Figure Skating Important For Hockey, Says Bowell

"More young Georgetown hockey players should take figure skating lessons," president of the Georgetown Figure Skating Club Des Bowell said Tuesday

Discussing the drop in membership this year Mr. Bowell said that not nearly enough youngsters are learning the fundamentals of skating before taking a hockey stick in their hands.

"Young fellows could do themselves a lot of good by coming out to lessons and by learning how to skate," he said. "Andy Bathgate was one of the best figure skaters ever to come out of Guelph and this has obviously helped him in the NHL."

Mr Bowell cited other cases where figure skating lessons teaching the basics of skating had assisted hockey players. One entire team in Vancouver is taking figure skating lessons to overcome awkwardness on the ice.

He said he hoped young players would forget the idea that there is something sissified about figure skating and attend the Monday lessons

A meeting this week with the arena board set the new times for lessons this season

Normally pre-school children will have from 3 to 4, juniors from 4.30 to 6.30 and senior from 7 to 10. During the Monday nights when Raiders play at home the schedule will be reduced to pre-school 3-4, juniors 4 15-6 15; seniors 6 30-8 30

The possibility of a matinee performance of the annual figure skating carnival for the youngsters was also discussed at the meeting This will be done if dress rehearsal time can be arranged

The show this year will be Babes in Toyland presented by the juniors, and South Pacific

Ross Smith and Andrew Drenters are the teaching pros again this year, the 8th year that the club has operated.

MAIL BAG

Who Hires? Who Fires? Wonders Ratepayer

40 Main Street S

To the Editor

The time I spent in council on Monday evening, November 11 1963, was enlightening and very educational to say the least. I, like many others have neglected attending council over the past months, but had I known that council at times had all the aspects of a three ring circus, I would have been much more attentive.

One apparent minor bit of legislation introduced at the table managed to cost the taxpayers $60 in time spent. It should have cost $5, based on the scale of nine members for three hours. It should have taken five minutes instead it was hassled for almost an hour

All this was derived from the question as to who had the right to hire and fire Municipal employees, both inside and outside staff Considering the possibilities of election campaigning there appeared to be a considerable amount of undercurrent and evasiveness in the arguments put forth both pro and con

Without going into a great amount of boring detail — all boiled down it amounted to a request that the right to hire and fire Municipal employees be left to that body known as the Administrative Committee or some such

It was a definite attempt at knuckle rapping and directed against some other member of the higher echelon of council who has apparently taken unto himself the right of representing council in this respect without consulting the committee first or asking their opinion However rather than resolve this little bit of political madness it was shelved for further study and in all likelihood will cost the taxpayers another $60 another day and so it goes

Wm. J. Campbell

Name Smith Chairman Centenial Committee

William Smith

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Social & Personal

Mrs. Katherine Gordon Fearing Street had a surprise visit from her son, Flight Sgt. W. E. Preston from the Trenton RCAF base this week

Mr and Mrs J. R. Coster 36 McIntyre Crescent have just returned home from a flight to New York City where they spent a few days

Mr and Mrs. Herb Richard of Owen Sound were week end visitors with Mr and Mrs G. Taylor 24 Queen Street

Notice to Creditors

IN THE ESTATE OF the late Mary Margaret Ross, deceased.

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"Observer" Staffer Speaker St. Andrew's Anniversary

The congregation of St. Andrew's United Church, corner of Sinclair and Mountainview Road, has made preparations for the observance of the fifth anniversary of its existence. The special speaker for this occasion is the Rev Kenneth Bagnell, B.A., B.D., a former classmate of the minister, the Rev. Kelvin Johnston. Tom Trouten will be the special guest at a fellowship hour later.

TOM TROUTEN

Mr Bagnell was born in the coal mining town of Glace Bay, Nova Scotia He took his theological training at Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Halifax and was ordained to the ministry of the United Church by the Maritime Conference in 1958 At the age of 16 he served as student minister to three rural congregations in N.B. He served mission fields in the Maritimes and Saskatchewan and was minister of the United Church in Riverside N.B. before joining the editorial staff of the United Church Observer in 1961

During college years he worked when time permitted as a radio announcer and newspaper reporter This no doubt helped considerably in preparing for his present vocation as Assistant to the Editor United Church Observer Along with the many feature stories he writes a section called Inter Area and edits the Youth pages He is married and lives in Toronto with his wife and two children

Services at St. Andrew's at 9 a.m. at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. After the evening service there will be entertainment and a social hour

THIS FUNNY WORLD

Nature certainly does some inconsistent things. It places eyes at just the right place to book eyeglass bows on them. But often it doesn't come with 9 inches of fitting feet to shoes. — Clinton (Ill.) Journal-Public

MAIL BAG

Set New Procedure For Ambulance Calls

Dear Mr. Editor

From time to time there have been misunderstandings and unwarranted criticism of the service provided by GVAS in connection with calls to accidents in and around Georgetown

For the benefit of all who may at some time or other have need of our Volunteer services, may I point out a long standing regulation of our organization which requires that our men on duty must not accept an accident call unless authorized by police (local or provincial) or a doctor The reason for this being that in a good number of cases, our vehicle or vehicles have been sent out only to find that they were not needed, or that the injured had already been transported in a car to the nearest hospital or doctor's office Since all our men are volunteers, they do not relish being taken from work, or dragged out of bed in the small hours to go on an unnecessary trip

While the above regulation has been in effect for many years we are now changing this to give a higher standard of service in so far as prompt response to accident calls is concerned.

We ask that all citizens of Georgetown and those places within the Georgetown Fire Area take note that should they be in need of ambulance service, or see an accident where there is specific need, they immediately telephone our Ambulance Despatcher at 877 9221 and give full particulars to her, then telephone the Police (local or provincial) with details on the location of the accident advising that they have already phoned for the Ambulance Service. Or if in doubt telephone the Police FIRST and they will take action

Yours very truly,
Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service
C. Davidson, Sec'ty.
10 Albert St.

P.S. You motorists can be of great help to us if you will just get out of our way, when we ask you to, by using a short blast on the siren.

Drop Restriction, Now Anyone Can Call GVAS

Any responsible person may now summon the Georgetown ambulance

Cecil Davidson, secretary of the GVAS told council Monday that the call system is being broadened in an effort to give speedier service Till now, only the police or a doctor could direct the ambulance to an accident

"We realize there might be a few frivolous calls" he said "but GVAS feels this is better than risking the chance of a more serious injury by a delay in getting a person to the hospital."

Last week council had been asked to okay the new system and had waited a week when Cr. Jim Emmerson asked clarification

Mr Davidson criticized the councillor for a possible inference that ambulance volunteers should not pick up injured people without a doctor's authorization

The new system is not designed to change any procedure other than faster arrival at the scene, he said, adding that he thought the matter should have been discussed in committee rather than open council

"Actually we were not asking for authorization only letting council know out of courtesy before we instructed the ambulance despatcher," he said

Cr Emmerson reiterated that he is opposed to accident victims being moved if they are seriously injured, without a doctor's okay

The service is excellent and council had no intention of casting any shadow on the volunteers" explained Mayor Ern Hyde. "It was strictly a misunderstanding and we apologize if there was any adverse publicity."

A letter from GVAS elsewhere in this issue of the Herald explains the change in detail.

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