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PLEASANT UNDER GLASS



—Peter Jones, Georgetown

WHERE IT'S JUNE IN JANUARY

AN EIGHTH OF AN INCH of glass separates sub-zero temperatures of winter from the manufactured summer in the town's greenhouses these frost bitten days. Inside, plants bask in tropical conditions, oblivious to the cruel wind that howls on the other side of the glazing. Above Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Pearce, 32 Albert St., pose amid evidence that it's really June some places in town.

Extemporaneous Speeches Now Kaput at Town Council

Must File Notice And State Subject

Ratepayers who wish to address Georgetown council will now be subject to the formality of making a prior request, stating the subject matter of their business.

Monday a 6-3 council majority voted on the new procedure which was moved by Crs. Don Powers and Jim Emmerson. They explained that it will aid council in arriving at speedier decisions as well as keeping speakers on the subject matter of their visit.

The new procedure calls for individuals or delegations to file a notice of request in the clerk's office by 1 p.m. the day of a regular council meeting. The printed form must state the subject to be discussed, but if the notice cannot be filed in person the clerk is authorized to take such information by phone or letter.

A proviso is that if council deems a matter an emergency or of extreme urgency, the provisions can be waived. Deputy Reeve Elliott, Deputy Reeve Hunter and Cr. Hildebrandt voted against the move.

"I'm opposed," said the reeve. "We should welcome constructive criticism and encourage people to come and ask us questions."

The reeve said this would discourage ratepayers from exercising their democratic right. "I don't think delegations have taken up more than half an hour of a council meeting unless there was something seriously wrong" he said.

Cr. Powers said his motion would enable committee chairmen to investigate prior to a meeting and in many cases an answer could be given that night instead of referring a matter for committee study later.

Cr. Smith agreed, saying that it would be just a matter of educating people to fill out the required form. Asked by Mayor Hyde if the same procedure is not followed by county council, Reeve Elliott said a person must be put on the agenda but does not have to state the subject of his talk.

Cr. Hildebrandt disagreed with prior notice, but favours limiting delegations in time for verbal addresses. "I favour the motion," said Cr. Gray. "It doesn't deprive anyone from speaking. I like constructive criticism." Reeve Elliott said that if a ratepayer comes to a council meeting and suddenly thinks of an idea he would like to propose he shouldn't have to wait a week for his say. "It was estimated that last year one ratepayer took 400 minutes of council's time during the year" he was reminded by the mayor. "If we had ten people like that we could spend a whole year just listening to ratepayers."

Same Night

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LANGDON SERIES

Part 4 of the controversial series on delinquency is on page 4.

Queries Membership in Good Roads Association

"What do we get for our \$20 membership in the Good Roads association?" queried Cr. Charles Hildebrandt Monday at the council meeting.

Deputy Reeve Hunter said he had attended the convention in Toronto last year.

"There are three days of lectures. You talk to men from other municipalities and you learn a lot," he said. The deputy said it was the first time the town had had an active membership.

"And it's like a new council. You can learn more after you attend for a year or two," he said.

Mayor Hyde pointed to some of this year's convention but other things too, as you can see — Future municipal roads — Land acquisition for road widening — pension plans for municipal employees.

Other Things

"One thing you can get from the convention is a big headache," he opined, "but there are other things too, as you can see."

Membership was approved by council with Cr. Hildebrandt dissenting.

New Minister For Christian Reformed Church

The Christian Reformed Church will have a new minister this month when Rev. J. Jose comes from Dresden at the call of the local congregation.

Mr. Jose will preach his first sermon on Sunday, January 27th when the town council has been invited to attend the 9:30 a.m. service.

Mr. Jose's wife and family of six children will be moving into the church home at 68 Main St. S. vacant since Rev. D. C. Los went to the church in Grimsby.

They plan to arrive in town next Tuesday and a reception is planned by the congregation the next night in Knox Church hall.

The new minister came to Canada as a child when his parents emigrated from Holland. He lived in Sarnia and since ordination has been minister at the Dresden church.

Christian Reformed members first held services in Equestrian Community Hall at Stewarttown when the church was established in 1956, later moving to the Main St. church when the former Georgetown Dairy was converted to this use.

Until Mr. Los became minister, the church was served by Rev. John Van Harmelen of Brampton and Rev. R. Gronbeur of Acton.

Forego Water Charge When Clearing Pipes

Ratepayers who must leave taps running to clear algae rust from water pipes will not be charged for the extra water used, according to a council motion passed Monday.

Authority is given to any councillor to approve such a measure, with a meter reading to be taken by a waterworks employee before and after the taps are run.

Similarly, householders who contribute water for public open air skating rinks will be given the same privilege, and water billings will be adjusted to omit water used for flooding.

Asked Rebate

Cr. Bill Smith brought the question before council last week ago. And the "dirty water" remains to at least one resident, Robert Letts, who complained bitterly last year for a moment at the Georgetown "Nursing Home on Main St. N."

Would Have Court Deal With Dog Infractions

A suggestion that the court be entrusted with levying and collecting fines for infractions of the dog control by-law was made to council Monday by dog controller Cecil Robertson.

Mayor Hyde promised council study and meanwhile was promised better dog control in town.

Mr. Robertson had been asked to the meeting following a number of complaints relayed to council last week by the mayor.

"We feel dog control has slipped," Mayor Hyde told him. "When you started the job we had good results and want these continued."

Mr. Robertson told of his problems, the major one being criticism of his charges which a solicitor had told him should be a matter for courts. There has been a lack of cooperation by residents, too, he said, who cover up for neighbours sometimes.

When he took office there were a number of stray dogs in town and once these had been disposed of, there isn't the same problem, he feels.

Originally the town had received extra service above what could be normally expected, he said, but he now serves Chinguacousy, Acton and Brampton, and uses a patrol system in town instead of being in town all the time. Securing help has also been a problem, but he has recently hired an assistant.

Serious Situations

Cr. Jim Emmerson said he thought use of a tranquillizer gun had been one of Mr. Robertson's main requests last year, but this was denied by the controller.

"I blame it on the new papers for too much emphasis," he said. "I only intended to use it for serious situations."

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Elevate McBride Town Treasurer

Resignation of Russell Stephens as deputy treasurer caused council Monday to make two shifts in municipal office positions.

C. G. Benham, who has been clerk-treasurer since joining the town staff some years ago, will continue in the clerk's position under the new setup.

A. C. McBride, deputy clerk for the past year, will assume a new position as treasurer and collector of taxes and water rates.

And the town is advertising for a lady typist to fill the vacancy in the office staff.

Meanwhile, Mr. Stephens, who is going to a new position in Acton, has agreed to assist the town on a part-time basis with the 1963 tax billings.

Mrs. Walker Again Heads Church W.A.

The W.A. of St. George's met together in the parish hall last Tuesday for their first meeting of the year. The members sat down to a pot luck supper. Following the meal they went into the church for the service of installation of officers.

New Executive

The new executive is made up of the following: Mrs. Sam Walker, president; Mrs. Tom Parry, vice-president; Mrs. K. Lewis, secretary; Mrs. William Chaplin, treasurer and Mrs. S. Phillips, educational secretary.

The balance of the meeting consisted of business and a report given by Mrs. Phillips, who outlined a five year programme and study entitled the Whole Living Church. After the meeting tea was served.

Book Shatto For Town Appearance

All-Star Eastern Conference, fullback, Dick Shatto of the Toronto Argonauts, will be in Georgetown next month on one and possibly two speaking engagements.

In his capacity as Ontario chairman for the Canadian Red Cross he will talk to the Georgetown branch at their annual meeting on Thursday, February 28th and it is likely that the high school will arrange their schedule so that they can hear him in an assembly in the gym the same day.

Shatto's visit is timed to kick off the annual Red Cross campaign blitz which will be held here in early March. John Wolfe is again campaign chairman and Ted Bragg is vice-chairman.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Seek Administrator For Town Welfare

Council is seeking a new relief administrator following elevation of A. C. McBride to treasurer and tax collector.

Relief chairman Walter Gray told council Monday that Mr. McBride will be unable to continue with these duties after his new appointment and he is seeking a replacement.

Originally handled at the town office, the relief post was held by Al Norton last year as a "dollar a year" appointment but for business reasons Mr. Norton relinquished the job in the fall and it was returned to the town office with Mr. McBride in charge.

Ryerson Student Wins \$100 Award

A second year student at Ryerson Institute of Technology, Toronto, Brenda Bell topped her class last year and last Tuesday received a \$100 award for it.

Brenda, who is studying furniture and interior design was guest at a dinner at the roof garden of the Royal York Hotel. Known as the Golden Chair award dinner, it is presented by the Furniture Travelers' Association, who offer the Ryerson prize.

Brenda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bell, 53 Charles Street.

Chairman's Illness Defers Appointment

In the absence through illness of R. J. Cunningham, Equestrian School Board decided to postpone the election of chairman at their inaugural meeting last week at Stewarttown school. The appointment will be made at the next meeting.

After the trustees officially took office, Rev. J. E. Maxwell, conducted a brief devotional service.

Mrs. Shirley Armstrong, past vice chairman, conducted the business meeting, at which temporary secretary Ruth Evans agreed to continue in that position until the end of February, when the Board will advertise for a new secretary.

Mr. H. Moyer was reappointed attendance officer for another year.

Painting, lighting and drapes for the Norval school were discussed at length before approval was given to have the project completed.

Present at the meeting were Mrs. S. Armstrong, Max Sprick, Stanley Brown, Bill Lawson and Public School Inspector O. G. McDowd.



Brother Past Masters

IRWIN NOBLE HEADS CREDIT LODGE

At left, Harry Noble, Past Master of Wyndham Masonic Lodge, Guelph, and Fred Noble, Past Master of Conestoga Lodge, Drayton, flank their brother, Irwin Noble who was installed as Worshipful Master of Credit Lodge, No. 219, A.F. & A.M., Georgetown, on Wednesday, January 9th. It was 23 years from the day of the new Worshipful Master's initiation into the lodge.

The largest group of visiting Masons ever attended the ceremony which included the installation of other 1963 officers (below) Graham Farnell, John T. Armstrong, Thomas Niven, Dave Godden, Bob McMaster, Sam Penrice, Bill Hamilton, Syd Newstead, Douglas Latimer, Bert Fiddler, Bob Lawson, W. E. Wilson, Irwin Noble, and Charles Renwick.

