started a system of monthly tax collection that has been discussed for years in other municipalities, but is a first for Georgetown in the Province of Ontario, and, I believe, in the Dominion of Canada.

With all this, I suggest that eventually we should almost entirely eliminate tax arrears. However, at the present time we have a very serious condition existing in this respect. Part of this has been inherited from the past, and it is partly due to unusual circumstances that have been allowed to take shape over the past four or five years.

A Municipality is allowed to borrow, for current expenditures, up to 70% of its uncollected taxes. We are now faced with a situation where all our borrowing power could be tied up by one ratepayer. Surely all

of us can realize what a serious situation this would be. It is not necessary for me to name names, but I will state this, that it is evident that there are ratepayers that capitalize on unpaid taxes. In other words they are using their unpaid tax dollars to better their personal advantage, at the expense of the people that are paying their way.

Due to the serious situation that we have to-day, I personally have had a change of opinion. Prior to now I have felt that it would be unfair to publish the names of the unfortunate ratepayers that have found themselves in difficulty. However, I feel now that all ratepayers that struggle and pay their way and meet their tax commitments, and then have to subsidize and carry the load for a few, with some of the few even capitalizing on their delinquency, should know who they are carrying.

This year the Finance Committee have spent a great deal of time on this problem, and now I feel the committee are going to have to take strong actions. This is probably one of the most unpleasant tasks of Council members, however, in the operation of a million dollar business it is becoming more evident that a stronger attitude must be adopted, and must be carried out year after year.

At the present time, other than the tax arrears, the finances of Georgetown for the year are in good shape. Certainly there is need for very cautious spending until the end of the year, but with this in mind I am pleased to suggest at this date that we should end 1961 with a small surplus.

One other thing that was established in 1960 for the first time, was a reserve fund for uncollected taxes. There was approximately \$15,000 set into this fund last year. This year I feel that Council should carry on and try to build this fund. If, and I have already suggested, that we will have a surplus, then this surplus should be allocated to this reserve fund, and if this practice is carried out year after year, the Corporation should eventually be in the position of carrying all current expenditures, and eliminating the current borrowing that I have already stated costs many thousands of dollars each year in interest alone.

Points that future Councils must aim at first, the elimination of tax arrears; second, the establishing of a current revenues and reserve fund to meet current expenses, so as to eliminate borrowing.

The ground work to achieve these ends are now possible through the actions taken by your present Council.

Before I leave you to-day, I can tell you that the Ontario Municipal Board has approved the application for the Ward System. This year the town will be divided into three Wards for election purposes. The approval came through to us on

Conference on World Missions To be Held in Georgetown

This weekend marks the first Missionary Conference ever held in Georgetown. Four speakers will represent missions in Africa, Europe, South America, and North America at the Maple Avenue Baptist Church. Tonight Rev. Herb Goertz will be showing slides and speaking on the twentieth century reformation that is taking place in Europe. Rev. Goertz has just returned from a six week tour of Europe which included his former station in Portugal.

Highlight of Conference

The highlight of the missionary conference will be Sunday when Dr. Robert Foster, the Canadian Albert Schweitzer will be present for both services at 11 and 7. Dr. Foster founded the Kaonde Hospital in the heart of the Rhodesian jungles.

Rev. Ivor Greenslade of Peru will be speaking on Monday night on the subject of 'South America at the Crossroads'. Wednesday will conclude the conference when Rev. R. D. Guthrie will be showing slides of Canadian missions, both English and French.

Preparations for the Conference have been underway for several months and plans call for the conference to be an annual event.

Rev. Ivor Greenslade



Rev. Greenslade will be speaking on "South America" on Monday evening at the Rotary Club. The public will be able to hear him at 8 p.m. at the Maple Avenue Baptist Church.

Sightseers from Toronto Visit Town on Tely Tour

Last Sunday, 900 sightseers left Toronto on 21 buses to view the splendours of the Fall season on the Toronto Telegram's annual event, 'The Fall Colour Tour'. Approximately at 3.30 p.m., the picture hungry, camera snapping crowd of tourists converged on Georgetown to record for posterity the scenes of Georgetown in the family album.

After viewing such beauty spots at the Credit Forks and Terra Cotta, the 'Colour Tour' made its way to Georgetown for the last lap of the excursion for the traditional afternoon church service which was held in the Maple Avenue Baptist Church.

Rev. Herb Goertz



Rev. Herb Goertz will be representing Europe at the Conference on Missions tonight at the Maple Ave. Baptist Church.

Old Fashioned
Rev. Bruce Woods conducted the worship and preached on the subject: 'Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life'. The service by previous request was to resemble the old fashioned gospel type with the familiar hymns of the past. The church service was optional with the sightseers with some attending and others not. In any event the church auditorium was packed and could not have held many more. After the sermon the guests were invited to remain behind for refreshments served in the basement, and concluded the day greeting one another before they re-embarked on the buses for Toronto and home.

LIMEHOUSE

Krispy Kottons Name For 4-H Girls' Club

Ten 4H Club girls, calling themselves the Limehouse Krispy Kottons, and led by Mrs. C. Wilson and Mrs. Ted Brown, are meeting weekly at the homes of members. Officers include: president, Eleanor Karen, vice president, Mary Lou Brown; secretary - treasurer, Heather Arnold; and press reporter, Margaret Arnold. During the course the girls are expected to make a skirt, a sleeveless blouse and shorts.

VISITORS:

- Miss Ishii of Tokyo, Miss Bachelor of Chicago and Miss Colwell of London, Etc. at 'The Shielding'.
- Mr. Norman Cupp of Toronto with the Heisters.
- Miss Fern Small of Kenilworth and Acton with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Benton.
- Mr. Wm Gordon of Rockwood with the Pattersons.
- Mrs. John Ward and family and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Scott of Toronto with the Scotts on Sunday.
- Mrs. S. M. Kerr, of Aurora with the Roughleys.
- Mrs. Glen Scott was hostess for a shower for Miss Donna Bennett, a November bride-to-be on Saturday evening.
- Mrs. Lane and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Norton were guests at the Talbot-Morrow wedding and reception in Rogers Road Memorial Presbyterian Church, Toronto on Friday evening.
- The Pattersons visited Mrs. E. A. Wiley, a patient in Brant Memorial Hospital, Burlington on Sunday.
- Rev. N. Young baptized William Angus, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford McDonald, during last Sunday's service at Limehouse Presbyterian.
- Communion services will be held on October 29th at 2:30, with Sunday School at 1:30 as usual.

New Party Candidate Carl Rouleau Speaks In Legion Hall on Tuesday

The New Democratic Party's standard bearer in Halton riding, will air his party's platforms here Tuesday if it was disclosed this week by local New Party executive.

Seeks Followers Here
Graham Porter, in a release to the Herald this week, said that Mr. Rouleau would speak in the Legion Hall on Tuesday, October 31st at 8 o'clock to provide an opportunity for the local people to meet him and to encourage a larger membership in the club. Accompanying Mr. Rouleau will be New Party provincial secretary, 'Peg' Stewart, who will also speak to the assembled.

Talk Election Campaign
Mr. Rouleau who was in town last week when the Georgetown New Party Club officials held their monthly meeting at the home of Mr. John Deamer, 93 Raylawn Cresc. Discussed there were plans for fund raising and details of 'next year's election campaign.'



G. R. (Gerry) MURPHY

... Has joined the staff of Scott Motors Limited. He brings to the firm a wide experience and knowledge of the automobile business. He was for several years on the staff of General Motors Corp. and later with large G.M. dealerships in Oakville and Toronto. He received his university education at Dalhousie and later graduated from the General Motors Institute at Flint, Michigan; In 1952 he married Patricia Grammell of Oakville, where they have lived for the past ten years. They have one daughter, Terry, 7 years.

Conference on World Missions

Maple Avenue Baptist Church

OCTOBER 26 — NOVEMBER 1

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EUROPE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25 8.00 P.M. — REV. HERB GOERTZ

AFRICA SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 11 A.M. AND 7 P.M. — DR. ROBERT FOSTER

SOUTH AMERICA MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 8.00 P.M. — REV. IVOR GREENSLADE

NORTH AMERICA WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 8.00 P.M. — REV. R. D. GUTHRIE

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