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## INSPECT FINISHED MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT

HALTON COUNTY'S property committee chairman, Reeve John Elliott of Georgetown, headed the county building project, and J. Hargrave, Reeve of Acton, who was chairman of the property committee in 1961, discuss the new County Administration Building at the official opening Saturday. The county crest at right is on the screen wall at the back of the new county council chambers.

## Expect DMA Advise On Land Agreement

The Dept. of Municipal Affairs was completing the final draft Monday of a requested study of a proposed new agreement which council endorsed some weeks ago for release of more residential building land to Delrex Developments, Mayor Sargent told council Monday.

The agreement would release land under specified conditions which include prior creation of industrial assessment. It would replace an original 1954 agreement which precludes more land release until terms of a 40 per cent industrial-commercial ratio are set.

Recently, the department sent Andrew Morpugo of the Community Planning Branch and Lorne Hampton of the Assessment Branch to town for an interview with civic officials. A variety of questions on water, sewers, roads and schools were asked.

Answer Late  
Sitting in on the interview were clerk-treasurer C. G. Benham, works superintendent Geoffrey Bligh, auditor Walter Pope, assessor Cliff Hibbert, solicitor George Henson, public school administrator, James F. Evans, high school secretary

## Kitchen, Garage Are Damaged in Two Fires

A forgotten deep fryer and youngsters playing in a back yard were the reasons the fire siren rang twice this past week

according to Fire Chief Bob Bonfield.

Chief Bonfield said approximately \$500 damage resulted from the blaze Monday night at 30 Henry Street, the home of Mrs. W. Gwidala. She was melting fat in her deep fryer in the kitchen and momentarily forgot about it being on. The flames burned paint off the kitchen cupboards, smoked the kitchen badly and ruined the electric range dials.

### ACTED QUICKLY

When she discovered the fire Mrs. Gwidala acted quickly and attempted to smother it with blankets. Firemen used 102 extinguishers to finish up and applied a portable exhaust fan to clear the house of smoke. The alarm was turned in at about 10:45 p.m.

A neighbour noticed that a portion of a garage owned by Peter Macdonald was burning and turned in the call that sent firemen to Glen Williams Sunday night. Chief Bonfield said youngsters had been playing in a willow tree close by the garage and had apparently started the fire in the hollow trunk of the tree. A portion of the garage was consumed by the flames.

## Milton Lawyer Will Represent the Town

Milton lawyer William Sharpe has been engaged to act for the town in a judicial probe which begins next Monday in the new county courthouse.

The probe was requested by council earlier this year following dismissal of town foreman George Rowe and suspension and the subsequent reinstatement of works superintendent Geoffrey Bligh. Mr. Rowe and Mr. Bligh have meanwhile launched a libel suit against a town employee and a former mayor, Ern Hyde.

Mayor Sargent told council Monday that Judge George Elliott, who will conduct the probe, had suggested that the town should have other than the town solicitor act and said it was solicitor George Henson's suggestion that Mr. Sharpe be engaged.

Council stayed the move with two dissenting votes. Reeve Elliott thought the Dingwall & Willis firm which has acted for the town on previous occasions should be engaged. Deputy Reeve Hunter favoured keeping business in town and engaging one of the local lawyers.

## Gold Clock Marks 15 Years a Dealer

Tuesday afternoon marked a milestone in the history of Scott Motors Limited when Mr. James Watson, manager of the Hamilton branch of the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, presented Mr. Scott with a beautiful mahogany and gold clock. The inscription reads "In appreciation of a cordial relationship since 1947. Thomas W. Towell, President, General Motors Acceptance Corporation, New York, 1962."

## Award Contracts for Heating, Renovations

Tenders were awarded last week by Georgetown Public Library Board for renovations and a heating system for the building. Cording and Pratt, 16 Gibbons Place, received the job of a heating system for the George B. Kneller, R. R. 2, Georgetown, will be in charge of renovations which include an acoustic tile ceiling in the basement and painting.

### IMPORTANT EVENING

Tonight is the all important Nomination meeting, held in the Wigglesworth auditorium.

# Sideroad Crash Kills School Area Secretary

The secretary of the Esqueping Public School Area board, Henry Ernest Batkin, age 73, died instantly Tuesday when his car collided head on with another car at the crest of a hill on No. 22 sideroad near the 3rd line.

OPP said the 1962 Plymouth driven by Mr. Batkin was westbound on the gravel road when it met the eastbound 1957 Plymouth driven by Joseph Wagner, 52, of R. R. 1, Georgetown. Mr. Wagner was treated for minor injuries and released.

Both cars were total wrecks. The accident occurred at about 2 p.m. and was investigated by Cpl. Griffith of the North Halton detachment of the OPP.

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He was master of Credit Masonic Lodge in 1949, a member of Grand Lodge and served for many years as lodge secretary and later treasurer. With his wife, Eleanor, who died several years ago, he was active in the old Stone School farm forum.

Readers will remember the interesting weather column which he contributed to the Herald for some years.

## Minister Returns For Anniversary Services

St. Nick is on his way. That's the word from Georgetown Lions parade headquarters where they are busy piecing together what looks like the most spectacular procession in the club's history.

John Zargo and recently initiated Lion Sam Maltzer are working on the project this year and to date the roster includes three bands, two groups of majorettes and twenty-five floats, five more than last season.

The Georgetown Girls Pipe Band, the North York Lions Club Band and the Georgetown Citizens' band are the musical aggregations engaged and the high stepping Hamilton Flashettes will add splashes of colour.

The theme of the parade this year is "What's On TV". Of course Santa will be the anchor man on the cavalcade which will arrive in downtown Georgetown about mid-afternoon, Saturday, December 8th.

## Asks Agreement Stall Till New Council In

Ward 3 council candidate Charles Hildebrandt asked council Monday to refrain from signing any new land release agreement with Delrex Developments this year. Mr. Hildebrandt, who earlier this year asked for a plebiscite on the question and has been outspokenly against releasing more land in his election campaign, said many people have supported him in his stand, and that he feels the majority of voters are opposed to the proposed agreement.

"It would be a democratic procedure to allow the incoming council to have a say in the question," he observed.



DR. CHARLES DONALD  
Dr. Charles Donald will return to the pulpit of St. Andrew's United this Sunday for services which mark the fourth anniversary of the church. Pastor here in 1959-60, he is now assistant at St. John's Oakville.

His distinguished career includes service in the Indian mission field from 1915 to 1931, a six year pastorate in Sault Ste. Marie and 22 years at Southminster United, Ottawa. He received his Doctor of Divinity degree from Victoria College in 1948.

He has served as president of Ottawa Rotary Club, Grand Chaplain of the AF&AM Ontario Masons and president of Montreal and Ottawa Conferences. His wife, Fannie Reid Nugent lived as a girl with her grandfather, David Reid, on the 8th Line above Glen Williams and also spent some time with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William McGregor in this area.

Georgetown stores have been stocked to the top shelves with quality merchandise at the right prices. Do your Christmas shopping in your home community.

# Three Mayoralty Candidates to Seek Vote Support of Electors State Platforms At Ratepayers Meeting

Ratepayers heard three mayoralty candidates state their platforms at a meeting in Wigglesworth School auditorium November 20th.

Sponsored by the newly-organized Georgetown Ratepayers Association, the meeting was chaired by Keith Barber, who explained that the association backs no faction or candidate, but aims at making the electorate better informed about municipal affairs and hopes to embrace all ratepayers in its membership.

Mayor Doug Sargent, Joseph Gibbons and Ern Hyde were introduced in turn for formal speeches and a question period followed in which questions were submitted to each candidate in turn.

The meeting had a few explosive elements. Two ratepayers were ruled out of order by the chairman when they interrupted one speech. And fireworks threatened briefly as the meeting closed when a ratepayer voiced objection to what he claimed "interruptions" by a spectator, who was prevented from replying by applause from the audience.

Mayor Sargent said that any platform must be tailored to finances. He proposes no radical changes in the new year. Continuation of a road program composed of some capital expenses and more attention to secondary roads; widening of railway bridges on Main St. N. and Mountainview; installation of more storm sewers; and continued pressure for a better 401 connecting link are his aims. A revitalized industrial promotion program is also on his aim, with the recommendation that this commission be divorced from council.

"Biggest single item in this year's council business is land release, Mayor Sargent said, and council has made a serious effort to arrive at a solution.

Mr. Gibbons, who served several terms as mayor before becoming assessment commissioner, said that while a town employee he had been a severe council critic and this had been an untenable position. He scored the present council for allowing personal animosities and suspicion to affect their decisions.

It would be his policy as mayor to have a proper industrial-residential ratio, he said, and he believes he can lay the foundation for a downward revision of the tax rate.

"But this can't be accomplished if we allow unprotected release of residential land without spilling smoke from factory chimneys," he said.

The candidate said he could devote full time to municipal business and feels good industry can be influenced to establish here.

## Ern Batkin Was Prominent Mason

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## Consider Purchase of Conservation Property

Georgetown council will consider buying a John Strait property on which a landowner is hamstringing by provisions of the zoning bylaw which precludes any building permit being issued.

Owner George Turnbull appeared at Monday's council meeting to seek a solution.

Mr. Turnbull, whose property is at the John and McNabb corner explained that he originally purchased the land in 1955, not for speculation, but for the building of a business premises for his son. Later another building was acquired. Meanwhile the town zoning by-law was passed and though this zoned the land for conservation, Mr. Turnbull, who is not a town resident, said he had received no notification of the change.

Only recently, when there was a potential buyer, did he discover the restrictive clauses, he said.

Mr. Turnbull said there is no possible chance of flood damage at the building site. And when he queried council, Mayor Sargent told him that planning consultant Dr. Faludi had made no surveys of the property prior to the zoning.

## Gra-Y Registration Exceeds Expectations

Registration in the Gra-Y program has exceeded expectation of the newly formed YAM-YWCA.

To date over 120 boys and girls in the 8-11 age bracket have enrolled and Y officials are looking for more leaders to assist with the program. Dieter Hachman, David Shepherd, and Robert Walker are in charge of the boys' classes, and Lesley Quackenbush and Nancy Cromwell, the girls.

Public and high schools and the arena are being used Thursday for the program. The girls' classes meet from 6 to 7 and the boys for the hour following.

"An informative meeting" was the chairman's opinion at the close of the session.



DANNY HEWITT JIM GARDINER WILLI LINDNER

## LAST THREE SAY "SPLIT IT"

THESE THREE EACH claimed one third of the \$1,000 put up for grabs by the Kinamen at their annual Stag Dinner in the Legion Hall Friday night. The Kin used the elimination system and started with two hundred ticket stubs at the beginning of the evening. It was close to 11 o'clock before the field had been whittled to three, who agreed to split the cash.



## MOVED NEXT DOOR

HANGING HIS CREDENTIALS on the wall of the Town Assessor's office is new occupant Cliff Hibbert, the former assistant assessor who inherited Joe Gibbons' chair when the ex-mayor surrendered to the call of municipal politics. Mr. Hibbert, who has been in the department for six years, lives with his Peg and son Randy, 15, at 15 King St. E. He has passed a three year course in assessment from Queen's University, which entitles him to the letters M.M.A., after his name. He is a member of Branch 120 of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Georgetown Golf and Country Club.