

### HERE'S A SWITCH



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#### COMIC BOOK WITH A MESSAGE

MIKE BROOMHEAD, son of Georgetown Cancer Society President Reg Broomhead, studies one of the 1,000 'comic' books, 'Smoking and Cancer,' that were distributed in town schools recently. It's part of the local group's drive to educate youngsters of the danger of smoking. (See story in this issue.)

### No Liquor Increase News From Georgetown Outlet

Manager of the Liquor Control Board Store in Georgetown, Ed Francis, said Tuesday that at that time he had received no information on a liquor control board proposal for a Feb. 1 price increase. "I know nothing about it," he said. "I have received no information about it," he said. But his comment came in the face of reports of an increase. One forecast is for a 30c-75c increase in a 26 ounce bottle. A Canadian Press report stated that the Liquor Com-

### Mayor Sticks to Claim That Town Highest Taxed

Cr. Jim Emmerson criticized Mayor Gibbons on Monday for his statement last week that Georgetown is the highest taxed municipality in the province, and produced a list of mill rates to prove his point. But the mayor stuck to his guns and reiterated his claim that a home owner would pay less taxes in other towns. Cr. Emmerson used composite mill rates which showed Georgetown with 73.97. Among higher rates he quoted were Brampton 76.43, Collingwood 74.95, Streetsville 81.8, Paris 77.74 and Guelph 100.16. "You challenged me when I disagreed and I ask you a question to retract your statement," said the councillor. "You haven't proved a thing," retorted the mayor. "I didn't mention mill rates. I said the

### Reverse Decision, Now Include \$2500 in Budget

A week ago Mayor Gibbons won a council skirmish when four councillors would have included a \$2500. mayor's fee in the budget, to be used for contingencies if he refused to accept it as promised. Monday a new motion, to set the \$2500. in the budget, with a cross-entry in revenue, on the assumption that the allowance will not be taken, convinced Deputy Reeve Hunter and Crs. Young, Smith and Francis to change their minds and Mayor Gibbons was left alone in opposing the motion. "This is ridiculous. I feel you're doing this for a purpose but you're making yourself look ridiculous instead of me," the mayor told council. "Are your consciences bothered?" Cr. Hildebrandt told the mayor his motion was not intended for embarrassment. "It is gracious of you and appreciated not to accept the money, but we must provide the office of mayor with an allowance," he said. Cr. Powers said it would be

### Licence Sales Slowing Warn Feb. 28 Deadline

Sale of licence plates has taken a slump. Car plates, which had sold slowly in December, have slowed almost to a halt in January. Sale of drivers' licences remains brisk, however, with people renewing their licences to drive a vehicle.

This year as the deadline has been advanced to February 28, with no chance of an extension, Department officials are hoping business will pick up. For the past few years in town there has been very little last minute rushing to obtain plates, and it is hoped that this year will prove no exception. The local office at 41 Main South, is open each week day until 5 p.m. and on Saturdays until 1:30 o'clock.

1964 truck plates do not become available until March. The last quarterly plates of the truck year are on sale now. The series presently being sold starts with the number 10,000. This is a marked difference to one of the numbers distributed locally last year, starting at 1,000. 1963 plates obtained here were quite a prize for car buffs and car clubs with models that were made in the early 1960's. Quite a number of these obtained car plates to match the year the model was produced.

### Fox Charges Man, Dog Tests Prove It Rabid

A rabid fox which boldly challenged a district man and his dog has been shot near town.

Gordon Wingfield, RR 3, Georgetown, shot the wild-eyed animal through the head with a rifle after it rushed at him from a driving shed on the property where it had apparently holed up for the day. A report from the Health in Animals Division of the Department of Agriculture Thursday confirmed that the animal was rabid.

Mrs. Wingfield said the dog had acted strangely all day, eyeing the shed and barking continuously.

When Gord came home at about dusk he went to investigate. As the man and his dog approached the door of the shed the fox rushed out and boldly challenged them. The dog kept it occupied while Gord returned to the house, loaded his rifle and killed it. He contacted the veterinary who got in touch with Dr. W. J. McCabe at the Department of Agriculture office in Brampton. The fox's head was sent to Ottawa for tests.

But for the extreme cold on the day of the incident, Mrs. Wingfield or one of the two Wingfield children might have been bitten by the crazed animal. "Normally I would have probably dressed the children and taken a walk down to the driving shed to see what the dog had found — but it was too cold that day so I decided to wait until Gordon returned home," she told the Herald. "I'm glad now that it was as cool as it was."

The Wingfield farm is at the corner of the 5th Line of Equestrian and No. 10 sideroad.

### Do It My Way Despite Council Vote: Mayor

Councillors on Monday voted to have resolutions dealt with in the order in which they are presented to the mayor. But their decision means nothing to Mayor Gibbons who said he will continue to conduct meetings the way he wants to. The motion came after an argument between the mayor and Cr. Powers during an earlier debate on retention of the municipal office. The councillor claimed a counter motion had been presented by him first and was side-tracked, by the mayor.

"You need a procedural by-law and without it this motion doesn't mean a thing," the mayor told council. "It doesn't matter how you vote on this, I'll conduct meetings the way I want to anyway." Reeve Elliott said it had been council's custom to present motions in order. A 1961 motion for a procedural by-law has never been implemented, he said. "I think we need one when I see so many members speaking so many times to one motion," the mayor said.

### A LOOK AT THE WEATHER

Month	High	Low
January	21	3
15th, Wed.	21	3
16th, Thurs.	29	15
17th, Fri.	29	14
18th, Sat.	35	22
19th, Sun.	35	24
20th, Mon.	39	25
21st, Tues.	41	25
Precipitation:	37"	rain.
High for week:	41	10-3.

—Alicia F. C. Scott

# HOT POTATO P.O. SOLD BY COUNCIL

### Pollution Survey Brings Action by Town Council

A survey of water pollution in the Silvercreek stream running through town was recently received by council from the Ontario Water Resources Commission. Monday, council moved to implement these recommendations in the survey. Three garage owners, whose property abuts the stream will be asked to clear garage refuse from the creek and avoid placing any more where it will find its way to the stream. The town itself will clear other debris from the creek. And the two papermills will be asked to consider the recommendations in the report about improved treatment of waste.

The latter decision was not unanimous. Mayor Gibbons, Reeve Elliott and Deputy Reeve Hunter voted in opposition. "We don't seem to have many new industries coming to town and we should consider the ones we already have," summed up the mayor.

### Two To Hospital After Collision on Highway

Two people are in hospital and a third is nursing back injuries as the result of broadside collision at the Mountainview-Guelph St. intersection late Sunday.

In Georgetown hospital are Fred Squires, age 20, 17 Mackenzie Drive, head lacerations and possible internal injuries, and Claudene Chasson, 15, of the Glen Rd., with badly sprained wrist and other minor injuries. Though not at hospital, Betty Jean Patterson, 19, of 22 Windsor Rd. wrenched her neck and back in the accident.

The injured were all in the 1961 sedan driven by Patterson that hit the side of the car driven by Leo P. Byrne of Galt as it crossed the highway. Police said the Patterson car was westbound on Guelph and Byrne was travelling south on Mountainview. The accident happened at about 10:10.

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### Reverse Decision and Keep Municipal Building

A strong plank in Mayor Gibbons' election platform this year was retention of the present municipal building. Last year council sold the building for \$32,500 at the same time purchasing the old post office on Mill St. for \$15,000. Monday the mayor won his point. In a 5-4 vote, council decided to accept the offer of Morris Goudeketting and Ed Wiener to relinquish their purchase of the municipal building. At the same time they decided to sell the post office at the \$16,000 offered by the twosome as part of the deal.

The \$1,000 the town nets will be according to finance chairman John Elliott, more than recompense the town for legal fees involved in the chain of transactions.

Mayor Gibbons won support from Reeve Elliott, Deputy Reeve Hunter and Cr. Francis and Young to gain his point. "But the other four councillors put up a strong fight to maintain the status quo as decided last fall.

An offer by Cr. Powers to 'eat my shirt' if legal costs do not exceed \$1,000 led Cr. Young to remark that this could be a feature of this summer's centennial if he is wrong.

Property chairman Bob Francis claimed the town could not afford necessary renovations to the post office. Cr. Hildebrandt maintained that the post office could, if necessary, be used as it is without spending any money. While Cr. Powers pressed the point that as much as \$17,500 can be spent without adverse effect on the budget.

Deputy Reeve Hunter, a strong opponent of the move last year, produced figures



MAURICE GOUDEKETTING

which disputed others who said the new building would provide 75 per cent more space. "Not even 50 per cent," he said, "and this includes a dungeon in the basement."

Cr. Emmerson charged sale of the post office would have repercussions among voters because the building is worth much more.

"I'm prepared for the next election and my platform will be the same," answered the mayor. He estimated \$60,000 would have to be spent to renovate, as the building needs a new roof and heating system.

"The municipal building cost over \$80,000. Everyone will be happy to know we have it back and a white elephant has been handed to someone else," he said. Earlier in the meeting, a ratepayer and former councillor, Cec Davidson, had urged council to reconsider its pur-

chase and stay put on Main St. A side issue in the discussion arose when the mayor and Cr. Powers got into a verbal exchange about precedence of motions.

A Powers-Emmerson motion to retain the post office had reached the mayor's hand first. When the selling motion was read to council, Cr. Powers argued a point of order. The mayor said there is nothing binding as to when any motion must be presented to council.

"That was the fourth or fifth you received. You put it on top because you favoured it," said Cr. Powers. "You aren't going to interfere with my conduct of meetings unless you have something to back it up," answered the mayor.



ED. WIENER

### St. Andrew's Schedules Youth Week Activities

The week beginning Sunday, January 26, has been designated by the Canadian Council of Churches as "Canadian Youth Week." Its purpose is to provide special opportunities for youth to experience wider Christian fellowship, and to acquaint parents and other adults of the church and community with the church's total youth programme, and to arouse their interest and support.

With these aims in view St. Andrew's United Church has scheduled the following activities:

Sunday, at 11 a.m., public worship with representatives from all the groups taking leading parts. Monday, at 6:30 p.m., the Brownies Enrollment and "Fly-up."

Tuesday, at 6:30, the "Cubs' Own" worship service with guests from 1st and 3rd Georgetown and 1st Norval Parks. A sing song and other activities will follow.

Thursday, at 7 p.m., the 6th and 7th Georgetown Guides will conduct a Candlelight Enrollment and First Class All Round Cord Presentation.

Friday, at 7, the highlight of the Boy Scout meeting will be the Investiture Ceremony. Parents and all other interested people are cordially invited to attend any or all of these meetings and see for themselves what the young people and their leaders are doing.

### Scout, Cub Leaders Have Fire Hall Tour

A group of scout and cub leaders had some first-hand instruction in the prevention of fires when they toured the Georgetown firehall Monday night. Chief Erwin Lewis and some of his department were hosts. The visitors, who came from Brampton, Milton and Meadowdale as well as town, saw a demonstration of the Scott Alpack and other equipment and were given fire prevention literature to help in their work with boys.

### LODE GIFT



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### QUEEN'S PORTRAIT FOR FOYER

HOSPITAL BOARD CHAIRMAN TED EVANS' accepts a portrait of the Queen from Georgetown IODE Regent Mrs. Jack Armstrong. The portrait will hang in the hospital foyer. The presentation was made Thursday night.