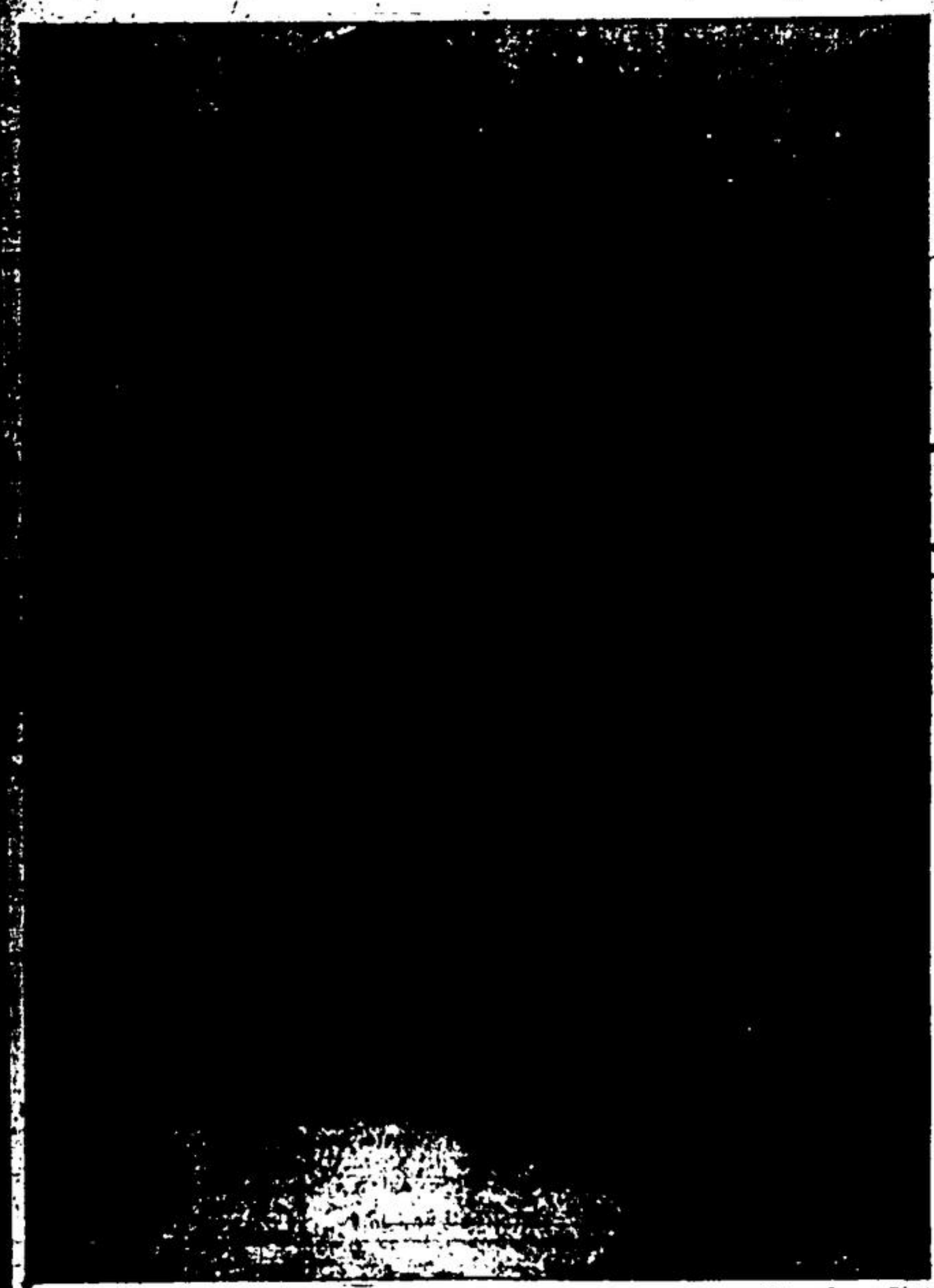


BACK IN SNOW BUSINESS



—Peter Jones Photo

THAW DIDN'T DENT RINK'S POPULARITY

FRED ROGERS gets lots of help while cleaning the Delrex Association rink on Raylawn Cresc., one of the seven outdoor rinks that have proven so popular this winter. Assisting with the clearing are Michael Mather, Brian Rogers, Darlene Guzak and Fred Kerr. Last week's warm spell meant an enforced rest for the rink frequenters but freezing temperatures returned and so did the skaters.

HORNBY

Jeanette Peer, Jacques Paquette Married in Lowville United Church

Lowville United Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday. The bride, Jeanette Elizabeth Peer, became the bride of Jacques Paquette of Hornby. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Peer, R.R. 2, Milton. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aurele Paquette, of Glen Robertson, Ontario. The Rev. Kenneth Griffiths officiated at the double ring ceremony. The church was decorated with standards of white chrysanthemums and candelabra.

The organist, Mrs. John Farnon, accompanied Mr. Mervyn Coulson, as he sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "O Perfect Love."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white velvet featuring a bell-shaped skirt, a high round neckline and long pointed sleeves. A matching coronet held her fingertip veil and she carried a white Bible adorned with pink roses. She wore a black Alaskan diamond necklace, the gift of the groom.

Mrs. James Coulson, cousin of the bride, was matron of honor. Miss Marilyn Langton, friend of the bride, was bridesmaid, with Misses Gwendolyn and Helen Peer, sisters of the bride, as junior bridesmaids. All the attendants were dressed alike in frosted mint green velvet street length gowns with goop necklines and ball shaped skirts. They carried crests of white chrysanthemums and pink carnations. The bride and attendants wore sparkling silver lockets, gifts of the bride.

Dale Malott, friend of the groom, was best man. The ushers were Donald Chisholm, a friend of the groom, and Bruce Peer, brother of the bride. The dinner reception and dance were held at Fallview school auditorium, Lowville. Receiving for the bride was her mother, dressed in a gown of rose satin brocade with rose and black accessories. She wore a corsage of pink sweet heart roses.

Assisting her was the groom's mother wearing a gown of turquoise and black sculptured brocade with black accessories and a corsage of pink sweet heart roses.

For travelling, the bride chose a beige wool suit with brown accessories and a corsage of pink roses. They travelled to points east and are now residing at 91 Mill Street, Milton, Ontario.

Prior to the wedding, the bride was entertained at two showers. A linen shower was given by Mrs. James Coulson and a kitchen shower by the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Velma Norris.

The North Trafalgar Euchre Club held a party on Saturday night at the North Trafalgar Community Centre with tables of euchre in play. Mrs. Elmer May and Mrs. R. Break were in charge of the evening. The prizes were won by Mrs. Gordon Miller, Mrs. Fred Workman, Mrs. Len Eycke, Jim Hamilton, Dave Maxwell and Freddie Workman Jr. The next party will be on Saturday, Feb. 28. Lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed.

The North Trafalgar Community Club held a euchre party at the Percy Merry School on Thursday night, January 23, with 19 tables in play. The prizes were won by Mrs. Jack Williamson, Mrs. J. Hamilton, Jack Williamson and Mrs. Gordon Miller (playing as a gentleman). Four lucky draws were held with the lucky winners being: Mrs. Gordon Leslie, Mrs. Doris Bernardi, Alec Watson and James Parnell. Lunch was served by the Eighth Line group. The next party will be on Thursday, Feb. 27.

The ladies of Eden United Church met at the home of Mrs. Elmer May, on Saturday afternoon for a quilting bee.

Get well wishes are extended to Mrs. Fred Near who is recovering from a recent operation in the Milton District Hospital.

A speedy recovery is wished for Mrs. Clayton May, who is a patient in the Milton District Hospital.

Mrs. Craig of Vancouver is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Craig, Hornby.

Junior Farmers Donate \$25.00 to Cancer Fund

The Hornby Junior Farmers met at the home of the Misses Marilyn and Diane Wrigglesworth for their January meeting. There were 30 members present. The girls meeting was in charge of the president, Alleen Harrop, who opened the meeting with the Institute Ode. Mrs. Dick addressed the girls and gave a demonstration on quilting. Allan Brownridge presided for the boys meeting. At the joint meeting it was presented that a donation of \$25.00 be sent to the Cancer Fund. A letter of thanks was read from a needy family who were remembered at Christmas time. Final plans were made for the banquet which will be held next month. The evening concluded with the holding of a bake sale which was quite successful. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses and a social hour enjoyed.

The Eden United Church U.C.W. held their January meeting on Tuesday night, at the home of Mrs. Elmer Waite, with seven members present and five visitors. The president, Mrs. Jack Nixon, was in charge of the meeting which opened with the theme song and prayer. Mrs. Anderson may read the scripture and the devotion, which was "Smiling." The secretary's report was given by Mrs. John Hamilton and Mrs. Elmer May read the treasurer's report. After a short business period, Mrs. E. Waite was in charge of various contests. Mrs. Bill Hill and Mrs. E. Waite remained on the visiting committees for 1964 and the sewing will consist of Mrs. George Hamilton as convener, Mrs. Garnet Hamilton and Mrs. Elmer May as assistants. Two new members joined, Mrs. H. Lowden and Mrs. L. Doncaster who were welcomed by Mrs. Nixon. The meeting closed with prayer. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Bill Hill on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

On Friday night a red sports car owned by Victor John Vaughn-Park of Toronto was completely destroyed when it took fire on No. 10 Side Road between the Eighth and Seventh lines, south of Hornby. When firemen arrived, all that remained of the car was the frame.

Bill Marshall travelled by plane to Ottawa to visit with friends for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Doncaster left by train on Sunday for Vancouver where they will visit with their grandson, Dr. Russell.

THE MAIL BAG

Would Keep Post Office For Town Municipal Use

144 Bayway Dr., Georgetown, Ont., January 27th, 1964.

To the Editor: The Georgetown Herald.

Dear Sir: Much has been said during the past few months re the sale of the Municipal Building and the purchase of the former Post Office.

Since this matter is of major concern to residents and taxpayers of Georgetown, the following submission may be of interest.

Early in 1963, the Town was given first opportunity to purchase the Post Office at \$21,700 from Crown Assets Disposal Corporation and was advised that should an offer in this amount not be received, the Post Office would be sold by tender. Council considered this proposition but declined to make an offer when it was learned that the Town would be given an opportunity to match any tender received below \$21,700. This decision was made in anticipation that the purchase could be made after tenders were received for a lesser amount.

The Post Office was subsequently advertised for sale by tender and one bid only in the amount of \$15,000, was received.

Before any commitment was made for purchase, Council advertised for tenders to purchase the Municipal Building. Trust companies, banks, chain stores and many others were advised by letter but little or no interest was expressed. The only offer received was that of Wigo for \$32,500.

In the meantime, Council engaged two qualified Real Estate Appraisers to submit a letter of opinion on the value of the Municipal Building. Values submitted of \$54,000 and \$57,000 were qualified by reason of the fact that neither was a full scale appraisal. Each appraiser pointed out that any error in appraised value would be to the high side under the circumstances. They also pointed out that the building was limited as to end use. One appraiser advised that a year or two would be required for them to obtain a purchaser with the guarantee that the appraised value would be obtained.

After giving due consideration to the offer to purchase from Wigo together with original estimates of sale value and appraised value, it was decided inadvisable to retain the Municipal Building should the Post Office be purchased for the following reasons:

1. Proceeds from sale of Municipal Building \$32,500 could be used to cover purchase of the Post Office at \$15,000, leaving the balance for renovations and legal costs.
2. Retaining the Municipal Bldg. in hopes of obtaining a better price at some future date did not appear feasible when all financial aspects were considered. Cost of retaining it for one year was costed as follows:

Maintenance & Dep.	\$2,000
Heat, Insurance	400
Taxes receivable if sold 1,800	
Interest loss 6% on	
\$32,500	1,960
Total	\$ 6,200

In other words, a sale price of \$32,500 plus \$6,200 or \$38,700 would be required for a break-even with the initial offer of \$32,500. Similarly, a sale price of \$44,000 would be required at the end of two years.

Council then took advantage of the opportunity to equal the \$15,000 bid on the Post Office subject to Ontario Municipal Board approval of the purchase and the sale and transfer of debentures against the Municipal Building to the Post Office Building. After approval, the offer of Wigo was accepted.

Having considered the history of these transactions, let us look at some of the aspects as related to the Municipal Building. This building was constructed over an old water reservoir which to this day is partially full of water. Basement facilities are not possible under the circumstances.

Addition and extensive renovations were made to the structure in 1958 and capitalized at \$43,800 — the amount of the debenture issue to cover the cost of additions and renovations. Interest at 4% to maturity in March, 1976, amounted to \$24,459.

The quoted figure of some \$60,000 as being the cost of the Municipal Building is misleading. This figure includes all interest on debentures from the date of issue to maturity, some twelve years hence. This figure also includes prior construction costs and interest regardless of whether such value was in existence when the additions and renovations were made. If one purchases a home for \$15,000, with a six-month mortgage over twenty years, the total cost in-

cluding interest to maturity may well exceed \$25,000. To place an \$80,000 valuation on the Municipal Building would be tantamount to placing a \$25,000 valuation on the home in this example.

The Municipal Building barely provides adequate space for the police, general offices and engineering. Parking, although not suitable, is limited to the police vehicles. With normal town growth, it is quite obvious that additional office space will be required within the next 5 years. The construction of an additional storey, if possible, would cost the Town in excess of \$40,000 exclusive of interest charges with the alternative of constructing a new municipal building at another location at a cost which would no doubt exceed \$100,000, exclusive of interest charges.

Under the circumstances, consideration should be given to these requirements and impending costs.

The proposed use and layout of the Post Office would provide good accommodation for the Town's needs for a minimum of ten years and possibly fifteen years with normal town growth.

At the end of this period, the structure could be used for other purposes such as the Board of Education, or sold at a profit.

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The renovations proposed have been drawn up and proper cost estimates prepared by a qualified engineer. It is anticipated that these renovations could be carried out with the funds available for this purpose without additional levies on the taxpayer. Future maintenance costs would be normal for any building of this type. Suggestions that the renovations would cost \$40,000 to \$60,000 are unfounded and not based on any engineering plans or estimates.

There has been comment re the boilers and stoker needing replacement. Estimates for renovations provide for the installation of two gas fired units.

The roof has also been mentioned as another item of expense. This bonded roof is dup for replacement and quotations are on hand which indicate that complete replacement including improved insulation can be obtained for \$1,500. Approximately one half of this amount would have to be spent on the present Municipal Building for reroofing which has been postponed until this time.

The Post Office property would provide parking for 15 to 20 cars plus police vehicles by the construction of an exit on the side adjacent to the Hydro Building.

A plan is now underway to dispose of the Post Office at \$18,000 and purchase the Municipal Building back at the original sale price. The juggling of figures is intended to indi-

cate that a profit of \$1,000 will be realized. Legal, engineering and other commitments to date already exceed \$1,000 and further legal costs will be incurred by the Town on its behalf plus all Wigo legal costs which must be assumed by the Town if the offer of Wigo is accepted. In the end, the Town will have suffered a cash loss in excess of \$1,200 rather than realize a profit of \$1,000 as indicated.

I submit that all these factors should be given careful consideration rather than make decisions which might appear

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