

Commissioners, Staff Honour Hydro Secretary

Surprise Mrs. Reid Dinner, Presentation

Warm tributes were paid to Mrs. O. W. D. Reid, the retiring Secretary-Treasurer of Georgetown Hydro Commission, at a dinner at the North Halton Golf and Country Club, Tuesday evening, April 23.

It was planned as a surprise function to honor Mrs. Reid for her outstanding service to the customers of Georgetown Hydro and the entire community.

High Honors
Attending the dinner were the Chairman and Commissioners of Georgetown Hydro, members of Georgetown Hydro staff, Mayor W. D. Sargent and four former Mayors of Georgetown, several close associates of Mrs. Reid from Brampton Hydro and North York Hydro, also D. H. Ireland, Director of Consumer Service for Ontario Hydro and a number of Central Region Ontario Hydro representatives.

During the evening, Mrs. Reid was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, a cottage, a transistor radio, a lovely gold wristwatch, and a cheque from Georgetown Hydro Commission, indicating the high esteem in which she is held. Chairman E. W. Binkley of Georgetown Hydro presided at the dinner.

Kept Goodwill
Speaking briefly D. H. Ireland, Director of Consumer Service for Ontario Hydro, commented on Mrs. Reid's unusual ability to collect arrears in customer's accounts and to keep the goodwill of these customers. Mr. Ireland thanked her for a job well done.

Sign Identifies County Building
The staff of Halton County East County Council to the punch yesterday by having a sign-identifying the project as a court house, registry office and municipal office—erected at the new county building now under construction.

A recommendation to have council consider the sign was included in the property committee report.

However, after the report was presented, Warden Wilfrid Bird stated that a "No sign" had already been erected. "It lets everyone know it is a county building," he added.

"Yes," quipped Oakville Deputy - Reeve H. Marry, "it tells everyone that the building is a court house, not a factory."

The latter was again showing his general disapproval of the design of the building.

3 New Constables To OPP Detachment

North Halton's O.P.P. detachment will be strengthened this week with the addition of three new constables. This brings the detachment up to a total of one sergeant, one secretary, and 15 constables.

Joining the staff are Ron J. Hudd of Fort Erie, James R. Hatch of Essex and Howard Collich of Steelesville. All three are now O.P.P. work, although Const. Hatch's father is an inspector in charge of the anti-gambling squad at Toronto. Const. Hudd is single, and the other new men are married.

Five years ago the detachment consisted of three men.

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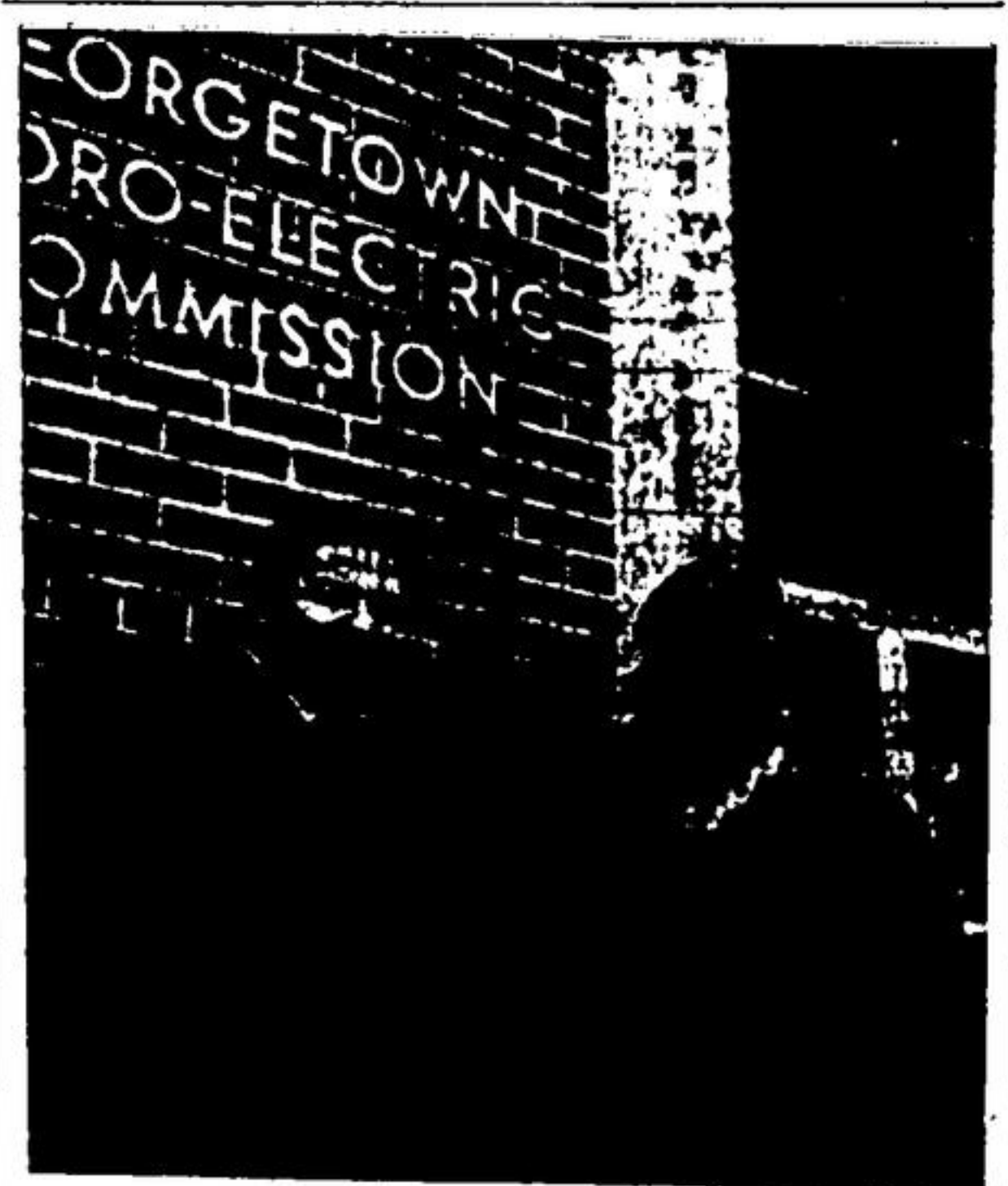
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retired. Mr. Farnell said that when he has served his term of office as Secretary-Treasurer he will be able to earn the respect and appreciation that Mrs. Reid has received and the Hydro Commission of Georgetown.

Valuable Service
Mr. Farnell presented the transistor radio on behalf of three Commissioners and himself as a former Commissioner to Mrs. Reid. Another presentation was made by Miss Norma Smith on behalf of the office and outside staff at Georgetown Hydro of an attractive, multi-ably engraved wristwatch. In making the presentation to Mrs. Reid, the Chairman, Mr. E. W. Binkley, paid a number of tributes to Mrs. Reid and stressed her valuable service to Georgetown Hydro.

The honored guest spoke with a great deal of feeling about her long association with the members of Georgetown Hydro staff and the Commission, also her wonderful contacts with staff members in neighboring Municipal Hydro systems and with Ontario Hydro staff members.



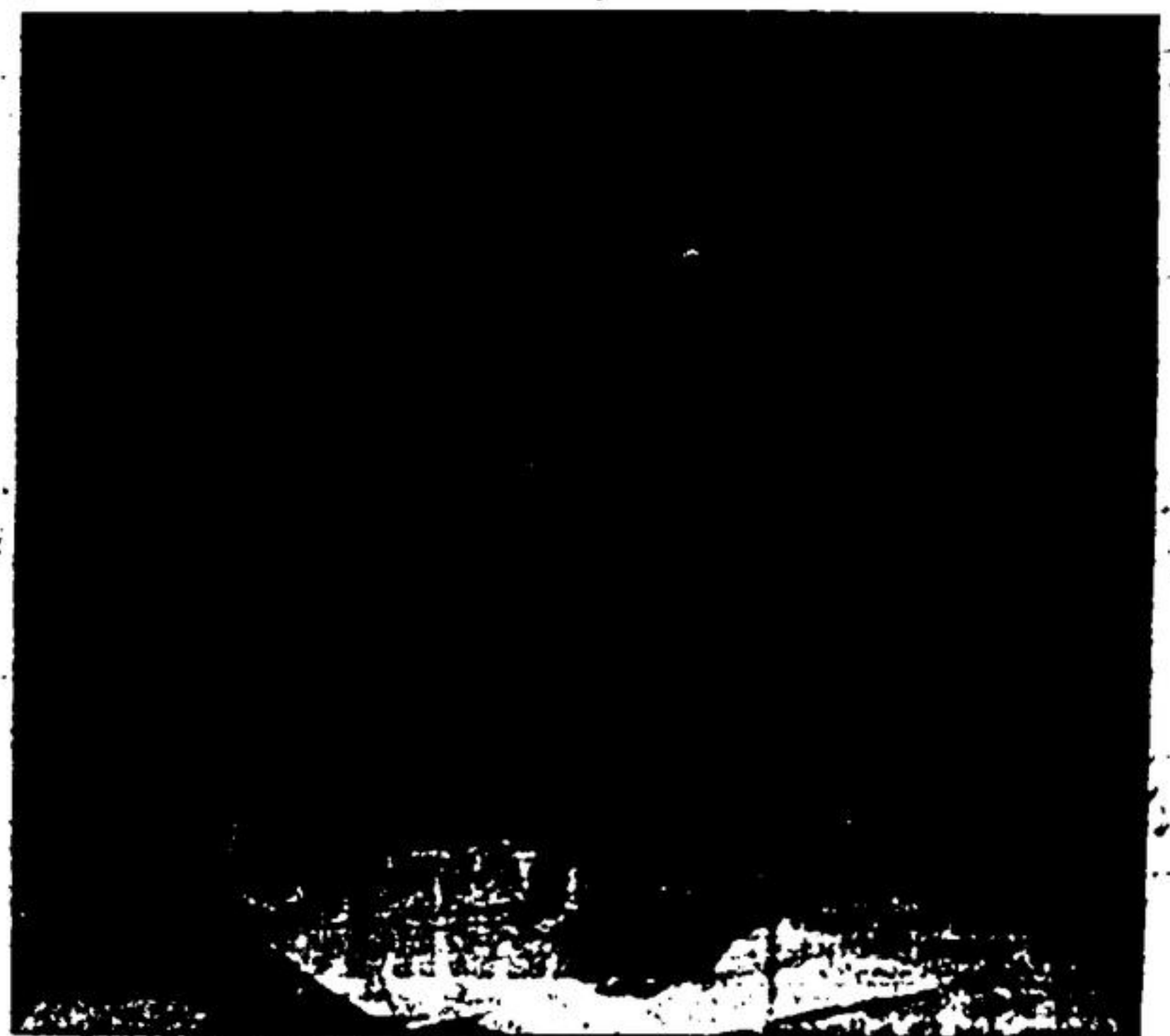
A CHANGE OF SECRETARIES
AFTER A QUARTER CENTURY of service with Georgetown Hydro Electric Commission, 14 years of which she served as Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. O. W. D. Reid is retiring from her responsible position. She is shown here in front of the Georgetown Hydro office expressing best wishes to her successor, Mr. A. Graham Farnell, a former Commissioner and chairman of Georgetown Hydro. Mr. Farnell was appointed Secretary-Treasurer, effective April 1st, and Mrs. Reid has remained for a few weeks to acquaint him with the details of the office.

Cartage Firm Takes Over F & S Movers

A cartage firm which started here from scratch two years ago now adds a fourth with the Hanks Cartage, operated by Hank De Boer, Main St. N. has bought out the moving business of F & S Movers, formerly operated by Norm Snyder, 16 Albert St.

When he started his cartage business two years ago Hank De Boer had one stake truck,

but he has been able to add two more vehicles to the fleet and now adds a fourth with the Hanks Cartage. Now a Hanks mover, he has almost all the necessary equipment to be able to guarantee his customers safe and efficient transportation of their furniture. As an agent for North American Van Lines he can ship to any point in Canada and the U.S.



RETIREES AS SECRETARY-TREASURER

ONE OF THE MOST HIGHLY respected public spirited Georgetown business-women, Mrs. O. W. D. Reid, secretary-treasurer of Georgetown Hydro Electric Commission has officially retired from her responsible position. She has remained on duty for a few weeks to acquaint A. Graham Farnell, a former Commissioner, who is the new secretary-treasurer, with the multiple details of the position. Warm tributes were paid to Mrs. Reid at a dinner honoring her and which was attended by the Mayor of Georgetown, members of the Georgetown H.E.C. and staff, also former Mayors of the Town and Ontario Hydro representatives.

Witnessed Many Changes in Hydro Quarter Century Here

Mrs. Reid Retires As Secretary - Treasurer

A highly respected public-spirited Georgetown business-woman is retiring from official duties with Georgetown Hydro after nearly a quarter of service.

Mrs. O. W. D. (Olive) Reid, Secretary-Treasurer for Georgetown Hydro Commission, one of the best-known ladies in the community, has officially retired from her responsible position, but is remaining on duty for a few weeks to acquaint the new Secretary-Treasurer A. Graham Farnell, with the multiple details of the position.

Although she is not a native of Georgetown, Mrs. Reid looks upon the community as her hometown and has been a widely-known, highly respected resident for some 40 years. She came to the community in 1925 after her marriage to J. P. Reid, who took over a hardware business established by his father in Georgetown more than a century ago. This business, started in the 1850's, was in the premises built by the late Mr. Reid's father and is now owned by Goodlet's Economy Hardware on Main Street South.

Born in Galt, Mrs. Reid graduated from Galt Collegiate Institute and entered the business world, working first in a lawyer's office and then as secretary in a manufacturing business. Later, she became an assistant to the treasurer in the Galt Municipal office and was also secretary for the Galt Water Works Commission. After her marriage, she lived in Toronto for a few years and was actively engaged in the custom brokerage business.

CAME TO GEORGETOWN IN 1923

When the Reids moved to Georgetown in 1923, Mrs. Reid assisted her husband in running their hardware business. In this way she became acquainted with most of the residents of Georgetown, because it was a very small community in those days. In the early 1930's she was asked by officials in the Municipal Office to help look after water accounts and the assessment roll during the illness of the assessor. About 1936, Mrs. Reid was requested to assist the Secretary - Treasurer of Georgetown Hydro, Miss K. D. Ryan. Three years later Mrs. Reid became an employee of Georgetown Hydro and was appointed Secretary - Treasurer on May 1st, 1948, when Miss Ryan retired, after serving in that position since the inception of Hydro in Georgetown in the year 1912.

MANY CHANGES

A great many changes in the Georgetown Hydro-System have been witnessed by Mrs. Reid during the quarter century that she has been associated with the Municipal Hydro System. Much of this is due to the phenomenal growth that has taken place in Georgetown during that period. She has seen the construction of two new substations and the rebuilding of the lines; to serve the customers more efficiently. The growth in the municipal hydro system is reflected in some of the figures that are available from the records. When the Georgetown Hydro was established 50 years ago, the revenue in that year was only \$2,280.35. The connected load amounted to 88 horsepower (48 kw) and there was a mere handful of customers compared with today. When Mrs. Reid started to work for Georgetown Hydro in 1938 there were some 700 customers. The peak load was about 1000 kw and the annual revenue was \$45,000. A half century after its inception, Georgetown Hydro now has 3320 customers, the

REMARKABLE HUMAN RELATIONS

One of the most significant features about Mrs. Reid's association with Georgetown Hydro has been her remarkable human relations and outstanding public relations work on behalf of the Municipal Hydro Commission. She always has been dedicated to her work. Mr. Graham Farnell, her successor points out. Mrs. Reid has been so conscientious and hard-working that she often would continue 14 and 15 hours a day in emergencies to make sure that everything in the business office was up-to-date. She even sacrificed many weekends and holidays to do the Hydro work in very busy periods. Her energy has not seemed to diminish over the years and she appears to thrive and take a special delight in accomplishing her tasks thoroughly and in helping a customer with problems.

FLOOD OF LETTERS

Evidence of her goodwill and consideration for the customers is reflected in the flood of letters that arrived at Mrs. Reid's desk since an announcement was made a short time ago about her impending retirement. Many of those letters have come from customers from whom she has had to collect accounts. But these messages were a real tribute to her friendly, understanding, helpful attitude and common sense approach to the problem of collecting overdue Hydro accounts, and dealing with other pressing matters for customers. It has been said of Mrs. Reid by Commission members that she always managed to make satisfactory arrangements to collect these overdue accounts and in doing so was able to tactfully work out satisfactory arrangements with the customers so that she kept their friendship and goodwill. She has personally investigated most of the problems, often going to customers' homes on weekends or at night to help the customer to get the power on.

PLANS TO KEEP BUSY

Now that she is retiring, Mrs. Reid intends to spend more time relaxing and doing the things that she has been unable to do throughout her business career. She has one daughter, Mrs. M. O. Baptist of Toronto, who is a former industrial nurse and she hopes to have more time to visit her daughter. This summer, Mrs. Reid plans to be active on the golf course and take advantage of the good weather to golf more frequently. She has been a charter member of the North Halton Golf and Country Club since its establishment in 1954 playing golf whenever she could find time. Mrs. Reid has played the game, as she says with old-fashioned wooden clubs since 1925 when the present golf course was privately owned. Another ambition of Mrs. Reid's is to take a trip to Britain and travel also on the European continent.

45 Years County Crown Attorney

William Inglis Dick, 63, Halton's crown attorney for 45 years until his retirement in 1940, died at his home in Milton on Sunday.

Born in Brampton, and a graduate of Osgoode Hall, Mr. Dick was appointed King's Counsel in 1935. He practiced in Brampton for two years before establishing his practice in Milton in 1934.

He was a former trustee of the public and high school boards in Milton, a member of Knox Presbyterian Church and past master of St. Clair masonic lodge.

Son Candidate

He leaves his wife Margaret Young, three sons Kenneth of Milton, Sydney of Montreal and James, Tillsonburg; four daughters, Mrs. Bruce Jennings (Margaret) and Mrs. Kenneth Marshall (Williamine) of Milton, Mrs. W. K. Gibb (Kathleen) and Edith of Toronto. His son Kenneth, who was associated with his father in his law practice was a Liberal candidate in recent federal elections.

Mr. Dick was a brother-in-law of Miss Georgina Young who after her retirement from the Georgetown public school teaching staff, moved to Milton.

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