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## EVERYTHING GROWS



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### SPRING IS SPRUNG - THE HYDRANT'S RIZ.

REMEMBER SPRING? - last week? The weather was balmy and Larry Clark, 38 Weber Drive, was beginning to think he might be just a little bit that way himself. Crocus, tulip, and other sprouts were commonplace, but the sight of a growing hydrant was a bit too much. Larry conceded spring can't really have arrived - the gas meters hadn't budged an inch.

## Present "Sycamore Tree" Wednesday Drama Finals

Georgetown Little Theatre leaves next Wednesday, March 18th, to do battle in its role as giant killer of the Western Ontario Drama League. From over 16 plays originally entered in this festival, five have been selected to appear in the regional finals.

The Regional finals represent the culmination of a year's hard work for many groups in Western Ontario. The week-long festival will be formally opened by the Lt. Governor Miller Mackay, and will be covered by all area TV stations and press.

The five plays to be presented are "Someone Waiting" - Woodstock; "Under the Sycamore Tree", Georgetown; "As You Desire Me", London; "My Three Angels", Hamilton; "J. B.", Welland.

The final night, Saturday, March 21st, will see the presentations for individual trophies, and the award for the best play. The best play will then be invited to appear in the Dominion Festival to be held at Charlottetown, P.E.I. in May this year. The eight plays presented at Charlottetown will have been selected from over 400 across Canada.

### Now 22 Pupils Sunshine School

With the acceptance of a new girl student from Georgetown last week, enrolment at the Sunshine School at Hornby climbed to 22.

The school for retarded children from the North Halton area was originally designed to handle 25 students, and opened with 15 less than two years ago. At present junior students attend mornings only, senior pupils are there all day.

### A LOOK AT THE WEATHER

March	Max.	Min.
4 Wed.	32	33
5 Thurs.	46	26
6 Fri.	36	18
7 Sat.	44	22
8 Sun.	32	24
9 Mon.	24	29
10 Tues.	29	20
Max. 52	Min. 18	
Rain - 1.17"		
Snow, 7"		

-Allicia K. C. Scott

## GOING DOWN?

# Wants Tax Reduction Mayor Has Opposition

## Gale Repeated Jericho Story As Walls Came Tumbling Down

The strongest wind since Hurricane Hazel caused damage in five figures in Georgetown and district Thursday. The gale delivered its Sunday punch at Smith & Stone where a concrete block wall blew out about half an hour before noon. The wall, on the north side of the plastics division warehouse tumbled with no warning to the six workmen in that department at the time.

Department foreman Fred Johnson said some of the men were loading a truck at the opposite side of the department when the 60 foot by 13 foot section awayed once and then swung outwards. He said a stockpile right at the edge of it was undisturbed.

Apparently interior pressure which built when the loading door was opened, caused the wall to blow out. There was no rubble. On the ground the blocks remained in neat lines as though they had been arranged that way.

"It sounded like a shotgun blast," Johnson said. "We were keeping our eyes on another wall that looked like it might go. But this one was a surprise."

The plastic warehouse is not the newest addition to the S & S plant. It was built four years ago. At Hilltop Farms on the 4th Line of Chinguacousy, the wind lifted a roof on an apple warehouse and dropped it, causing extensive damage to the roof and one wall.

Just before one o'clock a large elm limb came crashing down on Mountainview Road, just north of River Dr., taking primary and secondary hydro wires with it. Glen Williams was without power for an hour and a half as a result.

A silo on the Jim Snow farm on the 7th Line about 6 miles south of town toppled during one particularly forceful gust. Not far from there, the roof of Hornby Garage peeled back at about the same time.

A private garage on the property of Bert Leslie on the 7th Line was lifted and dumped behind the house, leaving the car sitting unsheltered but without a scratch. In town and out the largest trees took a beating. The checkerboard sign at the north end of Main St. went over, as did numerous small signs. Many Georgetown homes were

### OPP ARREST TWO GEORGETOWN MEN

Two Georgetown men were arrested by members of the Guelph detachment of Ontario Provincial Police last week and charged with theft of a quantity of cigarettes from the Bush Olive Inn, Erin.

The two men were taken from the Guelph police cells by constables Hugh Alton and Alex Jeffers.

On Monday, both men pleaded guilty and were fined \$50 each in Magistrate's Court, Guelph.

leaped off her head and took off across a field. Her husband gallantly gave chase and finally tackled it. But on the way back to his truck another gust blew him backwards into a ditch. He scrambled out only to be pushed back in by the elements. This time he stood there knee deep in lev waters. It was that kind of wind.

## Mayor, Reeve Clash On \$1.50 Phone Bill

A \$1.50 long distance phone bill occupied a large share of Monday's council meeting, caused a heated verbal exchange between the mayor and reeve and ended with each accusing the other of untruths.

A week ago when accounts were passed, Reeve Elliott queried the mayor on long distance calls made from his office and was told that they had been to industrial contacts in Orangeville. At this time the mayor offered in future to foot the bill for all calls made by himself providing councilors did likewise.

Monday the reeve again challenged the mayor. He had checked on the calls, he said, and five of them were to a private residence in Orangeville. When the reeve suggested that any personal calls should be charged to the mayor's account, Mayor Gibbons asked "Everything I said is true?"

Replied Mayor Gibbons: "One call to Aurora was for \$2.40 and I can give you the name of the firm. Another was to Hamilton to a man interested in building factories."

Two 30c calls were personal he added, and had been paid to the treasurer. "When the reeve suggested that any personal calls should be charged to the mayor's account, Mayor Gibbons asked "Have you ever made any personal calls yourself on a town phone?"

Answered in the negative, the mayor snapped, "Can I

## Councillors Fear Services Suffer

Whether Georgetown will have a reduction in taxes this year is still a question being debated by two council factions.

Mayor Gibbons is determined to fulfil his election pledge of lower taxes.

But he is meeting opposition from some councillors who claim a reduction now will only mean a substantial jump next year.

Mayor Gibbons told council Monday that a reduced tax rate will have far reaching effects on the town's search for more industry. He is asking other municipal bodies to reduce their requirements as low as possible and counts on new government grants to public schools to also help.

Cr. Emmerson's opinion is that people would rather have a stabilized rate and keep civic services in top shape.

Reeve Elliott pointed to Burlington's plan of budgeting for a 2 mill increase for the next five years, and noted council will have a surplus to start this year instead of a deficit as last.

"You've done a lot of talking about reducing taxes," Cr. Powers told the mayor: "Would you take a chance without

## Award Contract, New Roman Catholic Church

Georgetown Roman Catholic will be worshipping in a new church before the end of this year.

Monday decision was made by the building committee and approval received from the bishop, to proceed. The church has been in the planning stage for two years.

His Excellency Joseph F. Flynn, Bishop of Hamilton, attended Monday's meeting. The contract has been awarded to Schiltz, Ancaster, lowest of the tenders, received for the imposing building which will stand on the property which already includes the separate school.

The 700-seat church, of modern design, will conform to the newest regulations of Roman Catholic liturgy. Seating will be on one floor, and there will be a separate baptismal chapel.

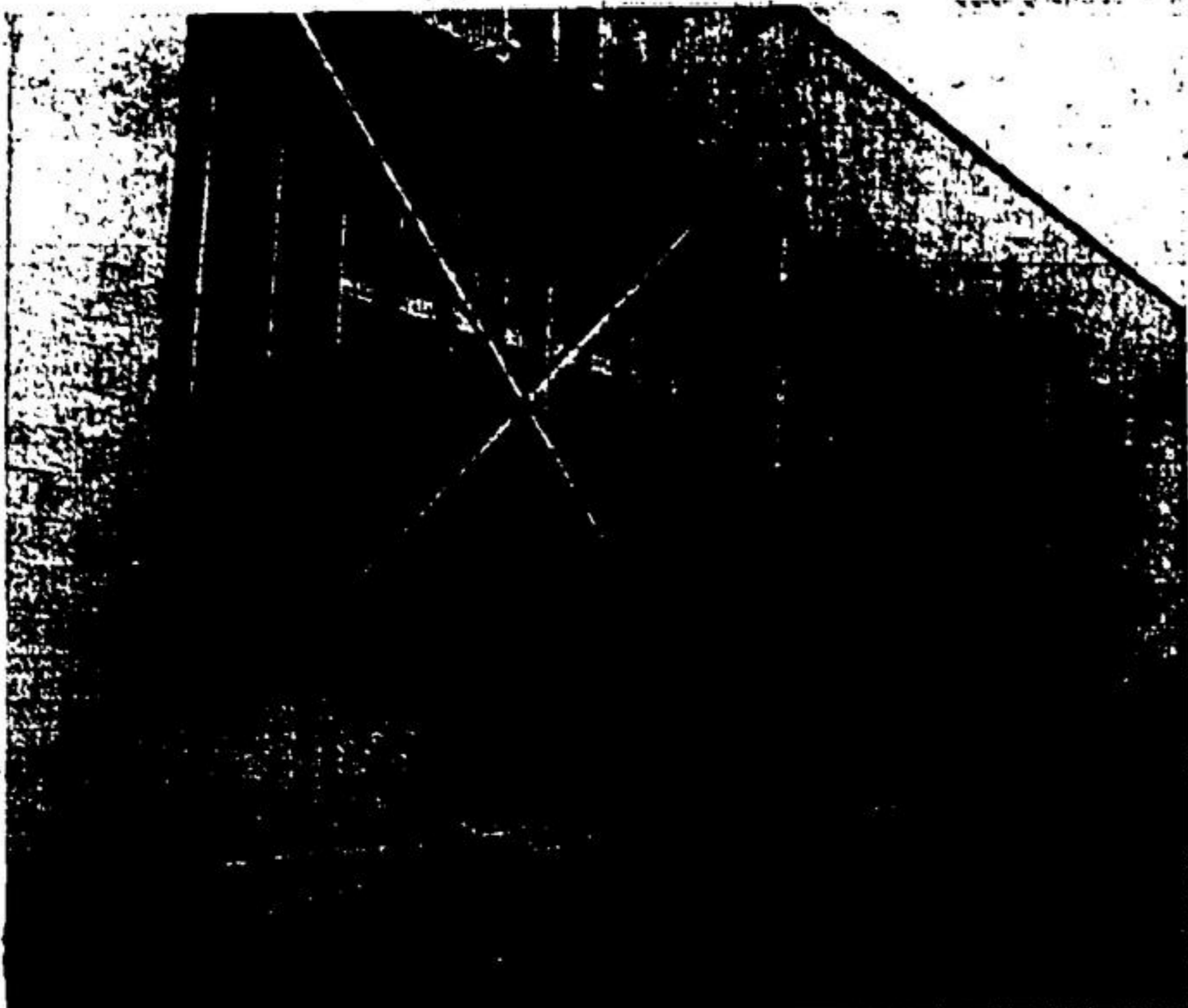
The basement parish hall will contain several meeting rooms, stage and library. A new rectory is also planned.

### FAITH N' BEGorra

Don't forget to wear your green Tuesday. It's St. Patrick's Day.

## GALE FORCE WINDS DID THIS

A CEMENT BLOCK WALL TUMBLES



At left is the Smith and Stone wall that fell outwards during the height of the gale that ripped across Southern Ontario Thursday. It came crashing down while workmen were loading a truck at a door on the opposite side of the plastics warehouse. The sections swung down like a huge door and the blocks stayed in neat rows after hitting the ground. At right, another warehouse, this one owned by Hilltop Farms west of Norval on the 4th line, Chinguacousy, had its roof lifted and dropped in a tangle of debris by the powerful gusts. The gale showed its biceps in the Hornby area by toppling a silo, ripping the roof off a service station and picking a garage off a parked car and dumping it in a field.

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A FACTORY ROOF COLLAPSES

