

200 Yearly Calls Prove that Ambulance Service is of Value

The Seventh Annual meeting of the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service was held on Wednesday, February 19th at the James Street Headquarters. Chief Dan Scarborough presided for the business portion of the meeting.

In a year-end review of the past activities, it was noted that two hundred calls had been answered, with the major portion being for Georgetown and Esqueusing residents being transported to the Georgetown Hospital. The average number of calls over the past three years has been about this figure.

Rates were raised in 1963 to help make the Service self-supporting but the problem of outstanding accounts is still a source of disappointment to members of the Service who do not hesitate to promptly answer all calls and to do their utmost to give kindly, efficient care to patients.

A letter from a citizen who had availed himself of the Service was read to the meeting and it pointed out just how important a part is played by the men involved in providing responsible transportation of sick and injured people. The Chief expressed the hope that such matters will be acknowledged by all who avail themselves of the use of the ambulances.

Mr. Scarborough also discussed the work done by the men on the headquarters as to equipment, decorating and landscaping. It is hoped to continue these projects in 1964. The matter of two-way radio has been delayed due to the lack of sufficient transmitting power in equipment presently used in town.

A full discussion of preparation of the duty rosters which must be made up week by week by the Lieutenants, to maintain a round the clock cycle of duty men, took place, and it was decided that the system evolved at the inception of the service, is still the most satisfactory one.

It was again stressed how important a part is played by the business and industry management who allow GVAS men to take duties during working hours at no loss of pay. Without such co-operation the Service could not operate on a twenty-four hour basis as it does now.

The treasurer's report as presented by Doug Peck showed that the financial position of the Service is sound, with sufficient funds available for all purchases which are the responsibility of the Service. All spirit and running expenses are of course covered by the Corporation.

Mayor Joseph Gibbons had planned on being present to conduct the election of officers, but having taken ill during the day, was unable to do so. In his absence, Immediate Past Chief Harold Gilmer was asked to take the Chair for the elections.

The results of the elections were: Chief, Don Scarborough; Deputy Chief, Poul Poulson; Captains No. 1, Bob Bradley; Captains No. 2, Ace Bailey; Lieutenants, No. 1 Chris Walker, Wm. Henderson, Ralph Banke, Wm. Walker, Lieutenants No. 2 Tom Massena, Jim Jenkins, Harry Brandford, Don Laird, Treasurer, Doug Peck; Secretary, Cec Davidson; Entertainment Committee, Fred Hur, Harold Gilmer, Clare Stephens, Doug Parker, Groundkeeper, (volunteer) Art Stamp.

Active members of the Service as well as the above are: Harry Allen, Jim Bennett, Bill Bingham, Reg Bromhead, Ben Cannell, John Elliott, Jim Ermerson, George Finnie, Tom Ford, Gene Green, Vic Gunn, Nelson Handy, Bob Hardman, John Henley, Jack Hooper, Wm. Kinrade, Ken McCosh, Norm McDonald, Frank Morette, Graham Porter, Alan Prouse, George Sargent, Wm. Service, Harry Shortill, Dave Spicer, Art Sweezie, Lloyd Sweezie, Ken Thomson, Walter Thompson, Doug Townsend, Doug Ward, Gerard Wilcox, Trevor Williams, Stan Wright, Charles Allen, John Bydevaate, Harvey Copland, Jim Costigan, Roy Crawford, Les Dickenson, Ken Preston, Simon Frankruyter, Lorne From, F. Garbutt, George Glasford, Gordon Graham, Henry Hale, Ed Hall, Jim Hamilton, Roy Hansen, Fred (Fud) Harrison, Gordon Harley, Doug Herrington, Ken Hesch, Ken Hill, Don Livingstone, Logan MacDonald, Fred Maugeest, Stan McIlugh, Tom Niven, Harold Seckington, Robt. Simon, Mike Peleschak, Don Ward, Lew Ward, Al Zeravlev, Fred Zorge. There are also 12 men on the "reserve" list for reasons of illness etc.



FRONT ROW, l to r: Deputy Chief Poul Poulson; Chief Dan Scarborough; Past Chief Harold Gilmer. Back row, l to r: Capt. No. 1 Bob Bradley; Capt. No. 2 Ace Bailey; Secretary Cec Davidson; Treasurer Doug Peck.



GVAS LIEUTENANTS: Front row: l to r - William Walker, Don Laird, William Henderson. Back: Jim Jenkins, Tom Massena, Chris Walker and Harry Brandford. -Peter Jones Photo.

HARLEY TO HALTON

WEEKLY OBSERVATIONS BY DR. HARRY HARLEY, M.P. FOR HALTON

The throne speech was probably the briefest since Confederation, taking the Government approximately ten minutes to read.

There are six things in the throne speech I think of particular interest to Halton County, although they do not affect it directly.

- Canada Pension Plan - It is the intention of the Government to proceed immediately with the pension plan. This will be referred to a committee of the House of Commons for study, at which all interested people may attend. It is assumed that the majority of witnesses will be insurance representatives. Despite what has been said I am sure Mr. Robarts has no intention of unduly delaying or destroying the Canada Pension Plan - I have received many printed cards urging support for I understand these cards are distributed by the Canadian Labour Congress. I would like to thank the senders of these cards from Halton and assure them that I do support the Canada Pension Plan which will be introduced in the House of Commons very shortly.
- University students requiring financial assistance will be able to secure loans without payment of interest during the years of study. I am sure many students in Halton will want to take advantage of this assistance and that this will allow more students to attend university than was previously financially possible.
- A Ministry for Rural Development will be set up to consider the increased needs of agriculture, particularly eastern agriculture, such as feed grain, assistance for farmers.
- The redistribution of electoral districts will be proceeded with as was discussed in a previous column.
- In addition to the above, an inquiry will be made into a practical method for limiting campaign expenses during federal elections. I think this is an excellent idea and would make expenditures of candidates equal throughout the riding.
- An age for retirement of Senators will be decided. The general feeling is that Senators should retire at the age of 75 years, similar to judges. This should be done, although some of the older Senators are the more active ones in the Senate.

Med Officer Not Worried Over Use of Animal Drugs

The increase of drugs for use in agriculture and cattle production is causing no concern here Dr. Archie Bull, Medical Officer of Health said this week.

He was commenting on a statement made by a leading veterinarian that human life could be endangered by the indiscriminate use of animal drugs.

Dr. J. McPhedran, at a veterinary convention said the drugs could seriously harm persons who ate the meat of an animal slaughtered before a drug had run its course.

He cited strychnine, a synthetic female sex-drug used on cows to increase their sex cycle.

"This could have a shocking effect should it enter the system of a young girl," he said. But although this is a primary agricultural area, the use of animal drugs was not regarded as too serious here, Dr. Bull said.

"No reports have come to our notice to indicate it is a problem," he said. "However, it's something we bear in mind." He felt that the use of drugs at the moment was so small that the effect on the human system could be counted negligible.

He added that in his experience no case of poisoning in this area could be attributed to such a source.

Milton Protests Ruling By O. M. B. On Annexation

Milton Council made it clear last night it will not accept the ruling by the Ontario Municipal Board on annexation of lands from Oakville and Esqueusing.

Last week the O.M.B. handed down a decision that the town reconsider its proposal to annex land north of the Base Line which was objected to by three Esqueusing farmers during the hearing earlier this year.

In its report, O.M.B. suggested that since Esqueusing farmers objected to the annexation of their land by Milton while several farmers in Oakville indicated a willingness to become part of the town, Milton should reconsider its annexation.

Councillor Norman Pearce said that Milton has been "shunned" by council's firm stand to hold to its original plan to annex land to the north of the Base Line and east of the town.

Hold Its Ground

After his statement council passed the motion that: A letter be directed to the Municipal Board acknowledging their communication dated Feb. 12th.

THE MAIL BAG

Comments on Proposal to Oust Parking Meters

97 Sargent Road

Dear Mr. Editor;

The Legion and Parking Meters

Granted parking meters are a nuisance but they do contribute a small part to controlling downtown traffic.

The Legion argues (as mentioned in council a few weeks ago) that the parking lot they own and pay taxes on is used more by shoppers and businessmen rather than by Legion patrons.

They would try to have us believe that this problem would be overcome if the meters were removed from Market Street.

If this is the case, they could easily solve their problem themselves by charging non-Legion motorists admission to their parking lot. Over night this lot would be available to their own members.

No, this doesn't seem the reason at all why they wish to have the meters removed.

Over the past few years they have increased their membership and feel unable to purchase more parking space so are looking for more at the expense of the Georgetown taxpayer.

Very likely people informed in town affairs will concede that the Legion has earned this privilege they are asking for the contributions they have made towards sports, welfare, etc.

So their case should be argued on this point and not the back door method.

ALBERT PORTER

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