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BRANCH OFFICE OR . . . .

Peter Jones, Georgetown

TREE HOUSE (OF THE AUGUST MOON)

"MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE indulged an escalator," thinks Pete Young, 10 Shelley St., and Vana Mikoleit, 13 Shelley St., as they look earthward from their clapboard cabin in the limbs of an old elm tree behind their homes. The tree house was constructed last year in the limbs of an old elm tree behind their homes. The tree house was constructed last year with the assistance of Pete's dad and the boys find it a perfect fort in the event of very frequent snowball wars. In the fall, the hut shelters the dwellers from the pelting of over ripe apples from the neighbouring orchard, which become the enemy's seasonal ammunition. During a time, the shack is secluded enough to be a perfect spot for a young man's meditations. A good hiding place. A lookout. That's their tree house. Wonder if it's zoned R10.

Seek to Include Town In Bell's Metro Plan

Colouring Margarine is Opposed by Esquesing

Esquesing council went on record as opposing the colouring of margarine, Monday night at their council meeting. They endorsed a resolution prepared by the Halton Cream Producers which read: "We strongly oppose any legislation that would allow manufacturers to colour margarine to resemble butter." A copy of this endorsed resolution will be sent to the Minister of Agriculture.

A representative of P.S.I. — (Physicians Services Inc.) asked council for their support with a motion supporting the idea of community enrollment in their plan. A canvass will be made starting February.

Council was non-committal, with Deputy Reeve Wilfrid Leslie, who was chairman in the absence of Reeve George Leslie, merely saying they would think about it.

- The payment of $1,077.40 to the Town of Oakville was authorized. This is Esquesing's share of the cost of upkeep of Hornby ball park.
- The Good Roads convention in Toronto in February will be attended by all the county officers and the road Superintendent Clarence Snow.
- It was decided at the council meeting that the new municipal building on the 7th line will be completed by April 1st. It is being built by J. B. Mackenzie and Son.

Cleaning Machine For Town Sewers

A $2250 sewer cleaning machine, ordered by council on Monday, will go a long way towards avoiding sewer back ups, according to public works chairman Charles Hildebrandt whose committee recommended the purchase.

Filled With Debris

Cr Hildebrandt explained that sewers are filled with roots, gravel and debris and the machine will eliminate much of this trouble.

However, he warned that there might still be trouble of the type experienced last year when several residences in the eastern part of town had basements damaged when sewers were overloaded in a heavy rainstorm.

Urban Board Will Talk With Phone Officials

The North Halton Urban Board consisting of representatives from Milton, Acton and Georgetown town councils, will meet representatives from the Bell Telephone Company shortly to discuss a united telephone rate for the north end of Halton county.

Probably the company [illegible] reasons they [illegible] rate for our area, said a board spokesman, but we would like to see it [illegible] done. It will probably take agitation on the part of subscribers before the company will consider it seriously.

Bell Telephone this week announced long range plans for an increase in rates for subscribers in Toronto suburbs and fringe areas, combined with elimination of long distance tolls in the affected areas.

Georgetown is not mentioned in the plans.

[illegible] would get the benefit of extended service without an increase in rates.

The Board of Transport Commissioners will have to approve the plan before it can be effected. It is to be implemented at the beginning of 1965.

The plan would eliminate long distance charges between New Toronto, Islington, Weston, Willowdale, Don Mills and Scarborough exchanges. These are classed as first fringe areas.

Eliminate LD Charge

It would also eliminate long distance charges in 1965 between first fringe and second fringe exchanges. Second fringe exchanges are Port Credit, Streetsville, Milton, Woodbridge, Thornhill, Agincourt and West Hill.

The third phase would eliminate long distance charges between Toronto and third fringe exchanges at Richmond Hill, Stouffville and Clarksson.

The New Toronto Islington exchange would be added to the local calling area of Clarksson and Streetsville, while Willowdale, Don Mills would be added to Richmond Hill.

All existing toll free patterns in the Toronto region would be retained.

Rate increases in areas affected outside Toronto would range from 15 to 20 cents for residential phones in the first two fringe areas and 30 to 40 cents for business customers.

The plan would involve the installation of 60,000 miles of telephone wire at a total cost of $12,000,000. The project represents about 2,000,000 man hours of work, which is the equivalent of a year's employment to 1000 persons, Bell officials said.

Council Splits 5-4 on Medical Plan Motion

The principle of compulsory municipal participation in a medical and surgical benefit plan received [illegible] Georgetown council on Monday.

But the vote [illegible] was almost the rule.

Last week Physicians Services Inc. (Blue Cross) asked councillors to start a campaign which by [illegible] told them they would want a week to make a decision.

Monday, prior to the motion, J. Norman Bird, a director of Halton Co-Op Medical Services which is embarking on a similar type campaign, registered strong objection to the town supporting any one plan with a council motion.

He explained there are a number of such plans in existence and no firm should be given a monopoly. Originally, he claimed, PSI was interested only in payroll deduction payments.

"It has now grown into a large and powerful organization and is prepared to swallow Halton at one gulp," he said. "What is the urgency of such a rapid campaign? Can it be that they smell something cooking in the political pot?"

The Co-Op, he said, was organized on a do it yourself basis and when Ontario Hospital Services took over that phase of operations, other benefits had been added and more will be added on March 1st.

Sharply Split

With Mayor Hyde explaining that the council motion would favour no specific plan, an Elliott Smith motion supporting the idea found councillors sharply split.

Reeve Elliott said PSI should not claim council support in their advertising. His motion was to endorse the principle of such plans, he said, and it is up to individuals to decide whether they join PSI or not.

Cr Jim Emmerson queried whether comprehensive coverage means that a person pays up to 20% of his bill before insurance is paid and said he could not support the motion if this is so. He was told by the mayor that council is not concerned with details of various insurance policies and people must decide themselves what coverage they are getting.

"This motion gives our blessing to P.S.I., Halton Co-Op or any other medical plan," he said.

Deputy Reeve Hunter said he had opposed a similar motion at county council and would not give his blessing to any insurance firm. Cr. Jim Young expressed a similar opinion.

Cr. Hildebrandt said Mr. Lynch had told council last week the firm would go ahead with its campaign, with or without a council motion, and he felt the motion was favouring one firm.

Cr. Smith said he would hate to think by defeat of his motion that Georgetown would not have the benefits the company can offer.

Cr. Powers said he would support the motion but has no preference which company gets the business.

Chronically Ill

Mayor Hyde explained that his chief reason for favouring the motion was that chronically ill people can now get medical coverage.

"I'm not going to ask for a recorded vote," he said, "but I want to see a show of hands," he said.

When the vote was taken it carried on a 5-4 count with the mayor and Cr. Powers and Gray siding with the movers.

Legion Auxiliary Ladies Installed As Officers

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Exec and Conveners

Members of the executive committee are Mrs. F. Capper and Mrs. H. Preston, Mrs. W. Hale, Mrs. G. Stoddard, Mrs. E. Sargent, Mrs. J. Harker. The social concerners are Mrs. M. Hale, Mrs. N. Boyd, Mrs. J. McDougall. The hospital convener is Mrs. G. Stoddard, kitchen committee Mrs. J. Harker, banquet convener Mrs. J. Emmerson and sick convener Mrs. C. Starey. A peanut stall will be elected later.

After the meeting the members joined the ladies for tea and sandwiches and cake.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Bielak, 14 Normandy Blvd., announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia Rose Barbara, to William Ewing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ewing, Brampton, the wedding to be held Saturday, February 16, 1963, in Knox Presbyterian Church.

Douglas Wilson Now Consulting Engineer

Douglas R. Wilson, Georgetown town engineer, a few years ago, has started his own consulting engineering firm in Ottawa.

Mr. Wilson left his position here to become chief sanitary engineer for the EMF and for the past five years he designed and supervised work for the authority in Canada and Europe.

A letter read at Monday's council correspondence offered his services as a consultant to any town properties where such model is required.

Scrutinize Costs of Proclamation Adverts

Advertising of proclamations for special weeks and local events may be eliminated by a decision of council this year.

For several years, councils have often acceded to requests from service clubs and charitable groups for insertion of proclamations supporting fund drives.

When the Kinsmen Club asked Monday that the week of Feb. 3-9 be proclaimed "March of Dimes week," council did so, but delayed a decision on spending money on an advertisement until next week.

"There will be many similar requests during the year" Mayor Hyde told council "and it has got to the point where careful consideration must be given."

He stressed that he was not singling out the Kinsmen for criticism, and that he appreciates the good work they do.

Deputy Reeve Hunter had an opposing view.

"We have just helped an insurance firm with a motion," he pointed out. "Service club members do their work gratis, and most of the money is used in town. The least we can do is give them a little publicity."

Would Have

Mayor Hyde said he was not opposing publicity and that if the insurance motion had cost money he would have opposed it.

"A proclamation publication can cost as much as $30 or $40," he told the deputy reeve. "You know the cost of advertising from your own election campaign."

Cr. Don Powers supported the mayor in his stand.

"Last year three different weeks were proclaimed at one time," he said. "A proclamation doesn't carry any weight any more."

"You've hit the nail on the head," said the mayor "It's money in the pocket of the press and does little for the organization. The Kinsmen will get more publicity from this discussion that any proclamation we might publish."

Cr. Jim Emmerson pointed out that printing, postage, and exchange was estimated at $3000 in last year's budget.

"That doesn't tell us how much we would save by dropping proclamations," said Deputy Reeve Hunter.

Smaller Space

He said he would like to see proclamation advertising limited to smaller space, but favours some advertising.

Reeve Elliott expressed agreement with this.

A motion was passed proclaiming March of Dimes week. Ma[illegible]

Two Church Clubs Combine for Meeting

The combined Couples Clubs of First Baptist Church and St. Paul's Baptist Church were hosts to a most successful meeting on Friday evening. Guests from Hillsburgh, Snelgrove, Acton and Cheltenham Baptist Churches joined them for this evening.

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" was the opening hymn followed by Mrs. Ken McCosh reading the 19th psalm and Mr. Don Livingstone leading in prayer. Rev. Lloyd Whan of First Baptist introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Gregory, general secretary of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec. Dr. Gregory showed slides of his recent trip to Russia with comments on each. One of the enlightening facts was that although the Soviet policy is atheistic there are five thousand registered churches in Russia with five hundred thousand members.

A hymn was sung following this excellent and enlightening talk with Rev. John Russell of St. Paul's giving the closing prayer. A time of fellowship was enjoyed after the meeting.

PEACH OF A STORY

Mr. John Shepherd of Toronto was visiting his two sisters, Mrs. Violet Cook and Mrs. Flora Blair during the Christmas and New Years holidays. During their childhood the mother of the family did up peaches for each one and a jar was given to them when they married. John Shepherd never did marry and when he was home his sister gave him his jar of peaches which they opened. They were 57 years old. The syrup was still sweet and good but the peaches had turned slightly brown. Mrs. Henry Shepherd still had the peaches belonging to her late husband and she also opened them and they too were brownish but the syrup was good. Mrs. Flora Blair still has her peaches unopened.

STEWARTTOWN HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING

The Stewarttown Home and School held their monthly meeting on Wed., Jan 16th, the President, Mrs. H. Nurse presided.

The meeting was opened with the singing of "O Canada". Mr. R. Broomhead of the Canadian Cancer Society's Georgetown unit showed films and in a short talk gave some facts about cancer.

A social hour followed.

Georgetowner Could Win Trip to World Hockey

A Georgetown boy, John Bruce Simpson, is one of nine [illegible] hockey players who will compete in the final of a [illegible] which will send the winner and his father to the world hockey championships in Stockholm, Sweden.

Sponsored by Hockey Canada, the official publication of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, the competition [illegible] boys from every province except New Brunswick which does not belong to the CAHA.

Enald Koenig, Grindrod, BC; Pierre Cousineau, Montreal, Jeffrey Stewart Morris, St Boniface, Man.; Gary Steeves, Moncton, N.B.; Steven Whitney, Dalgary, Allan MacDougall, Glace Bay, N.S.; William Peter Noonan, Albany, PEI; James Arthur Anderson, Kinley, Sask.; and John Bruce Simpson, Georgetown.

Winner Saturday

The provincial winners will write a 500 word essay on why they think hockey is a good game for Canadian boys. The winners will be announced January 26th.

Provincial winners, each of whom will receive a set of skates, are.

AT WESTERN ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIP

Peter Jones, Georgetown

FIVE FLASHED THEIR SKATES FOR GEORGETOWN CLUB

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT are Wilfred Pocock, Sharon Brazil, [illegible] Jacqueline Bowell and David Sutton, members of the Georgetown Figure Skating Club who competed [illegible] Western Ontario Figure Skating championships last week. One of the quintette, Jackie Bowell, skated to second [illegible] Novice Division and with [illegible] partner [illegible] placed third in the pairs. David Sutton was second in his class.