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FIRST SECTION

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Sinking 600 Gas Wells On Town's Doorstep

Georgetown Sitting On Gas Field — Anthony

An extensive well drilling program which will put some 600 wells from the town limits west and south will be put into operation this spring the Herald learned from Anthony Gas and Oil Explorations of Acton.

A company spokesman told the Herald that Georgetown is sitting right on top of a gas field which links large fields to the west in the Speyside area and to the south in the vicinity of Hornby.

A well is presently being sunk on the Van Vliet farm on the 5th line just west of Stewarttown and is down 1,500 feet. A four man crew started the drilling operation 6 weeks ago. The gas lake to be tapped is allegedly at 1,900 feet.

That makes 14 wells in that one area," he said, "13 gas and one oil."

A two hundred acres lease was taken out by the company this week in two other areas, one on the 5th line and one on the Ruddell farm on the 7th line below Stewarttown.

"This will definitely be our biggest drilling year ever. We will probably drill 500 to 600 wells around this Georgetown limits," he claimed.

The Anthony Gas company, under Tony Seynuk, began seeking a main gas field in this part of the county in 1955.

Chairman . . . Not President

Cutlines under a picture in last week's issue of the Herald erroneously named Harold Henry president of the Georgetown Retarded Children's Association. Mr. Henry, who was shown accepting proceeds, is Chairman of the Building Committee for Georgetown.

TOTAL WRECK

Jose Desousa of Brampton suffered injuries when his car left the road just east of Norval street, which she at and was totally demolished Saturday night.

North American Award to Georgetown Grower

The Directors of the North 33 Market St. "outstanding work with lilies" Miss Preston is only the second recipient of the award which was E. H. Wilson Memorial Award, instituted in 1959.

A release regarding the award the Ontario Agricultural College with the late Professor J. W. Crow, then head of the Horticultural Department. Under his direction Miss Preston crossed L. Sargentiae with L. Regale and produced several hybrids, one of which, the George C. Creelman, became well known and is still an outstanding lily.

Later Miss Preston moved to the experimental farm at Ottawa, where, as a member of the Horticultural Department, she had charge of the work with ornamental plants. Here she produced the famous, "steno-grapher lilies" which made lily history. These arrived on the scene almost at the start of the great developing interest in lily growing. Coronation, a beautiful clear yellow seedling of the stenographers appeared when yellow lilies were a rarity and attracted much attention.

These varieties did much to stimulate the rapidly growing interest in lilies. Miss Preston's influence on lily growing was not limited to hybridizing. She wrote two books on lilies, many articles in horticultural publications including the Lily Yearbooks of the Royal Horticultural Society and the North American Lily Society and lectured before horticultural groups.

During her many years at Ottawa, the Central Experimental Farm was the mecca for the lily folk of the world; E. H. Wilson was one of them. The lilies were not the only attraction. Miss Preston is a general kindly person with a vast store of horticultural knowledge and an afternoon with her in the ornamental plantings was an interesting and stimulating experience.

Roses, iris and crab apples received her attention as a hybridizer. She grew and knew all the garden flowers that would thrive at Ottawa. She wrote and talked about them. She is the Grand Lady of Canadian Horticulture.

Peter Jones, Georgetown, photos Horticulture.

Haggis Piped Scots Remember Robbie Burns

To the skirt of the haggis and the swaying of the kilt, the traditional haggis was piped in at the Lorne Scots "Robbie Burns" night last Friday.

The spirit of Bonnie Scotland was recaptured, when only voices from the land of the heather were heard.

Dr. A. Macintosh proposed the toast to the haggis. Dave Capperauld, Legion president paid tribute to the "Immortal Poet," whose basic philosophy was the greatness of the common man. But whose genius told of it with respect, humour, earthiness and commonsense.

Another Scottish voice, that of Harry Bottoms, toast the ladies, and was answered by Mrs. Hamish May. In keeping with the mood, Joanne and Carol Kleinfeld, daughters of Major Kleinfeld, attired in full Highland dancing regalia, danced the "Forward Dance and the Highland Fling."

Two of Burns' poems "The Henpecked Husband," and "The Soldier Laddie" were read, with some of the latter deleted.

A door prize, was won by R.S.M. Murray, eddy enough it was a door, the door to the old armours, and a book of Burns poems was won by Alf Sykes.

A medal not listed in military annals was awarded to C.M.S. J. P. Chamberlain, it was the I.T.S. award. Translated that means "In Trouble Constantly."

For the remainder of the evening the one hundred and twenty guests danced Scottish dances.

ST. GEORGE'S NEW RECTOR



REV. JOHN McMULLIN

Rev. John McMullin, B.A., S.T.B., will become rector of St. George's Anglican Church on March 1st, succeeding Rev. Kenneth Richardson, who is leaving after an eight year pastorate to become a hospital

Home Damaged by Arena Ice Slide

An ice slide off the arena roof last week damaged the adjoining home of Welburn Marchment, 12 John St. West.

Mr. Don Barrager, who reported this to council Monday expressed concern about future protection for the house.

"Several weeks ago Mr. Marchment complained about an ice build-up on the roof, and I passed this on to the town engineer, who in turn told the board of parks management," he said.

Mayor Sargent instructed the town clerk to contact the board immediately to ensure that a similar incident doesn't happen in future.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Council Will Hear Details On Housing

Council will hear details of government aid for public housing from an official of Ontario's Department of Economic Development.

Councillors on Monday expressed interest in hearing about the proposal when a letter was read from R. B. Bradley of that department indicating his interest in explaining this.

"If this is providing reasonable living accommodation for senior citizens, I'd like to know more about it," remarked Cr. Fred Harrison. "Some towns like Orangeville have this and it would be desirable here."

In Orangeville, a low rental apartment house has been built by the Legion branch, stipulating that tenants must be 60 or over.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Scores 8 Day Limit For Liability Claims

An 8 day limit on liability claims against the town was criticized by Cr. Fred Harrison at Monday's council meeting.

But he was told by Mayor Sargent that this is a statutory clause which every company adheres to.

The matter came up when a claim was received through a solicitor for a resident who broke her wrist in falling on a claimed icy sidewalk on Main Street.

"Last year the company disclaimed responsibility in a similar case," said Cr. Harrison, "and I didn't like their choice of an adjuster either."

The councillor said he didn't think the town should buy insurance to do anyone out of a just claim.

"Two years ago we had many complaints about the company backing out of liabilities where councillors thought the claims were just," he charged.

Quered by Reeve Elliott and Deputy Reeve Hunter for details about the case he mentioned, he said it is to sand roads.

Bairstow Heads Planners

Harold Bairstow was elected chairman of the Planning Board for 1962 at last week's meeting. Vice-chairman is T. Van Sickle and members Claude Kentner, E. T. Hyde, R. Cock and F. Harrison. In addition the mayor is a member ex-officio.

Again this year the secretary treasurer is Clarence Benham.

LOCAL MUSEUM MEN "READY FOR BUSINESS"

KEITH BARBER, Georgetown representative on the new Halton County Museum Board, and Ben Case of R.R. 1, Georgetown, the Esqueping rep, inspect items of pottery marked for new museum. The men are interested in locating articles of historical value for the new collection.

WARDEN GETS MUSEUM KEY

At a brief ceremony, Monday afternoon, with the chill wind whipping up catcalls, the key to the new Halton County Museum was handed over to Warden Wilfrid Bird. Up till now the land and Museum has been the property of the Sixteen Mile Creek Conservation Authority.

Warden Bird complimented the Authority on all the work they did on the area, on the Duff Alexander farm.

Chairman of the Authority Robert Marshall expressed his hope that the Museum would become a real attraction, and Stan Hall, MPP, offered to donate some articles.

Administrator Groh of the Doone Pioneer Village outlined some of the problems he had encountered in setting up their museum, and hoped some could be avoided in the Halton Museum.

Claim United Appeal Is Best Fund Raiser

October is Favourite Month for Canvass

A fact-finding survey by the Chamber of Commerce to examine the possibility of introducing the United Appeal type of organization into Georgetown, included a panel discussion at the Chamber's annual meeting last Wednesday.

Jack Armstrong chaired a panel comprising Ted Conover, Brampton's United Appeal chairman, David Kennedy, co-chairman and Mrs. Mary Tolton, executive secretary of the Guelph U.A., and Fred Tilley, former executive secretary of the Oakville U.A.

How It Works

Mr. Armstrong explained that the guests had been invited to relate how united fund campaigns work in their communities, and that the panel discussion would include informal questions from the floor.

Prior to the panel, Mayor Doug Sargent, who was among the head table guests, expressed appreciation for the community work carried on by the Chamber. He was introduced by Chamber of Commerce president Alex Blackwell.

Mr. Kennedy, who is administrator for Homewood-Sanitarium in Guelph, said United Appeal methods are business-like and workable and that any faults in a campaign are traceable to the human element, rather than to the master organization.

It is an association of agencies performing social and welfare needs who, instead of making separate appeals to the public, combine as one group in a yearly appeal, dividing public donations in a budgeted ratio afterwards.

"It has proven successful in hundreds of towns, but there is no magic formula. You can't wave a wand and raise large sums of money," he warned.

He stressed that all participating groups must first have

the support of the public for their activities.

Each year a conference is held at Dayton, Ohio, and he urged that if Georgetown is embarked on a program, delegates should be sent to this conference to glean information.

Mr. Tilley, a former Oakville reeve and Appelby College bursar, said the Oakville campaign started in 1955 after a Chamber of Commerce study found over a dozen social agencies appealing for funds during a year.

Oakville has achieved its objective for the last three years, each time asking for a higher budget, he said.

"Get a board who are workers, not lay-riders," he stressed. Mr. Conover, who is commanding officer of the Lorne Scots Regiment said that in Brampton it was found the best United Appeal board was made up of members of organizations who are seeking money.

Answers to questions included these:

Questions: Can a donation to United Appeal be designated to a pet charity?

Answers: It is possible to work out some system allowing this. Questions: Does United Appeal raise more money than individual campaigns? (continued on back page)

Panel Would Discuss Town Manager Idea

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The idea would be to invite panelists from towns which have managers and from towns which may have tried the system and found it did not work for them.

Council expressed their satisfaction with such a meeting if it is arranged.

Operation 62 In Rehearsal

Rehearsals are under way for "Operation 62", which should be presented early in April.

Ed Wilson, last year's "Swami Tassan - Ben Sober" will again delight his many fans from coast to coast, as they say in the fan magazines but in a different type of part. The producers want to show his versatility.

Jim Rundle, who managed to "wangle" more appearances than anyone else last year, will no doubt do it again.

The chorus, under Ken Harrison, has started practicing, and already sound professional. So, watch out Mitch.

While all the parts in the sketches have not as yet been assigned, Jim Carney, Ross Norton and Bill Fisher are in some of them.

Luncheon Success Another Planned

A smorgasbord luncheon, catered by the Daughters of the Church, attracted one hundred noon diners to St. George's Anglican parish hall last Wednesday.

Called for Another So successful was the luncheon that another one is planned on the last Wednesday in February. The catering group was convened by Mrs. Ron Ovenden.

Tables were decorated with seasonal flowers and guests enjoyed a variety of food ranging from turkey and ham to tempting salads.

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