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THEIR COLOURS FLYING

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SCOUTS AND CUBS MARCH INTO "SCOUT WEEK"

FLAGS FURLING in the cool February air, Boy Scouts, Cubs, and Guides, parade up Main St. enroute to special church services which officially began Boy Scout week Sunday. This week is crammed with presentations, banquets and displays as part of the eight day observance. There will be a tent town, and budge and tower building, in the Delrex plaza Saturday and another church parade Sunday.

Could Strike Tax Rate Next Week, Reeve Says

Blames School Costs If Town Taxes Rise

Reeve Elliott told council Monday he is aiming for an early setting of the town mill rate and intimated that the budget could be ready as soon as next Monday.

But he intimated that he would wait until the finance committee meets with the high school board next week before final striking of the tax rate.

A letter from the school board read at the meeting gave $292,477 as the preliminary estimate for maintenance costs of the school this year.

Larger Share

"It looks like a 5 mill boost in taxes for education," said the reeve. He explained that grants are based on the previous year and as the vocational school has only been operating since September, the town will have a larger share of cost to bear in 1963.

The town has a deficit of $44,200 from 1962, said the reeve, which would mean 3 mills on the taxes. Council is seeking approval to spread this over a three year period and if this can't be done, is considering debenturing this for three years.

"If this can be done, there is a good chance we can hold our part of the tax rate," said Mayor Hyde, "and if there is an increase in taxes it will be the result of school costs."

Could Cut Cost

Last year, the town paid $16,000 in bank interest, added the mayor, and an early budget could cut this cost radically.

Reeve Elliott said council should consider assessing under the DMA manual, particularly if this would increase assessment on vacant building land.

Mayor Hyde said this year's budget will show a clear line between the mill rate levied for council purposes and rates for schools.

Curtail Spending

"The public school board is elected and must be responsible to the people who elected them" he said. "There is a tremendous increase in school budgets this year and the only possible way for us to hold the tax rate is to curtail spending in all other departments."

Herald's Managing Editor Appointed Esquesing Secretary

A Georgetown man, Walter Biehn has been appointed secretary treasurer of Esquesing School Area No. 1 which administers all ten public schools in the township.

He will succeed the late Eric Batkin, who was killed in a motor accident last fall. A former appointee, Miss Ruth Evans, has been filling in since then. The appointment becomes effective on March 15th.

Mr. Biehn has been manager of the Georgetown Herald since its purchase by Thomson Newspapers Ltd. in 1958. He had been publisher of the newspaper since coming to Georgetown in 1940.

Left Turns Into Car On Guelph Street

Damage was estimated at $125 when two cars scraped at the Guelph St. entrance to the downtown parking lot on Saturday.

A police report said a 1956 Meteor driven by George Richard Reed of RR 2, Alton and a 1962 Volvo, driven by Norman Vinall of 23 Mary Street were west bound on Guelph St. when the accident occurred. According to the report, the Reed car started a left turn into the parking lot entrance when it collided with the Vinall car which had pulled out to pass.

Cst. R. D. Whitson who made the investigation placed the damage at $100 to the Volvo and $25 to the Meteor. The accident occurred at 12.45 p.m.

GIRLS GIVE UP CAKE TO HELP HOSPITAL

When a group of youngsters choose to donate money to a worthy cause instead of getting a cake there can be much reason for concern about the next generation.

The Yellow Six of First Georgetown Cub Pack at St. Johns United Church had the choice of a cake or similar treat which they accumulated the highest number of points in a recent proficiency test at one of their regular meetings. The boys refused the cake and asked that the money be donated to the Georgetown District Hospital. The secretary Mrs. William Hamilton acknowledged the cash donation Monday.

The boys are: Steven Douglas Stephens, Secondee Bryan Day, Jim Rea, Gary Louth, Dennis Vandenberg and Brad Eure.

Seek Solution for Waste Pollution

A solution is being sought, through study by the Ontario Water Resources Commission and the management of Domtar Paper, to pollution of the Credit River from mill waste which finds its way into the river.

Council on Monday heard a letter which had been sent to the firm from the OWRC with a report of discoloration of the river at Huttonville. The letter said filtering ponds are being deepened as a temporary solution and recommended the firm decide on a treatment method which could possibly put final waste into the town's sewage disposal plant.

Mayor Hyde said the company has been working on the problem for some years. Milk waste had been put in the disposal system at one time with sad results he said. He is hopeful that the OWRC can be helpful in suggesting a remedy for this.

Hope Urban Board Will Swell to Five

Esquesing and Nassagaweya township councillors have been invited to attend the next meeting of North Halton Urban Board. And Cr. Jim Emmerson, who is board chairman this year, has hopes that the townships will swell membership to five.

The group, which has no official status, was formed some years ago by the councils of Georgetown, Milton and Acton, and discusses matters of importance which affect the three towns as well as exchanging ideas of mutual benefit.

The board meets monthly with meetings alternating between the three towns.

Parked Car Creased At Brewers' Retail

A car backing out of a parking space in front of the Brewers' Retail Store collided with a parked car resulting in an estimated $125 damage Saturday night.

Cst. Ron Rankine who made the investigation said in his report that a 1957 Ford driven by Calvin Clarence King of 57 Byron Street pushed in the side of a parked 1962 Chrysler sedan owned by George Elwell Mitchell as it left the next parking stall.

The report said that the front bumper of the King car put a crease in both doors of the Chrysler and damaged the chrome stripping. There was no damage to the King car.

Discuss Procedure For Tree Planting

Continuance of a tree planting program, in which residents share costs with the municipality, is expected to continue in town this year, but may be in for a change in procedure.

Cr. Charles Hildebrandt brought the subject before council Monday when he suggested a questionnaire be sent to all Ward 3 ratepayers asking those who wished to participate to signify this.

The councillor was criticized by Mayor Hyde and Cr. Emmerson for limiting his remarks to one ward.

"We're trying to unite the town and this doesn't help," said Cr. Emmerson.

Mayor Hyde said this illustrated the reason he is against ward voting.

Treeless Area

But Cr. Hildebrandt explained that he suggested Ward 3 because it is a treeless new area.

"Planting of trees could have an enormous public relations value and could well make happier residents and contribute to a better spirit in town," he maintained.

For the past few years, the council has allotted a small budget for tree planting and on request of residents of a street, trees have been planted with residents paying half the cost of the trees.

Mayor Hyde thinks the plan has not been perfect. Many trees have died, he said, because they have not been properly cared for. It would be a better idea, he said, to have individuals apply and there would be assurance then that more trees would live.

Salt Blamed

Deputy Reeve Hunter said trees should be placed inside the sidewalks, as salt used in winter road control is blamed for some of the loss.

Cr. Walter Gray said that years back residents of the Swanek subdivision had cooperated in a planting program when trees were taken from the Silvercreek reservoir property, and there was no cost involved at all.

Cr. Bill Smith said money from residents should be in hand before planting starts. His property committee was left to investigate and bring a plan before council.

Township Moves to Collect Trailer Fees

Monday night at their council meeting, Esquesing council decided to take action against all trailer residents who are in arrears with their trailer license fees.

"It's unfair that some are paying and some are not," commented Councillor Bob Lawson.

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● With no comment Esquesing Council endorsed a Wentworth County resolution asking the Provincial Government for legislation banning the use of mineral based detergents in Ontario. The resolution is based on the claim that mineral based detergents are not broken down in sewage treatment plants, and can pollute rivers and streams and eventually wells.

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● The 1963 Esquesing appointees to the Hornby Community Centres Board are James Carney, George Currie and Clifford Wriggles worth.

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● Despite his name John Buck didn't bring 'em back alive. Instead, he collected fifteen dollars bounty for dead foxes.

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● Deputy Reeve Wilfrid Leslie and Councillor Bob Lawson will accept the Georgetown and District High School Board invitation to attend their next meeting to discuss the year's budget.

The estimated maintenance levy for the year is $289,477, of which approximately $52,858 is Esquesing's share. This is a $20,000 increase for Esquesing since 1962, and a $40,000 increase since 1961.

Commented Councillor Geo. Currie, "With 157 township pupils that makes it $340 per pupil for maintenance alone, not including debenture costs."

Clerk K. C. Lindsay added, "And we pay another $340 through the Provincial Government."

Euchre Proceeds for School Grad Dinner

On Thursday evening Valentine's Day the Chapel St. Home and School Association held a very successful euchre party in the School. Conveners for the affair were the Grade Eight mothers and the executive and the proceeds will be used for the Grade Eight Graduation Banquet.

Prize winners for the evening of cards were: Mrs. Clare Wilson, Mrs. S. Rubin, Mrs. Robert Eason, Mrs. Edna Payne, Mr. Roy Haley won the travelling prize and Mrs. Clare Wilson the lucky draw which was a floral piece donated by Harris Floral.

Former Town Lady Weds in Hamilton

The marriage has been announced of Mrs. E. J. Johns, formerly of Georgetown and Vancouver, to Mr. G. J. Weichel on Saturday, January 26th in Melrose United Church, Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Weichel are residing at 7 Rankin Street, Southampton, Ontario.

ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. James Mulholland 3 Dufferin Street will be at home to their friends on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, February 23rd 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Education Minister Wm. Davis Opens New High School Wing

The magnitude of Ontario's school systems, as expressed in dollars, was told to a crowded high school auditorium last Tuesday, when Hon. William G. Davis, provincial minister of education spoke at the official opening of the new million dollar vocational addition.

In 1960, annual expenditure of school boards totalled 420 million dollars, Mr. Davis said. And while provincial population increased by half since 1946, school enrolment has doubled and now stands at a million and a half.

He pointed to the need for school boards to develop educational policies which best serve area needs. Georgetown was one of the first communities to take advantage of a federal-provincial plan to add vocational courses with senior governments footing almost the total capital cost.

He sketched the reorganized high school study courses which allow a much wider range of opportunity and are designed to reduce drop outs. There are five year and four year programs in each of three main branches, as well as a special two year program and an occupational program. And allowance is made to include optional subjects not formally listed in the program which is considered to have special value for pupils in a school district.

He said two new teachers' colleges are to be established, one in London and one in eastern Ontario to maintain an adequate supply of qualified teachers.

And he stressed the importance of the professional skill of the staff and their devotion to the art of teaching.

"A successful school can never be an impersonal institution; it must try to be a place where the influence of capable teachers will stimulate the pupils' highest abilities and give them a true sense of responsibility" he said.

Introduced by board chairman Douglas Latimer, Mr. Davis was thanked for his talk by Walter Biehn, a former chairman of the Board of Education.

Warn Delinquents On Tax Registration

A last warning to delinquent taxpayers was sounded Monday when Mayor Hyde said registered letters will be sent within the next three weeks, informing delinquents that their properties have been registered.

Once this is done, an owner has a year to redeem his property by paying all back and current taxes and expenses of the registration. The mayor warned that the procedure is carried out by the Dept. of Municipal Affairs and is out of council's hands once action is taken.

The rule applies to improved property on which taxes are owing for three years, and on two years taxes for unimproved property.

Town Appeals Assessment Reduction on Vacant Land

Georgetown will appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board against a decision of Judge George Elliott which has reduced assessment on vacant land in the Delrex and Moore Park subdivisions.

Moore Park land originally assessed at $5.00 per foot frontage and Delrex land assessed at $4.00 had previously been reduced by the revision court, then further reduced in an appeal before the judge.

Good Basis

Finance chairman John Elliott told council Monday he feels the town has a good basis for appeal and Mayor Hyde expressed a similar opinion.

"If the present assessment stays, it means individual ratepayers will be paying higher taxes" said Reeve Elliott.

Two More Candidates Seek NDP Nomination

Ellis Fullerton of Oakville has announced his intention to seek nomination as Halton's NDP federal candidate at the convention in Oakville on February 28th.

A graduate of the University of Toronto in modern history, he is head of the history department at Lorne Park school. For a time he was sports editor and announcer for an Ottawa radio station and physical education director at Preston High School.

His wife is also a U. of T. graduate in English. They live on the 9th Line, Oakville and have two sons, Scott, 2 and Ross, one month.

A second provincial candidate entered the field this week. William Gillies is a native of Niagara Falls and was a member of the police force there before moving to Oakville where he is employed by Cities Service Oil Co. He is secretary-treasurer of his union local and secretary of Oakville District Labour Council. He lives in Oakville with his wife and daughter. Mr. Gillies served overseas with the Ontario Regiment tank corps.

Last week Thomas Mills of Oakville announced he would seek the provincial nomination.

Enumerators are making their rounds this week, preparing lists for the Federal election.

Health Office Says Halton Free of Flu

Halton County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Archie Bull says that this area is relatively free of the Asian flu outbreak that has been affecting other centres in the United States and Canada.

"There is nothing to date to indicate that there has been more than the ordinary number of cases of influenza in this county," he said.

IN GOOD HEALTH

Peter Jones Photo

COL. NOBLE FOUR OFF A CENTURY

LT. COL. ALEX NOBLE, was 96 on Monday. The former Lorne Scots and Halton Rifles C.O. has been a Norval resident for almost all of his years and was in good health to mark the century-minus-four-date.

Local Industry Protests Competitor's Gov't Loan

Sam Penrice, president of the Beaumont Knitting Company, Ltd., Glen Williams, has vigorously protested to the Ontario government the award of a loan of $85,000 under the recently instituted Economic Development Loans Guarantee Act, to the H. J. Fairfield Co., Owen Sound.

The H. J. Fairfield Co., says Mr. Penrice, will be in direct competition with the Beaumont Knitting Co. and also several other manufacturers of heavy hosiery in Ontario. The Owen Sound plant closed its doors and laid off its employees on January 10th of this year after approximately one year of operation, during which time they secured large government contracts at prices considerably below other manufacturers.

Lack Of Funds

The company was unable to continue manufacturing the completion of these orders through lack of funds. Mr. Penrice feels that the price quoted by H. J. Fairfield Co. was so low that they cannot hope to make a profit on the government socks and consequently the loans granted by the government will be lost. Mr. Penrice also feels that this loan of $85,000 will encourage the H. J. Fairfield Co. to sell socks at below cost which could have a disastrous effect on the established companies in Ontario.

Mr. Penrice pointed out to a Herald reporter that while the company is a new one, it is not manufacturing a new product and the mills which are presently operating in Ontario can sufficiently supply the demands of the Canadian market. Mr. Penrice commented that it is a wonderful idea to make these loans available to new enterprise which would eventually stimulate economic growth and create employment. However, this would not be the case with the first loan granted under the new act; in fact it could seriously embarrass firms already in existence with the eventual layoff of some of their staffs.

A LOOK AT THE WEATHER

February		High	Low
10th.	Sunday	26	10
11th	Mon	23	14
12th.	Tues	19	5
13th	Wed	19	9
14th.	Thurs	22	11
15th.	Fri	5	3
16th.	Sat	17	5

High for week 26, low 3
Snow 4"

Alicia E. C. Scott