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GEORGETOWN MAN AGAIN P.C. STANDARD BEARER

GEORGETOWN TORIES gathered in strength Friday night to hear their federal member acclaimed as a cabinet prospect by Minister of Public Works, Hon. David Walker. The occasion was the election of Mr. Best as Halton's P.C. candidate in the June 18th election. During the social gathering later Mr. Walker posed with some of the Georgetown delegates. Left to right, Mr. Walker, Les Clark, Tom Van Sicker, Ernie Hyde, Mrs. Best, husband Sandy, and Douglas Latimer.

Best Unopposed as P.C.'s Name Him Candidate

Slated for Cabinet Says David Walker

Halton Tories met on Friday evening to pick their standard bearer for the forthcoming federal election... and a packed hall saw the convention pick Sandy Best, present federal member. Mr. Best was unopposed, and was proposed by Dr. Carl Martin of Milton, and seconded by Mrs. K. Leyman, of Oakville.

Surprise announcement of the evening was the one by the guest speaker who said that he saw Sandy Best "without doubt becoming a member of the Cabinet in due time."

The meeting, scheduled for 8.30 in the Town Hall, Milton, was late-starting, due to a crash that tied up hundreds of cars for hours on the 401, and among whom was the car containing Mr. Best and the guest speaker of the evening.

Peter Tuily, president of the Halton Conservatives, chaired the meeting, with treasurer George Kerr, Burlington, and secretary Bud Nicholls, Milton, giving reports.

Past presidents of the county association were introduced as were a number of distinguished guests, including the world-famous medical scientist, Dr. Charles Best and Mrs. Best, parents of the federal member.

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Lower Mill Rate But Township Taxes Up

It may be hard to convince Esqueping residents, on receipt of their tax bill, that the general mill rate was dropped to 9.12 residential and 11.82 industrial, Monday night, by Esqueping council. The 1961 general rate was 10.80 residential and 13.80 industrial.

However, due to township wide re-assessment to comply with the Dept. of Municipal Affairs Manual, most assessments have been raised. As a result the average owner will pay more taxes, despite the lower mill rate. The general rate is the only part of the tax completely under council's control.

In these times of deficit financing, Esqueping township again ended the year with a surplus. At the end of 1961 there was a surplus of \$4,100. For the first time all Esqueping residents will pay the same public school mill rate, this year 16.20 residential, and 18.02 industrial. Some taxpayers will pay slightly less towards public schools, but the majority will pay considerably more. For example inhabitants of School Section No. 4, now defunct, will have a hike from 5.40 mills to 16.20 mills.

High Jump
A jolt is in store for the residents of the Georgetown High School District. Their high school maintenance rate has jumped from 4.78 mills to 9.1 mills, almost double. Both Acton and Milton high school district rates have dropped

	Residential	Industrial
General	9.12	11.82
County	4.75	4.75
High School	9.12	11.82
Debtures	3.77	3.77
Public School	16.20	18.20
Rate	33.84	38.36

Doubtful If Rodeo Queen

There may be no contest to select a Queen for the Lions' Rodeo this year.

At a recent meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce which sponsored the contest last year, members supported a motion against trying it again this year. If there is one, it will be by another organization or the Lions themselves.

Last year the contest was linked by an accident during the Rodeo day parade in which one of the contestants Tricia Hayward of 2 Gray Gate was injured.

Fireworks For Victoria Day

As customary for some years, town and Legion will combine to present a fireworks display in the park on Victoria Day.

Council voted \$250 Monday for the evening, and the Legion endorsed participation at its monthly meeting last week.

The event draws thousands of spectators each year.

HAIRLINE BUDGET

No Contingency Fund Tight '62 Estimates

Transfers To Bayview Post



MISS FLORENCE LUKE

The senior member of Georgetown High School teaching staff, Miss Florence Luke, who heads the Language Department is leaving. She has taught here for 33 years.

Miss Luke submitted her resignation to the board last month, but will continue on the GIS staff until the end of the term. In September she will become head of the Moderns Department at Bayview, but prior to taking her new position plans to spend some time in Germany.

Born and educated in Toronto, Miss Luke attended Malvern Collegiate and the University of Toronto where she attained her B.A. and Master degree in Germanic Philology. After two years experience in Mount Forest she joined the staff of Georgetown High School in 1930 where she taught French, German and Spanish and as a Night School instructor has helped many new Canadians convert to the English language. She was given a Department headship in the fall of 1961.

Miss Luke is presently taking a course at Guelph for heads of departments and will continue to reside in her Berwick Hall apartment until August.

WHAY COUNCIL DID

Complains About Drainage Ditch

"A pest hole, breeding ground for mosquitoes and danger to children," was Jack Critchlow's description of a drainage ditch behind his Raylawn Crescent property when he asked council for action Monday.

Mr. Critchlow said he has been after council for two years to clean up the ditch and will go to the health authorities unless something is done.

Council explained that the ditch is on private property and there is doubt about what the town fathers can do.

Christmas Trees
"I noticed some Christmas trees in the ditch and wonder if residents aren't using the vacant land for some of their own refuse," said Cr. Harrison. Mr. Critchlow said neighbourhood children, including his own, play in the area and the owners should build a fence to keep them out.

Cr. Brown agreed that the ditch is an eyesore but has found no action he can take to remedy it.

Pressure Owners
"It is our responsibility to pressure owners to clear up such nuisances," said Reeve Elliott.

Mayor Sargent promised council would approach the property owner and would also ask the county health unit to investigate any health hazard.

Fashion Show By Golf Ladies

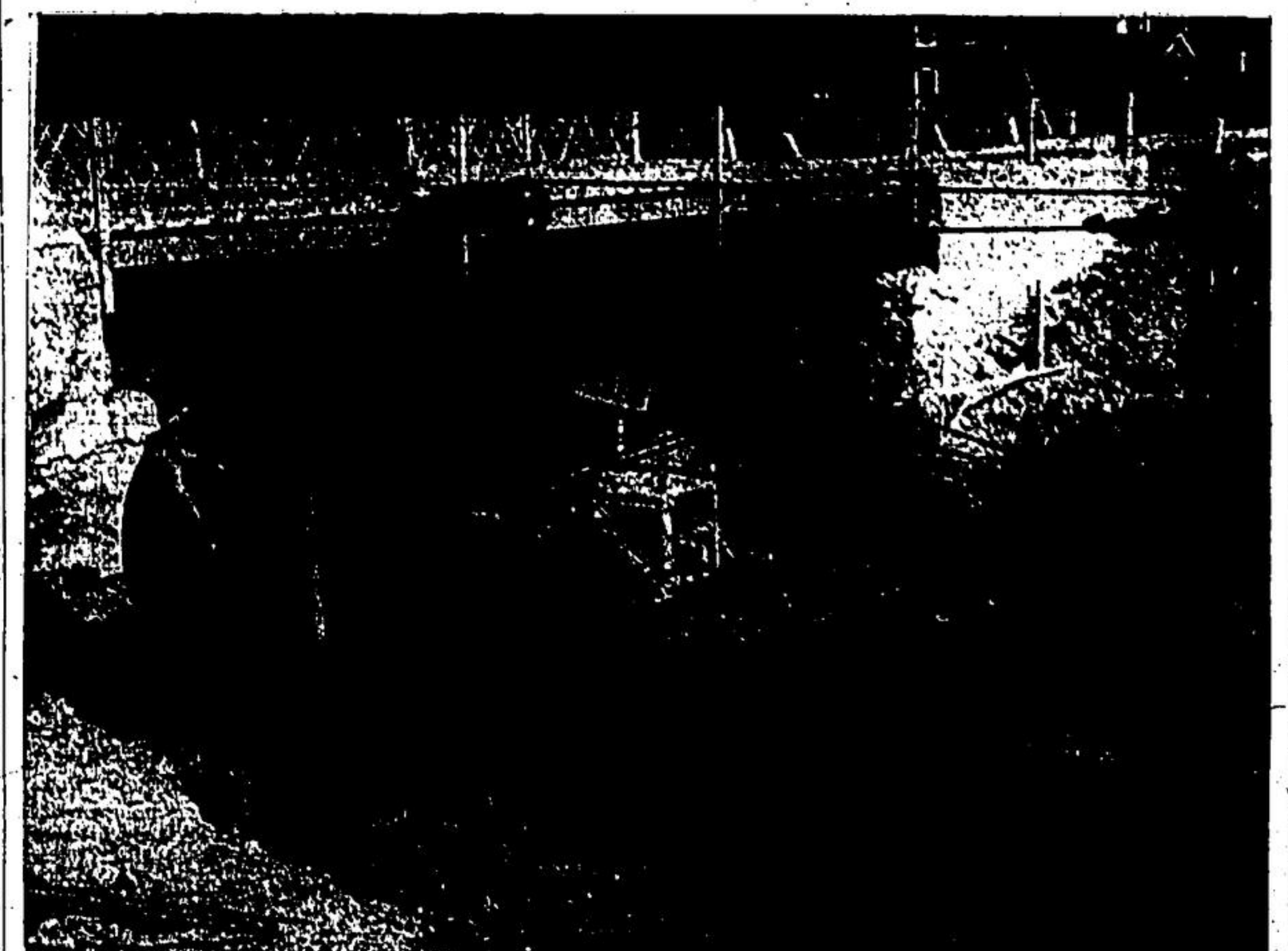
Mrs. G. Wallace of Streetsville described the ensembles, and Wayne Preston supplied music on the electric organ at the Spring and Summer Fashion show put on by the ladies section of Georgetown Golf and Country Club Monday evening in the clubhouse.

The dining room was decorated with stands of flowers at the entrance and over the fireplace by Mrs. E. Wilson, Cooksville, and the fashions were from the shop of Mrs. Hazel Foster, Brampton. The models wore hats from the Bonnie Wee Hat Shoppe, also of Brampton.

Close to two hundred ladies attended the showing and were served lunch and coffee after by the members of the ladies' section. In all, seventy-two ensembles for spring and summer sports and casual wear were displayed.

ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McEneaney of Ballinacree, R.R. 1, Georgetown, will be happy to welcome their friends and relatives at their home on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary, Sunday, May 13th from 2.30 to 5.00 and 7.00 to 9.00. No gifts please.



STRAIGHTENING THE KINK

THE INFAMOUS Norval corner, which some motorists take on two wheels and some not at all, will be gone by the end of the month. Straightening the corner at the base of the West Norval hill is part of the Dept. of Highways modernization project on No. 7 Hwy. between here and Brampton, and work is going on right now on a new bridge to span the Credit branch just west of the corner. When the work is finished the Norval hill will be less of an incline and the corner more gradual.

Residential Rate Is Upped 6 Mills

Georgetown's 1962 tax rate was set at 73.177 mills for residential and 78.904 for industrial and commercial establishments on Monday.

The residential rate, up slightly over 6 mills will mean an increase of \$20 to \$30 this year for the average householder. Per capita government grants and special grants for public and separate schools are not available for industry which will have almost an 8 mill hike in taxes.

Characterizing it as a "hairline budget" finance chairman Bob McNeilly told council that no contingency fund has been included and recommended that each committee earmark part of its allotment for contingencies which are bound to arise during the year.

Continued to increase
Education and debenture payments on the new sewage disposal plant account for a large part of the increase, he said. "Expenses will continue to increase," he warned, "and increase in revenue should be studied by council. Without this, I can see a 10 mill increase next year."

Mayor Sargent, in complimenting the finance committee on its work, pointed out that high school maintenance costs alone mean a 7 mill jump this year.

"A very, very tight budget and every expense must be carefully watched if we are going to keep within it" he said.

Auditor Walter Pope said the town should establish a substantial reserve fund of \$150,000 to \$200,000 as soon as conditions warrant, to save heavy interest payments for working funds.

First payment date was set as June 6th, with monthly payment following on the 6th of each month.

Read Budget
Georgetown will spend close

to a million and a half dollars this year, with \$1,147,000 coming from local taxpayers pockets. Roughly half of this is for school and county rates. The road budget is \$130,000 and disposal plant \$108,000, the two largest items next to education.

Reeve John Elliott expressed agreement that the town needs more revenue — "but without increasing expenses," he added. He said he would not oppose the budget motion but felt it should have further study, with possible lower committee budgets and a contingency fund.

"Where is the \$100,000 C.F. McNeilly was going to save?" quipped Deputy Reeve Hunter.

Cr. McNeilly answered that he has stated that if the town could get the government grant prior to highway improvements, the saving could amount to that.

"We're going to try to get the government to pay their 80 per cent as work progresses and we will only have to borrow the amount the town usually needs" added road chairman Harrison.

Pearson to Visit Halton Next Week

Next Wednesday will see the only appearance of Lester Pearson in Halton county during this election campaign.

The leader of the Liberal Party will meet a motored at Clarkson early in the afternoon of Wednesday, May 9 and will be driven to Oakville where he will be given a rousing welcome at the Oak-Queen Plaza. From there he will go on to Burlington where a coffee party is planned at the Brant Inn, between 3 and 6 p.m.

Mr. Pearson has just returned to the election campaign after attending the reception given by President Kennedy in Washington for Nobel prize-winners. The Liberal Leader will be in the county in support of Dr. Harry Harley, Liberal candidate in Halton.

The reception at Burlington is open to the public and all able to attend will be welcomed.



HON. LESTER PEARSON

Ambulance Garage Contract Awarded

Contract for a new ambulance garage on James Street was awarded Monday by the council to Wm. B. Hamilton Construction Ltd.

The firm's bid was lowest of four submitted in response to enquiries made from a number of local contractors. Total building price will be \$8,639.00.

Some eliminations were made following the first price submissions, and according to Reeve Elliott the building will be only partially outfitted with later improvements planned.

Or. Rex Cook said he would give only qualified approval, as he believes the day is nearing when the town will have a paid fire department and a paid ambulance driver, and the two services should be in the same area. Finance chairman McNeilly said he does not favour capital expenditures this year — "but after a tour of the present building tonight I realize the urgent need for better accommodation."

Mulder Pupils Piano Recital

An enjoyable evening was spent by relatives and friends of the pupils of Winifred Mulder, at a Piano Recital given by them in St. Paul's Baptist Church on Tuesday, April 24th.

Mrs. Shirley Andrews sang two delightful solos, and Mr. Earl Clements was chairman. At the conclusion, Rev. Bruce Woods replied for the parents. Pupils taking part were: Anne V. d. Valk, Noreen Noble, Dianne George, Mary Stockley, Gail Gilmore, Debra Strite, Laraine Godden, Marlene Kitchener, Mark Woods, Lynda Turner, Anne Golden, Andrew Dewhurst, Gordon Smallwood, Kathleen Tjart, Judy Strite, Frances Mulder, Linda Tjart. Pupils not participating were, Richard Forster, Lynda Shea, Mary and Jane Copland, Simone Bodin, Debby Pacholik.