

## Liberals Press Election To Fill Halton Vacancy

The Progressive-Conservative government of Premier Robarts is again being pressed by the Liberal opposition in the legislature to call bye-elections in Halton and three other provincial ridings that have been vacant for upwards of three months.

On Thursday the Speaker, the Hon. William Murdoch, was given official notice, in writing of the vacancies in Halton and Hamilton Centre by Ray Edwards (Lib.-Wentworth) and Harry Winton (Lib.-Wentworth).

Similar notices of vacancies were presented at the same time for the ridings of Nickel Belt and Sault Ste. Marie, by Elmer Sopha (Lib.-Sudbury) and Leo Troy (Lib.-Nipissing).

The four members asked the Speaker to instruct the chief election officer to issue election writs for these constituencies in accordance with the provisions of Legislative Assembly Act.

Owen Mullin, mayor of Burlington and provincial Liberal candidate of Halton, said that although the writs will be issued under the act they are directed to the returning officer in the riding concerned.

These positions are all vacant at the present. Unless the government appoints returning officers for the four ridings it is impossible to hold a bye-election, despite the time limit set out in the act.

## Action Businessman Was Member Of School Board

An Acton resident well known to many townspeople, Edgar (Ted) Force died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph last Thursday.

Since moving to Acton 24 years ago from Preston, he had many friends there.

His valued service with the Acton District High School Board came to an end, Tuesday evening, April 16, when he submitted his resignation to the council.

He was a director with Force Electric Products. The last two years he worked as a life underwriter with Commercial Union Assurance Co.

He was best known in Georgetown as a member of the now defunct North Halton High School District Board.

He was a charter member of the Acton Y's Men's Club, a past president of the Cullen Fields Golf Club, member of the Mississauga Golf and Country Club. He was also president of the Guelph College Figure Skating Club for a number of years and was directly responsible for its expansion to the present high standard in the association.

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## WEDDING IN HOLY CROSS CHURCH

MR. AND MRS. NICHOLAS HAARMSA were married in Holy Cross R.C. Church recently. The bride, Catherine Turnbull, is a former resident of Glace Bay, N.S. A Laurentian honeymoon followed a reception at Delrex Restaurant. They are making their home in Brantford.

## GREEN THUMB CORNER

# Chemical Fertilizers Aid to Garden Soil

by Gordon Lindsay Smith

Where the soil is only average or poorer, commercial or chemical fertilizers will push growth along in amazing fashion. And even a good garden soil, for stimulating leafy growth or roots or as a shot-in-the-arm after transplanting, a little fertilizer will work wonders. These chemicals are also a boon to gardens in the north country, where the season is short and things must be done quickly to escape the early frost.

Chemical fertilizers, however, like medicine must be used with reasonable care. Most of them will burn if they come in direct contact with plants or roots. In the very small garden the fertilizer is best dissolved in water and applied in liquid form. Or it can carefully be sprinkled along the row close to but not actually touching the seed or plants.

Chemical fertilizers, as a rule, are a mixture of three main chemicals, nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash, expressed on the package in three numbers, like 10-8-4. This would mean ten parts nitrogen, eight of phosphoric acid and four of potash, for green and we want lots of nitrogen and that is why lawn fertilizer and mixtures for salad vegetables have the highest count of the first number.

Even in good soil, as previously mentioned, experienced gardeners use some chemical fertilizer for pushing growth, especially for things like lettuce, cabbage, spinach, carrots and beets. They do so because they know that the speedier the growth the more tender and higher the quality. Quickly grown vegetables do not have fibres, cores or stringiness.

## KEEP IT SIMPLE

Formal gardening is strictly for the expert, with lots of money, patience, time and room. Straight rows and edges, rigidly trimmed shrubbery and hedges, perfectly balanced beds of flowers, look simple but to create them and make them beautiful is not simple at all. For the vast majority of people one is urged to advise to keep things as informal as possible, to arrange flowers and shrubbery in clumps rather than in rows, to avoid straight edges, and to have lots of good lawn in front and in the centre to show off the rest of the plantings. Even in the small flower bed, rather than row planting one should set out in clumps, three or more of each variety with the smaller things generally towards the front, the taller sorts at the rear, but with here and there an odd clump of bigger plants brought forward just to break any suggestion of formality.

In paths, walls, hedges, we can continue the informal theme by a few curves or angles, but wherever we do this there should be an obvious reason, even if we have to make one, by planting a tree or a clump of shrubbery, or using a fountain, some steps, a bench or perhaps a sundial. And any way a curving wall or path with the far end screened by shrubbery or trees is far more interesting than one that runs in a straight line from one point to another and both visible from any direction.

## WINDOW BOXES, TUBS AND POTS

Nothing will brighten a blank wall or add more gaiety to a house front, verandah, patio, or shaded corner than a window box, pot or tub filled with bright flowers. These are very

intensive sorts of gardens with little soil and a lot of bloom expected. Therefore the soil must be fine and very rich and there will have to be drainage in the form of coarse gravel or broken pottery in the bottom of each box or tub. Also, because exposed to the air on all sides they must be watered almost daily.

The boxes are usually filled closely with quick and steady flowering plants, such as pansies, petunias, nasturtiums, geraniums, lobelia, alysium, a carnation, and possibly foliage plants. Some of the flowers should be of a semi-trailing type so that they will overflow and hang down. The boxes, especially if made of wood must be thoroughly built with the corners properly reinforced and well supported as they will be heavy when filled with moist soil. In the fall when the first frost threatens, the smaller tubs and boxes can be moved to a covered verandah or porch where they will continue to bloom in late fall.

## THE MAIL BAG

### Boy Scouts Association Appreciates Publicity

Terra Carta, Our April 1st, 1963

Dear Sir: On behalf of the Georgetown Boy Scout Association I wish to thank you for your interest and cooperation on our Boy Scout week.

Without your help, our Boy Scout Week would not have been the success that it was. Thank you. Edward Van Zuben, Chairman

### Notice to Creditors IN THE ESTATE OF Mary Ellen Watson, Spinster, deceased.

All persons having claims against the Estate of Mary Ellen Watson, late of the Town of Georgetown, Spinster, who died on or about the 11th day of March, 1963, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of May 1963, after which date the Estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whom claim they shall not then have notice.

DATED at Georgetown, this 22nd day of April, A.D. 1963  
Kenneth Kirkwood and George Ward, Executors of the Estate of Mary Ellen Watson, late of the Town of Georgetown, Spinster, deceased, by their solicitors, Dale, Bennett, Latimer & Barnes, telephone 210, on the west 23 Mill St., Georgetown, Ontario.

## STEWARTTOWN

### Stewarttown Gets 35 M.P.H. Limit on Speed

Members of St. John's Guild held their regular meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Grant on Tuesday evening, April 16th.

Money received by the members from their "Make Believe Tea" was turned in to the treasurer. The response had been good and brought many letters from friends, one response came in verse. All these were read and the enclosed donations much appreciated.

Each member was given a card to make an item on the Bazaar Sale Mrs. Joan Fitzaway and Mrs. C. A. Grant were elected to the Program Committee for the Annual Luncheon planned for the last week of May.

Lunch was served by the hostesses, assisted by Mrs. Harriet Scott.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7 at the home of Mrs. John O'Leary.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Mary Hildard, mother of Mrs. Bert Hunter, and a frequent visitor to our village is seriously ill in Orangeville Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Bizard of Toronto, who were visiting a few days with Ben Cass, called on friends in the village. Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Bizard were residents here for a number of years prior to moving to Toronto five years ago.

Donald Calder of Peterborough visited with Wayne and Merwin Denmore during the Easter holidays.

Through the efforts of the Women's Institute and residents of the village the 35 mile per hour limit through the village became law this past week, when the County men erected a number of signs. The first one to the south is at the gate of the Herb Red Farm and they have been erected at intervals through the village to the Check Lane Road.

We understand this speed limit has been approved by the Department of Transport, and we hope and pray that motorists travelling this route will be both for their own safety and for the safety of the pedestrian who must also travel the same route.

Although the car was smashed badly, three young men, George Ward, Executors of the Estate of Mary Ellen Watson, late of the Town of Georgetown, Spinster, deceased, by their solicitors, Dale, Bennett, Latimer & Barnes, telephone 210, on the west 23 Mill St., Georgetown, Ontario.

## Active Year Reported in Women's Institute Summary

Georgetown Women's Institute met in Knox Hall on Wednesday evening, April 24th, for their regular meeting, with an attendance of 18 and 2 visitors. Following the usual opening exercises, the minutes of previous meeting were read and approved, and Correspondence dealt with.

Mrs. W. Wilson gave the report of Directors' Meeting in Milton, on April 1st, and announced the date of District Annual in Lunenburg, on May 22.

Report of the sixtieth anniversary on March 25th, was heard, and Mrs. Walker expressed thanks to the Committee.

This being the annual meeting reports were heard of a successful year, and Mrs. W. Sander conducted the election of officers.

Hon. Pres. Mrs. W. Wilson, President, Mrs. A. Matthews, 1st Vice, Mrs. E. Thompson, 2nd Vice, Mrs. E. Newhouse, Secretary, Assistant Sec. Treas. Mrs. F. Armstrong, District Director, Mrs. W. Wilson, Alternate, Mrs. V. Rawson, Press Secretary and Public Relations, Mrs. B. Palmer, Pianist, Mrs. R. Paul, Mrs. E. Petch, Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. R. Palmer, Mrs. D. Lay, Mrs. E. Armstrong, Citizenship and Education, Mrs. V. Rawson, Mrs. G. Russell, Home Economics & Health, Mrs. E. Walker, Mrs. K. Davidson, Historical Research, Mrs. H. Bailey, Mrs. Ballantine, Sick and Shut In, Mrs. N. Snyder, Helping Hand, Mrs. E. Thompson, Mrs. B. Palmer, Scout, Mrs. A. Matthews, Auditors, Mrs. R. Robinson, Mrs. B. Palmer, Lunch Committee, Mrs. W. Wilson, Mrs. S. Robn.

1962-1963 had a membership of 39, with an average attendance of 22.

Ten regular meetings were held during the year, a bus trip to London in June, and a lawn social and coffee evening at the home of Mrs. Bailey in August.

Sale of house plants, baking and tickets on a luncheon cloth and coffee provided funds for help given Children's Aid, District Bursary, High School prizes, School for Retarded Children, Care, Food for Hungry, Remembrance Day wreath, Bereaved Families in Need, Sick and Shut In Members were remembered with cards and gifts, and Georgetown residents at Halton Manor were visited and given gifts at Christmas time.

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