



Peter Jones, Georgetown

Council Initiates Action Delrex Land Release

Masked Bandit Slugs, Robs Elderly Man

A 79 year old pensioner, John Clark MacDonald, of 97 Mount-ainview Rd. North, is still in hospital here with injuries inflicted when he was brutally beaten and robbed in his home last Wednesday.

At writing time Police Chief Roy Haley told the Herald that several suspects had been questioned and the investigation will continue until the attacker is in custody. He hinted that an arrest may be imminent.

Mr. MacDonald, who lives with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Shier, told police he was in his upstairs bedroom at about 1:30 in the afternoon when he heard the back door slam. He called down but got no answer. Minutes later he heard a noise behind him in the room and when he turned was confronted by a man in a top coat and wearing a white hood. When he later described the hood for police, he said it fitted snugly across the forehead and had only two holes at eye level.

The hooded man demanded his wallet and when he tried to bluff by saying it was down stairs the man said "I know you have it, hand it over." Mr. MacDonald told police the robber had something in his right hand and clutched it viciously around the head and shoulders before taking the wallet and fleeing.

Mr. MacDonald made his way to the telephone downstairs, but it had been pulled off the wall. Outside he flagged down a Haines gravel truck and got assistance from the driver, Gus Cooper, and Dave Hancock (Constable) pulled police from a neighbour's home.

Cst. Mike Christopher and Cst. Ron Rink took the hooded man to Dr. Williams where he was treated before being admitted to hospital for X-rays and rest.

The wallet contained \$511 dollars.

Seeking Lost Model Plane

Georgetown Police are keeping an eye out for an airplane which reportedly came down in this area back in November.

Dennis Maggs of Weston, a model plane enthusiast, asked police this week to help him find a model Tiger Moth which flew out of his control while he was testing it in Trafalgar Township. The plane has a wing span of 6 feet, is powered by a gasoline engine and is radio equipped. He said the prevailing winds at that time would carry it toward Georgetown and it had sufficient fuel to make the trip.

The Herald has been asked to assist in the search by notifying any one finding the plane or knowing of its whereabouts, to get in touch with police.

Opinions Differ, Vote Splits 5-4 On Question

A measure which would release undeveloped portions of the Delrex subdivision for house building received majority approval of council Monday when an amendment was ordered prepared which would allow a developer to execute a new subdivision agreement.

A developer would have to adhere to provisions of the subdivision services by law as if a 1961 by-law with controls, the proportion between residential and industrial-commercial assessment. However, the 1961 by-law which provided a sliding scale of deposits varying from \$200 to a house assessed at \$4,000 to no payment for an over-\$6,000 house would be replaced by a flat \$200 plus \$1.00 per \$1,000 construction value, with rebates allowed if a developer fulfills certain regulations.

1961 By-Law Replaced

Opinion was far from unanimous as council debated the proposal for almost two hours. It passed by a 5-4 split vote, with Mayor Sargent and Crs. Fred Harrison and Bob McNelly supporting the motion made by Crs. Rex Cook and Jim Brown. Opposing the move were Reeve Elliott, Deputy Reeve Hunter and Crs. Jim Emmerson and Don Barrager.

Using a chart to show Georgetown's projected taxable assessments and annual expenditures Cr. Cook gave figures to show that by late 1963 the town would have a mill rate of 1.00 unless action is taken to work out a better balance.

"After a long series of fact-finding meetings, my committee Feb. 14th issue of the Georgetown Leader which reported the situation is painfully present," he said. "We have met with builders, school board, 15,000 population by 1972 if legal and financial advisors, no new homes are built, and based on our municipal records, the graph gives a clear picture of our position."

Mr. Cook said that the graph shows that while industrial real assessment is in a healthy increase, it is not progressing fast enough.

"After long deliberation, my committee concluded that immediate action must be taken to remedy this condition and with the proposed amendments to our services by-law and land release by-law, we will have set the stage for a progressive, planned development essential to our municipal prosperity," he continued.

To encourage new industry, the town must have a surplus labour force and to have this we must have medium priced homes. If we don't we drive away our labour force and so drive away industry," he stated.

Industrial Assessment

Reeve Elliott criticized the opinion that Georgetown is dormant.

"I wouldn't be surprised if an industry isn't signed up shortly. If you look at our present ratio of 72% residential, I think we should be looking for more industrial assessment rather than more housing," he said.

Cr. Emmerson quoted statistics to support his claim that residential ratio has steadily risen from 53 per cent in 1943 to 71.5 per cent last year.

"I'm strongly opposed to such a motion at this time," he said. "We have an agreement with a developer for a 62-acre site. I'm not saying we have to stick strictly to this, but we must certainly keep it in mind."

Translating taxes into money, Cr. Emmerson said taxes on his own home in 1954 were \$137 and in 1961, \$327, and said only industrial-commercial assessment could help overcome a sharp tax rise.

Cr. Emmerson was of an opposite opinion, that provisions should be discussed before any formal by-law was drawn up.

"Cr. Emmerson mentioned 77 more teachers. God help the taxpayers - and there are more to share the bill," said Cr. Harrison.

Road expenses are one of the town's biggest costs, he said, and said the motion would mean no road money available for road work in the other part of town.

"No matter what council decides, the law of supply and demand will govern building of houses and no one is going to build them if there is no market," he said.

Cr. Harrison then pointed to the deputy reeve as father of the idea of rental buildings for industry.

"We've got industrial land and we just need someone to carry the ball and get industry here... and one way is to get these areas opened up," he claimed.

Cr. Harrison said if there is a tax burden, the more people (continued on page 13)

Sales Still Climbing in Million Dollar Co-op

Hilton Co-Op sales which exceeded the million dollar mark two years ago for the first time are still climbing.

At the annual members' dinner in Stewarttown Hall last Wednesday, Co-Op supervisor Wes Clark showed the members, their wives and guests, on a flannelgraph illustration board that stores operating at Milton, Georgetown and Erin together reached \$1,259,953 total sales. Net profit was also up from the previous year. His graphic outline indicated how Co-Op investors profited by patronizing the organization.

New Director

Sen. Harris is the new member of the board of directors, elected by acclamation with incumbents Fred Nurse and Spencer Wilson when Dave Lawson declined to stand for reelection.

Other directors are Win Mahon, V. J. Lawrence, Albert Hunter, J. McDonald, Denny Charles, Harold Meek and Lloyd McNeil.

Director Fred Nurse introduced the guest speaker, Gordon Bennett, Director of Marketing Services who followed the theme "Things aren't what they used to be."

He pointed to soaring populations and diminishing farming areas and stressed that the emphasis should be on making farming a full time business.

He spoke of the responsibility of the individual farmer in applying more time to this business.

Changing Industry

"We are in a changing industry," he said, "and as this country accelerates there will be problems. The solution is to realize that we have new problems, sit down and work them out collectively."

Predicting large farm corporations, he said there is merit in collective action.

Director Albert Hunter thanked him for the address.

The president, William Mahon chaired the meeting and called on Mr. Lawrence for the minutes of the 1961 luncheon.

Mr. Lawrence was assisted by the general manager, Charles Harris, who gave his remarks and Wes Clark presented the financial picture with the assistance of an ac-

\$2000 Boost To Sunshine School

There's good news today, as Gabriel Heuter said to say, two local firms, Varian Associates and the Howard Smith Alliance Paper Mill contributed one thousand dollars each to the building fund for the North Halton School for Retarded Children. The cheque from the latter was from the parent company Dominion Tar and Chemical.

The Royal Bank added their gift of two hundred and fifty dollars bringing Georgetown's total to approximately seven thousand dollars so far.

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THEY'LL CUT CARNIVAL CAPERS

REHEARSALS for the Georgetown Skating Club's annual carnival, Rhapsody on Ice, have moved into high gear with the event just a little more than a week away. The ice show which draws a full house every year will feature professional Muri Burbidge supported by a large cast of Georgetown skaters. In costume for Monday's rehearsal are Linda Wickham and Pat Sargent.

Wintermeyer Here for March 28 Dinner Meet

The stage is set for the dinner meeting honouring the Hon. John J. Wintermeyer, Q.C., leader of the Liberal opposition in the Ontario Legislature, on Monday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Auxiliary. A good number of prominent Halton Liberals are planning to attend, including Dr. Harry Farley, of Oakville, federal candidate and Mayor Owen Mullin of Burlington, candidate for the last provincial election, and others. The dinner will be held in the Legion Hall, and catered to by the Legion Auxiliary.

Calypso, Polka Band 'Operation '62' Feature

'Operation 62' is really operating now. With the April 6th opening looming ever closer, rehearsals are more frequent and concentrated.

Two innovations on the local scene are a steel drum calypso band and German polka band complete with saxophones.

As in previous shows, the script and lyrics are being revised regularly, an act which earns the undying hatred of those who have already learned their lines. The question as ever is "Is THIS the final script?"

Not to be outdone by Ben Casey and Dr. Kildare, the distinguished team of Toots Burns, Duncan and Kay Thompson, Eric Wallace, Ross Norton, Bill Fisher and the ever-popular Max Busch, pardon me, Jim Rundle, with careless candour, carve up a cadaver, while chirping cheerfully.

Others giving their all in the skills are Ed-Wilson Jim Carney, Bill Carr, Steamer Emmerson, Jim Yurnbull, Enid Ursel, Vicki Lay.

The solo voices of Nadine Ruperf, Yom Trouten, Tom Darcie, and a mysterious Glen Williams nightingale will add to the fun.

Fete Albert Dolson For 80th Birthday

Relatives and a few close friends attending a surprise party for Albert Dolson, 47 Market St on Saturday.

The party, held in Terra Cotta Farm Club community hall was arranged by his sons Howard and Herbert, and marked Mr. Dolson's 80th birthday.

Turkey Dinner

Ladies of Union W.A. served a turkey dinner and euchre was played in the afternoon, with Elizabeth Leslie and George H. Leslie winning travelling prizes and Elsworth Arnold and Mrs. Clarence Anderson, high scores.

The group presented Mr. Dolson with a handsome green leather swivel chair and group photographs were taken as a remembrance of the day.

Farmed Many Years

Born on the 3rd Lane Chung-uacous, on the present Frank Dolson farm, Mr. Dolson and his wife, the late Letty Ann Leslie, farmed for many years on the 6th Lane farm which his son Herb now operates.

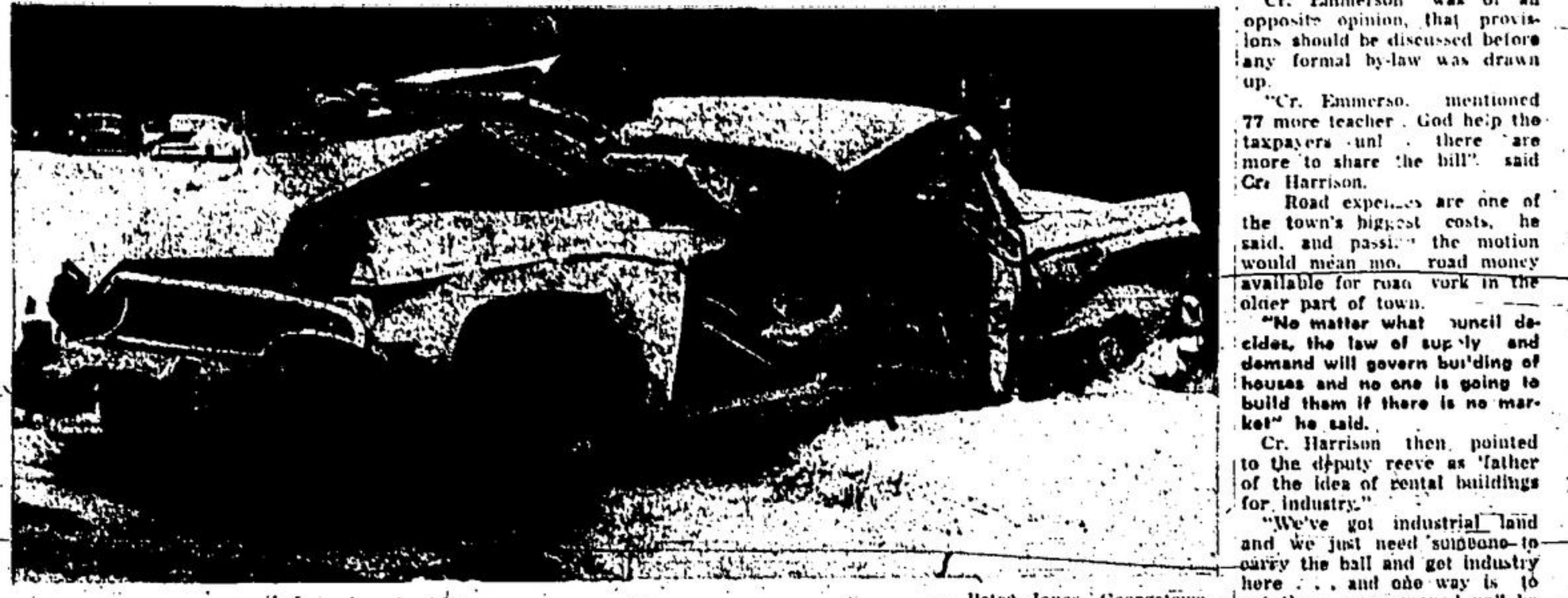
He moved to Georgetown ten years ago, sharing the happy occasion with his sons, their wives and grandchildren David, Leslie and Allan were Mr. and Mrs. George H. Leslie, Starret Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Dolson, Mrs. Herb Nicholson, Mrs. John McClure, Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Arnold, Miss Elizabeth Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Petch, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anderson, Mrs. Fred Hutchinson, John Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Thompson, Mrs. Jim McKane and Mrs. Andrew MacDonald.

Ill health prevented relatives Mrs. Starret Leslie, Mrs. T. L. Leslie and Mr. and Mrs. William Lyons from attending the party.

Citizen's Duties Topic for Speech

Cpl. Charlie Wilkinson of Milton-OPP detachment talked on "Your Duty as a Citizen" when he spoke to members of Stewarttown Home & School association at their March 15th meeting in the school.

A question and answer period followed the corporal's speech and the evening concluded with a social hour.



TWO MEN DIED IN THIS WRECK DOUGLAS K. McEDWARDS, 28, of Gravenhurst, and Leonard Soper, 31, of Kilworthly, died in this car when it smashed into a hydro-pole at Narval early Sunday morning.

Bingo Players Please Note
In last week's numbers, one was omitted, 65 under the O. If you have this on your bingo card it is a good number.