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AT THE EX...



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VASE THE CAUSE OF APPRECIATIVE PAUSE

MAYOR DOUG SARGENT and Liberal figurehead John Wintermeyer cast admiring eyes at this S&S product. Mayor Sargent of course, had more than a detached interest in the well planned Smith & Stone display.

Two Thousand View Industrial Wares Show

Wintermeyer, Harley Here for Official Opening

Over two thousand visitors saw Georgetown's first Industrial Exhibition, and according to exhibitors, at least two-thirds of them said in amazement: "I didn't know all these things were made in Georgetown." Thus fulfilling one of the purposes of the exhibition, according to Councillor Rex Cook and Mayor Sargent, both of whom stated during the opening ceremonies that it was hoped to acquaint the citizens with the diversification of local industry.

More and More People

In his remarks preceding the ribbon cutting, Ontario Liberal Leader John Wintermeyer stated "We must face up to the fact we need more and more people to consume our products right here at home." He felt secondary industry is and always will be the backbone of Ontario's economy.

Quiet Confidence

He paid tribute to the men responsible for the exhibition, "They are obviously proud of their community, and conscious of an opportunity to sell it." Mr. Wintermeyer suggested what attracting industry was not an easy task, but one of

long duration, with the prize going to the community demonstrating their advantages with courage, ingenuity, and quiet confidence. With wry humour he concluded, saying: "I should be happy to return another year in a capacity other than leader of the opposition." Assisted by Harry Harley, MP, Halton; who

had introduced him, the Liberal leader for Ontario then cut the ribbon officially opening the exhibition.

Still Hammering

In thanking the speaker, Mr. Roger Wade, chairman of the Industrial Commission, commented: "At 4:30 the hammering was still going on, I didn't think we'd make it."

With great aplomb, little Paul Sargent presented Mr. Wintermeyer with flowers for his wife, and with equal dignity Heather Harrison presented the mayor's wife Mrs. W. D. Sargent with a bouquet.

In addition to many industrialists from outside the town, other distinguished guests in attendance were Bruce Beer, MP for Peel, Mayor Owen Mullin of Burlington, Warden Carl Martin of Halton, E. D. Jones Industrial Development Branch of the Provincial Government, L. S. Campbell, Chief of the Products Research Division, and Mr. B. Wilson, General Manager of the Toronto Industrial Commission.

hope that anything ratepayers might say at the meeting would not be of the type which could be misconstrued. "The Industrial Exhibition gave us the type of publicity we should be striving for," he said.

WHAT COUNCIL DID Namink Gets Taxi Permit

Permission to operate a taxi business from his home was granted Monday by council to Peter Namink, 17 Ewing St. Mr. Namink explained to the council that he is buying the ABC Taxi business from Mrs. William Bralsby.

Council debated the clause of the zoning by-law which, while specifying certain businesses which can be carried on from a residential area home, does not mention a taxi business. A majority felt there would be no objection to such a business, but Cr. Bob McNeilly opposed the licence, saying council has already had a complaint about a similar business in another part of town and that the town gets no business taxes from such an operation.

The latter charge was refuted by Mayor Sargent, Taxi businesses do pay business tax, he pointed out.

Seek Senior Advice Before Land Release

Seek School Space For YMCA Activities

If a request made to the Public School Board by local YMCA and YWCA officials is granted there will be 'Y' programs operating here this fall. At a meeting of the School Board Wednesday night the Y asked for space at George Kennedy Public School and Howard Wrigglesworth Public School which when combined with space at the Arena Room and IOOF Hall, will enable them to begin a program for the senior public school grades age group.

The board said it would meet with 'Y' organizers to discuss the matter at the next meeting. That will be October 3rd. In the program for this age group the boys under the guidance of an adult committee would include guidance, crafts, guest speakers such as the fire chief and police chief, etc. in arranged and secondary sports such as dodge ball, croquet and chess, guessing contests, etc.

Eric Ehnman of Brampton YMCA would supervise the boys while the girls would be directed by four local high school girls who took the Y training course at camp this summer. Carroll Farnell, Pat McKinnon, Joyce Rundle and Shirley Lewis. The organization hopes to eventually train twelve girls and twelve boys as leaders. The girls of course, would be much the same as the boys but would include puppet making, writing play scripts and staging a Christmas puppet show. It would also include an educational program and of course girls sports.

The local Y has also asked for use of the high school gymnasium for three hours every Saturday morning so that the program may be extended to the rest of the public school age children. A spokesman said they hope to eventually include high schoolers, but can only proceed gradually as instructors are trained.

The Ross Room will for Chapel St. school 7th and 8th graders and the IOOF Hall for Park.

A delegation of parents from the area between Wrigglesworth and Harrison schools which has been termed a 'no school land' by families there because of the frequent shifts from school to school, attended the meeting and queried the board as to the reasons for the yearly transfers. Mr. and Mrs. Clare Francis and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Miller, said their young children were confused by the constant changing and had no chance to develop a school loyalty.

The board agreed that the delegation did have a legitimate beef, but could see no other way to solve the school growth problems, but to make the changes they did. They cited the irregular development of the eastern subdivision as the reason for their forced pupils shifts. Had the house building been in the originally proposed sequence, the problem would not be there but when a large parcel of land beyond Sargent Rd. was skipped things became tangled.

Miss Sandra Gilbert was added to the teaching staff at the primary wing at Howard Wrigglesworth Public School.

to eject Mr. Lettis, the ratepayer asked if a charge was being laid. Answered in the negative, he then asked if, as a ratepayer, he was entitled to sit and listen to the rest of the meeting.

Ask Police Eject Council Speaker

When calgon was added to the town water supply some time ago to overcome an iron fungus growth which was plugging waterlines, council had no idea that it was establishing two precedents.

But the calgon led to the almost-expulsion of a ratepayer from Monday's meeting when Mayor Sargent called Sgt. Bilborough and Cst. Rollins to eject Robert Lettis when the latter refused to sit down when he was ruled out of order by the mayor.

Asked for Rebate
It happened this way: Some time ago Mr. Lettis asked council for rebate of a water overcharge which he claimed was caused when he ran taps at the Georgetown Convalescent Home on Main Street N. to clear up dirty water. Last week the water committee refused a rebate and notified Mr. Lettis by mail that the disturbance was "beyond control" of the town.

Monday Mr. Lettis demanded to know who had moved and seconded the refusal of the water committee meeting, and asked if the matter was beyond the town's control, whose control it was under.

C. A. MARTIN COUNTY WARDEN



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This is Reeve C. A. Martin of Milton who was chosen Warden of Halton County for the balance of 1962 last week. The appointment was necessary following the sudden death of Warden Wilfred Hirst, Reeve of E-quesing Township, on August 24.

School Enrolment Doubles

The high school population in Georgetown has doubled in the last two years. Records show there were 434 students attending GHS two years ago. Latest figures from this fall's registration points to a total attendance of approximately 860 this year.

Public schools are teaching about 100 more children this year, bringing the number of pupils to just under 2100. Breakdown is as follows: Harrison, 610; Wrigglesworth, 428; Chapel St., 339; Park, 303; Kennedy, 409. Holy Cross school has 496 pupils registered to date. Last year there were 436. Total enrolment in Georgetown schools, 3,450.

Council Asks D.M.A. If Benefit To Town

Council on Monday decided to seek advice from the Dept. of Municipal Affairs before signing any agreements for the release of more residential building land in town.

An Elliott-Barrager motion calling for this and asking the department's opinion whether an agreement would be good for the town financially and otherwise carried on a 7-2 vote, while an amendment, which would invite a department representative to attend a council committee meeting at which a new agreement with Delrex Developments will be discussed, found only one councillor opposed.

The motion came after another in a series of council meetings at which ratepayers had commented on the pending land release, following council's decision to offer Delrex terms for a new contract.

Offered It

Charles Hildebrandt, Mrs. John Cordaro, Don Powerg and Fran Hyde criticized council action.

Bruce Harley claimed a fact on is coming week after week and is disrupting other council business and suggested ratepayer comment be limited to one meeting a month.

Reeve Elliott said he was making his move because the municipal affairs minister had recently offered such assistance.

"It's an opportunity to get advice from financial experts, rather than having councillors who have been here only eight months making decisions on such an important matter," he stated.

Cr. Fred Harrison said he favours the move but pressed for the amendment to have a fast decision brought to the committee meeting from the government.

"Otherwise I term this a delaying action and I won't vote for it," he said.

Cr. Harrison later voted for the amendment, which after a couple of revisions offered by instructing the town solicitor and auditor and any councillors who wish, to deliver necessary paper work to Queen's Park for scrutiny. But he voted against the original motion, as he felt the amendment covered the ground adequately.

Cr. Bob McNeilly opposed both motion and amendment. "I resent that 8 month inference," he said. "Some councillors have been here for

years and haven't come to a decision at this time."

Mere Hames

Cr. McNeilly stressed that the town must have higher income or higher taxes and feels the new agreement will ensure that more houses will pay their way. He claimed that opponents have stalled action, but produced nothing constructive as an alternative and that council should make haste to get things rolling and overcome bad publicity.

"Council has made a proposal to Delrex and a change at this time would make members seem like poor businessmen, he said.

"This amendment creates a condition where the minority is ruling the majority," he said angrily. "I've no objection to anyone looking into the steps we have taken, but to turn back now on a decision proves that our town is being run by a minority of council."

Cr. Emerson said payment of back taxes owing by the Delrex firm is one point he would like checked. And Deputy Reeve Hunter said he had agreed to vote for By-Law 43-15 believing that industrial land was to sell at \$2500 an acre but the price is now \$3500.

Cr. Barrager said department advice would come from a group of lawyers rather than one man and he doubts that one man coming to a committee meeting could give adequate help.

Cr. Brown claimed that earlier this year the department had told council that more industry is Georgetown's only solution, but no one has told the town how to get it.

"A new agreement is a genuine attempt to follow this advice," he said.

Cr. Cook objected to insinuations which he termed "a dirty way of proceeding" and said he had nothing to fear about any decision he has made on council matters.

Cr. Harrison said he has been accused of changing sides because he had opposed land release previously.

On No Side

"I've never been on any side, I think a new agreement eliminates the reasons I was against it," he said.

The councillor said council has done nothing but engage in personalities this year and he has heard that the "money boys" are sitting back hoping for a bankruptcy so they can buy out a developer at ten cents on the dollar.

"I thought we were trying to get Georgetown on its feet and I'm not going to be influenced by phone calls, threats or attempted blackmail," he said. Mayor Sargent said the appeal to Queen's Park could provide some "air clearing" for a question which has been "ground into the earth by various people using various methods."

He expressed surprise that no formal notice has come to the town about this new government department.

"It wouldn't surprise me if we get a typical civil service 'No Opinion' but I'm certainly agreeable to seeking advice," he said.

The mayor said some of the town's troubles stem from not imposing controls in land release early enough and he had been advocating action long before any controls were imposed. "I don't think all our delegations have been spontaneous, and I think if ratepayers would realize that council is only working for Georgetown's good, there would be less vindictiveness," he stated.

Ask Judge Investigate Local Municipal Affairs

Council Takes Further Action

For the second time in as many weeks, council followed a closed committee-of-the-whole meeting last Wednesday with an unannounced short council meeting to confirm decisions discussed by the committee.

The 7:45 p.m. meeting, which lasted only long enough to pass three motions without comment, followed a 6 p.m. committee gathering, where further discussion took place about the town works department. The previous week council had suspended works superintendent Geoffrey Bligh and town foreman George Rowe pending further investigation.

Want Investigation

With Reeve John Elliott appointed secretary, the meeting endorsed three motions. One was to ask County Judge George Elliott, Q.C., to investigate "certain affairs of the municipality, the scope of the investigation to be determined at a later date."

Another motion reinstated Mr. Bligh as works superintendent, pending results of the judge's investigation. The third was to terminate Mr. Rowe's services immediately, with a week's pay in lieu of notice.

No Comment

All motions were voted upon without comment. All votes were unanimous other than the reinstatement of Mr. Bligh which was opposed by Reeve Elliott.

At Monday's council meeting Mayor Sargent told a large attendance of ratepayers at the council meeting that any discussion on the matter would be out of order.

Referring to this and to the controversial Delrex agreement, he decided bad publicity the town has received in the Toronto press and expressed the



— Peter Jones, Photo

MAIN STREET ISLANDS POPULATED?

LOVELY SHARON ARMSTRONG, wife of prominent Junior Chamber of Commerce, isn't taking up residence on this multi-flowered Main Street island, although such an addition wouldn't be opposed by downtown drivers. What Mrs. A. is doing among the pontonias is promoting the Jaycees' annual Jamaica Night which will be coming up this fall. And speaking of the Junior Chamber, next week is Jaycee week in Georgetown.