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## BAN THE BOMBERS MARCH



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### GEORGETOWN IS IN THE FIERY CIRCLE

NINE MEMBERS of a Toronto Ban the Bomb group stomped through Georgetown Sunday carrying placards protesting nuclear arms for Canada. The demonstrators were on route from the eastern regions of Metro to Acton to indicate the "fire area" that would result if a 10 megaton bomb were dropped on Malton. The silent parade entered Georgetown from Norval and took time out for a coffee at the Delrex Plaza before continuing downtown, up Main St., and out of town via No. 7 Hwy. (see story.)

## Firemen Elect Erwin Lewis As Town's 1964 Fire Chief

A 23-year veteran of Georgetown's volunteer fire department, Erwin Lewis, was elected chief when firemen held their annual meeting on Sunday.

Mr. Lewis had served as deputy chief under Bob Bonfield, who has held the post for the past four years.

Wilfred Green was elected deputy chief; Clarence Spence and Harold Bennett were elected as secretary and treasurer.

Others who will hold office this year are: Charles Valentin, Captain No. 1; David Williams, Captain No. 2; Ace Bailey, Captain Hook & Ladder; Gordon Ingalls, Lieutenant No. 1; Walter Richardson, Lieutenant No. 2; Patrick Woods, Driver No. 1; Ross Dickey, Driver No. 2; Charles Hill, Driver panel truck; and Herb Roshier, Driver township truck.

Reviewing the year's activities, Chief Bonfield termed it a "remarkable record" with an 80% turn-out of members to practices and fire calls. The department answered 84 calls

in town and 50 calls in the portion of Esqueping township which the town group serves. Loss in town fires totalled \$28,000 and in the township \$47,000 and he complimented members on helping to keep such loss to a minimum.

October was a particularly trying one for firemen, he said. Besides answering 25 fire calls, members participated in the annual inspection of commercial and industrial

buildings, and were on duty at the fire hall three nights when children and their parents, numbering some 700, attended an open house in conjunction with fire prevention week.

The 25-man department has a total of 305 years of service, he said, and mentioned some of the senior members - Bill Ritchie, 27 years; Jim Valantine, 26; Clarence Carey, 25;

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## Nuclear Arms Opponents Stage March Thru Town

Sunday afternoon a small band, nine men and women and three children marched through Georgetown carrying placards bearing the words "No Nuclear Weapons for Canada" and "No Future in Nuclear Weapons."

In an attempt to illustrate the area devastated by a ten megaton bomb dropped at Malton Airport, they started walking Saturday morning from Eglington and Kingston Road in

the far eastern outskirts of Toronto, and planned to go as far as Acton. This would only be the fire area, not including the fall-out area.

Gary Moffat, publicity director of the Canadian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, and a member of the "Committee of One Hundred," pointed out that all objects in this area would be demolished by fire.

### EVENING OF BOWLING FOR TERRA COTTA CLUB

Terra Cotta Farmers' Club held a bowling party at the Sportsman's Bowling Alley in Georgetown. Committee in charge was Mrs. Clarence Anderson and Mrs. Herb Dolson. Prize winners were: Ladies High Score, Miss Betty Jean Anderson; Ladies High Average Score, Miss Donna Dolson; Men's High Single, Lea Campbell; Men's High Average, H. Dolson; Consolation Prize, Miss Gertrude Anderson. Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Thompson, 21 Edith Street, entertained the group afterwards. Mr. Howard Laidlaw expressed the appreciation of the group.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Campbell when Dr. and Mrs. Jaquith will show pictures.

### Baby Harris' First New Year Hospital Arrival

A four pound, one ounce premature baby boy was the first baby born in the new year at Georgetown Memorial Hospital. At time of writing, the parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Harris, R.R. 3, Georgetown, had not decided on a name.

The baby was born at 10:30 p.m. New Year's Day, and had the honour all to himself, since he was the only baby born at the hospital that day.

However, Christmas day was a different story. Three babies, two boys and a girl were Christmas presents for their proud parents.

In order of appearance, it went this way. Mr. and Mrs. J. Hurren of Queen St. welcomed a seven pound, ten ounce boy at 1:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. A. Chisason, John Street, greeted a four pound, eleven ounce girl at 8:40 p.m. and Mr. and Mrs. John Haines of Glen Williams said hello to a five pound, fifteen and a half ounce boy at 7:20 p.m.

### Choose Stan Finlay Chairman of Public School Board

A public school trustee for the past thirteen years, S. A. "Stan" Finlay was elected chairman of the Georgetown Public School Board when the board held its inaugural.

He succeeds Ed Wilson who will serve this year as vice-chairman.

Mr. Finlay was Finance Chairman until last year when he headed the board's Management committee. His selection was unanimous.

The other officer is Secretary-treasurer James F. Evans. The standing committees (with the chairmen listed first) are:



STAN FINLAY

FINANCE: John Mintern, Ed Wilson, John Wolfe.

PROPERTY: Harry Shortill, G. Sigurdson, Malcolm Freeman.

PLANNING: Reg Mooney, Ed Wilson, G. Sigurdson.

MANAGEMENT: Malcolm Freeman, John Wolfe and Reg Mooney.

Before the meeting started, the four elected members, returned Harry Shortill, Ed Wilson, Stan Finlay, and first year member G. Sigurdson took the Oath of Allegiance.

The board completed appointments and re-appointments, including - Hazel Allen, Principal of George Kennedy Public School, to the Georgetown Public Library Board for the years 1964-65-66, and Harold Moyer as Attendance Officer.

A motion to continue holding the regular meetings of the board on the first Wednesday in each month was passed.

The only item of business that came out of the first meeting was granting permission for the YW-YMCA Co-ed Club to use the Wrigglesworth Auditorium two nights this month for dancing.

Good budgeting was again reflected in the year-end balance which was in the black and small.

Principals' reports showed an enrolment of 2,190 in the five public schools.

### CREATE THOMSON A BARON IN QUEEN'S NEW YEAR LIST



ROY THOMSON

Roy Thomson, whose global newspaper - radio - television business includes the Georgetown Herald, purchased in 1958, was created a baron in the Queen's New Year's honours list.

The Herald, Brampton Times & Conservator and Oakville Journal-Record are published by Home Newspapers Ltd., a company headed by his son, Kenneth Thomson Newspapers, Ltd., also headed by Kenneth Thomson, own a number of daily and weekly newspapers including the Orangeville Banner, Guelph Mercury and Galt Reporter in this area.

Mr. Thomson has still to choose his title. It is hereditary and will eventually pass to his only son. He will sit in the House of Lords.

The Buckingham Palace announcement said the title was awarded in recognition of his public services, latest of which is the Thomson Foundation established a year ago to promote education through mass media in underdeveloped countries, particularly in the Commonwealth.

The Herald, always recognized as one of Ontario's better weeklies, has steadily advanced under the Thomson guidance, keeping pace with Georgetown's growth. Extensive picture coverage has been added, more emphasis on feature stories and expansion of news and advertising services. The Herald was a prizewinner for its sports page in the 1963 Canadian Weekly Newspaper competitions.

### Reduced Taxes, Retain Building, Second Police Office in Plans

Fulfilling an election promise, Mayor Joseph Gibbons held in his inaugural address Monday that he will not accept the \$2500 mayor's salary this year.

"This is no eyebrow-raising stunt - no precedent," he said. "More able men than I have served without a fee in the past." He recalled the town's first mayor LeRoy Dale, J.B. Mackenzie, Harold Cleave and himself, holding office with no salary.

"The question of salary paid to members of council will be a matter for them to decide," he said, explaining that he has never thought councillors should not be paid out-of-pocket expenses for lost time at work and travel expense while on town business.

"But my interpretation of public opinion is that the \$20 fee paid for attendance at meetings is too high" he said "and recent press interviews with members indicate there is a division of opinion among themselves about this."

#### No Secret Meetings

An avowed opponent of secret meetings, the new mayor said there will be no exclusion of press and public from any meeting over which he presides - "and that means all council meetings and committees of the whole."

#### Postpone Centennial

He decried a 1964 centennial celebration now in the planning stage, and suggested that a committee headed by Cr. W. E. Smith should act as a research group to take advantage of the dollar per capita for a project to mark Canada's 1967 centennial year.

"This could include a project such as a recreation centre," he said. "I submit that the real 100 years of existence of the town was celebrated in 1937 and I would feel like a real Methodist if I were to participate in two centennials."

#### Would Reverse Sale

Mr. Gibbons hit hard at last year's decision to sell the municipal building and purchase the old post office as a new civic centre.

"Much has been said about councils inheriting deficits," he said, "but if the purchasers of the municipal building decide not to transfer it back to the town, it will be a greater liability than any deficit assumed by any council in more than a decade."

He intends to introduce suggestions which might result in council deciding to avoid "this unwise property deal."

#### Tax Parity

Mayor Gibbons has set a 2% mill reduction in residential tax rate and at least 2 mills less on industrial and commercial as an objective.

"I am convinced this can be done without curtailing any necessary civic services including reconstruction of at least part of No. 7 highway through town," he said.

#### Second Police Office

The mayor will explore possibility of a second police office in the eastern part of town. He feels this could reduce transportation costs and provide more uniform service from this department.

He ended his address with a plea to all citizens to make a special effort to create a spirit of friendship, kindness and good will, and by united effort to establish Georgetown as a town of industrial, commercial and cultural growth.

"Ask not what Georgetown can do for us, but what we can do for Georgetown," was his closing message.

#### Councillors Take Oath

The mayor's address followed an official ceremony in which the oath of office was administered by town clerk C. G. Bannham to the mayor, Rev. John Elliott, Deputy Reeve Wm. F. Hunter and Crs. Bob Francis, Don Powers, Jim Emmons, Jim Young and Bill Smith. Cr. Charles Hildebrandt, absent on a trip to Germany, took his oath of office prior to the meeting.

Acting for the ministerial association, Rev. Kelvin Johnston of St. Andrew's United read an appropriate chapter of scripture and Rev. Norman Young of Knox Presbyterian said a prayer.

When the meeting adjourned, Mayor and Mrs. Gibbons were hosts at a dinner in the Legion auditorium attended by civic officials.

### Appointments Main Business Esqueping Inaugural Meeting

There were no long speeches at the inaugural meeting of Esqueping Council Monday afternoon. In a brief, simple ceremony, Rev. R. Duncanson of Norval and Union Presbyterian Churches, read from the Bible and gave a short prayer. Then Clerk K. C. Lindsay administered the Oath of Office to the Reeve and Councillors.

The business meeting followed the pattern of all first meetings of the year, with yearly appointments taking most of the time. Appointed to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority was Wilfrid Leslie, to the Halton Regional Authority (the newly amalgamated 16 and 12 Miles) was George Currie and to the Grand Valley Authority, George Leslie.

Appointed members for the year to Hornby Park Board are George Currie, James Curney and Clifford Wrigglesworth. Esqueping representatives to the Esqueping Community Hall Board are R. Lawson and George Leslie and to the Ballinacree Community Hall Board is Walter Lindsay.

R. I. Davidsen was reappointed to the Esqueping Planning Board for years '64, '65 and '66, while the Fire Area appointments were as follows: To Esqueping Fire Area, George Currie and Wilfrid Leslie; To Acton Fire Area, Walter Lindsay and R. Lawson, and to Milton, George Currie.

Council decided that the rental agreement with the Esqueping School Board should be discussed with the new Board before signing. The agreement calls for the Board to pay \$500 a year rent for part of the new municipal building, with a five year lease.

Better hurry! Only 243 shopping days left 'til Christmas.

### JUDGE, ELLIOTT A GUEST



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### MAYOR AND MRS. HOSTED INAUGURAL DINNER

MAYOR JOE GIBBONS and Mrs. Gibbons talk with Judge George Elliott a guest at the dinner they held in the Legion Hall following the inaugural meeting of council Monday.