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80 Game Tournament Starts



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ORIGINATOR OPENS HOCKEYTHON

JACK GUDGEON, who conceived the idea of a hockey tournament for Bantams in Georgetown, officially opened the tourney Friday night by dropping the puck to start an exhibition game between Leveck and Georgetown. Handling the faceoff for the ceremony are Don Bodin of Georgetown and Jeff Dean of Leveck. Jeff was just a spectator this year due to a broken leg he suffered in a skiing accident two weeks ago. He gained some consolation when the tournament founder presented him with the official opening puck after the faceoff.

ONE MORE TIME

Centennial Fate Decision Rests on April 9 Meeting

Plans for a 1964 Georgetown centennial have still not left the ground.

Cr. Bill Smith, who has chaired the committee since last fall, told council Monday that he has encountered apathy and recommended that plans be dropped. But he agreed on one last try when a council majority seemed intent on continuing and called an April 9th meeting for one more try.

Cr. Smith said he has had no luck in forming an executive. "Businessmen say it isn't necessary and ratepayers think it a waste of money," he said. "I don't like to proceed with the possibility of a flop. But I suggest that any money we allocated in the budget should be used to commemorate the year even if we don't have a celebration."

Reeve Elliott argued that the centennial should proceed. It would be Georgetown's own and would have more impact than merely celebrating in 1967 with the rest of Canada, he said. "Adverse publicity has killed it," observed Cr. Powers. "It could have been a success if the same conditions prevailed today as last year when it started."

Cr. Hildebrandt said council

County Museum Plans Further Renovations

Work on renovating the Halton Museum will take place this spring after the board members were informed that they will get an unexpected windfall in the sum of \$3,000 over last year's museum budget. County Council motioned to provide \$18,070 on the museum's 1964 budget. Last year the museum declared a surplus of \$1,000 with \$15,800 budgeted for any \$14,800 actual expenditure. The increase in this year's budget will go toward the renovation of the Duff Alexander home, an upstairs loft above the museum to be used for further displays, and the renovation of a former pig pen which will be used by members of the museum board to demonstrate pioneer handicraft skills.

Jim Andrews, assistant county clerk, said the present museum curator, Major H. J. Newman of Georgetown has wrought wonders with the museum which is located in a former barn, the property of the Alexander estate. He said plans are also in the making to construct a large parking area and an outside pioneer type oven where methods of baking will be demonstrated this summer.

has endorsed the idea this year with the exception of the mayor, and urged another try. "I'm disappointed in the lack of unity among merchants and residents," said Cr. Francis. "This could have been a make-or-buy decision. We should take advantage of 1967 and I hope Cr. Smith will continue as the chairman for that."

Mayor Gibbons endorsed this. He favours a recreation building, he said, for which plans would have to be submitted to the government by August in order to qualify for a special grant.

While Mayor Gibbons believes organizations would combine for such a project, Deputy Reeve Hunter has an opposite view. "Services clubs are already loaded down with their own projects," he observed. Calling the April 9th meeting, Cr. Smith said he expects all councillors to attend to share in a final decision on the centennial.

Speaking to council for the second time in two weeks, Earl Jarvis, district Bell Telephone Co. manager gave further information Monday about the inclusion of Brampton in the free-calling area. He said the company has concluded from its survey that a majority of Georgetown people want the service, are willing to pay for it and will use it.

However if council is still of the opinion it isn't wanted, he said a resolution should be passed to that effect. "In that case it would be taken under serious consideration and in all likelihood the plan would be withdrawn," he said. Mr. Jarvis first appeared last week in response to council's invitation to explain the move which will boost the phone rates 50c monthly for residential users. It is slated for May 7. Mayor Gibbons led a majority of councillors in stating residents do not want it. On Monday, Mr. Jarvis presented statistics which showed 45 per cent of Georgetown customers made calls to Brampton in January. He estimated that over 60 per cent of town customers call the neighbouring town on a regular basis. He emphasized that it is not the firm's policy to provide a service people do not want. A 1960 forecast showed that Brampton would increase to rate group 7 and Georgetown to group 6 in 1963, he said, although Georgetown actually is short of this by 1700 phones at present. Municipal officials were interviewed twice in the past year and news items in the Herald announced the change a year ago, with no unfavourable reaction until council's request. Since last week, only 9 calls or letters have been received, he said, from customers.

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Tax Rate Unchanged Holding 75.46 Line

Two Visiting Bantams Injured, In Hospital

Two players with the visiting Bantams hockey club are spending their Easter holidays in bed at Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital. Terry Dambis, a Verdus, Quebec player, suffered a facial laceration and broken cheek bone during an exhibition game Monday night between Verdus and Georgetown. He was the second Bantams player to be admitted to hospital here the same night. Earlier Bill Pratt of the West Kildonan club was taken to Georgetown hospital with a dislocated shoulder. He suffered the injury in an exhibition game at Ted Reeve Arena in Metro but made the train trip here with his team mates. A St. John's man, Jim Jamst,

District Accidents Damage Cars, Total Estimate is \$5,000

March 25, 11:22 p.m. - A 1960 Volvo coach driven by William John Handy, Georgetown suffered \$500 damage when it left No. 7 highway 1 mile east of Acton. March 26, 9:45 a.m. - Mary Elizabeth Threlan, Brampton, was uninjured when her car, a 1964 Pontiac Sedan, hit a hydro pole near the intersection of No. 7 highway and the 5th Line of Equestrian. 8:05 p.m. - On the 7th Line just north of Ashgrove, a 1963 Pontiac driven by Fred Wallace Harrison, Georgetown, hit an ice patch and rolled over in the ditch resulting in \$1,500 damage to the car. 8:20 p.m. - Same location. A 1964 Dodge driven by John Gordon McGill, Georgetown, went out of control, and left the road. Estimated damage was \$1,000. March 28, 5:25 p.m. - Leonard Jerome Arnold of Guelph, escaped without a scratch when his car plunged off the pavement of No. 7 highway at Silvercreek just south of the Ballinacree road. Property damage was \$1,000. March 29, 12:55 a.m. - Cars driven by Douglas V. Lattimer, Georgetown and Melford Guy Wilson, R.R. 1 Norval, collided on the 7th Line of Equestrian near Ashgrove. Lattimer was driving a 1959 Volkswagen and Wilson a 1961 Plymouth. Total damage was \$500. March 30, 10:15 a.m. - A 1957 Pontiac driven by Edmond Wayne Hase, Georgetown, hit a hydro pole on the 10th Line just north of the base. Line resulting in a \$400 loss.

Council Refutes Mayor's Plan for 2 Mill Drop

A predicted 2-mill drop in the 1964 tax rate, a chief plank in Mayor Gibbons' election platform, will not occur. But taxpayers learned Monday that there will be no increase in residential taxes which remains, as last year, at 75.46 mills. And there is a slight drop to 83.27 mills from the 1963 rate of 83.45 mills for industrial and commercial properties. The budget, adopted by council Monday is for public school supporters only. The requisition for the Roman Catholic separate school is not yet finalized. Other years it has paralleled the public school. Broken down, the rate is arrived at like this:

Division	Budget	Resident Mill Rate	Comm-Ind. Mill Rate
General	\$ 569,017	\$ 32.71	\$ 36.44
County	92,712	5.94	5.94
Public School	291,214	19.37	21.52
High School	280,786	17.44	19.37
	\$ 1,233,729	\$ 75.46	83.27

Georgetown assessment for public school purposes is \$14,351,000. Total assessment is \$15,618,000. Taxes will be payable in eight monthly instalments, beginning May 15th. Voting against this budget, Mayor Gibbons expressed disappointment with councillors and said he is still convinced the rate could have been reduced. He compared Georgetown's rate with four other county municipalities, Milton 68, Acton 68.5, Oakville 57.9 and Burlington 62 and claimed that a home owner in these communities would pay from \$32.50 to \$81.00 less in taxes. "How are we going to compete? We're taking ourselves out of a competitive position," he said. "I don't say we could drop to that but we could start in that direction. He termed public school trustees "dedicated men, serving gratuitously," who had reduced their requisition by \$34,000. Finance chairman John Elliott termed the mayor's re-

Traffic Study Precedes Straightening of Highway

Straightening of kinks in Highway 7 in the Georgetown vicinity is in the Department of Highways plans, but as one department official said "it certainly isn't just around the corner." The Herald learned yesterday that the highways department is holding its plans to eliminate some of the sharp corners, notably the McCullough corner at Georgetown's western limit, until a traffic study is completed. The official said the study is to find what volume of traffic is being taken off No. 7 by Highway 401. In preparation for changes in No. 7 in this area the Department of Highways has been buying up strips of property along the highway for some time.

East End Residents Petition, Want Bus

Cr. Charles Hildebrandt's suggestion of a municipal bus service has found favour with a large group of east end residents. Monday, Mrs. Oliver Mills, Weber Drive, presented a 200 signature petition asking council to study such a plan. She said people in her district desire it and listed such reasons as shopping, visits to doctors, hospitals, library, arena and swimming pool. Reeve Elliott supported the idea. He said a transportation system would be a big factor in unifying the town.

FOUR LITTLE WHISTLERS . . .



Peter Jones photo

THIS BLANK FACED QUARTETTE of pucker artists whistled the Kinetite conventioners to stitches last Thursday night. Kinetite produced the illusion pulling the over-sized top hats over their arms and heads, wearing their ties, shirts and suits coats around their waists and painting huge faces on their chests and stomachs. While an off-stage record player produced whistling tunes, the dapper little characters danced and, because of the mobility of the tummies, appeared to tweet gleefully. They'll repeat the hilarious nonsense at the Kinetite Cruise. You don't recognize the Kin? Left to right, they are Dean Taylor, Jim Cooper, Trev Moores and Bob Collett.

Hockey Visitors Have Sightseeing Tours

Some of the hockey teams here for the Bantam hockey tourney are making the most of being hundreds of miles from home. Sightseeing buses by chartered buses are playing up the holiday aspect of their week here and the most popular tour is to Niagara Falls. The Kentville, Nova Scotia, team spent part of Monday absorbing the operations of the manufacturing at the Goodyear Rubber Co. at New Toronto, and Tuesday, made the Niagara excursion. Two teams from Manitoba, West Kildonan and Winnipeg, busied to the Falls yesterday, while the Verdus, Quebec, delegation, took the Goodyear tour.

Council Won't Endorse Windsor Medicare Plan

A Medicare plan for Ontario, described by Cr. Bob Francis as similar to that in force in Saskatchewan, will not be endorsed by town council. Correspondence at Monday's meeting included a motion outlining a plan from the city of Windsor, with a request that it be supported by Georgetown. Cr. Jim Emmerson was the only supporter for a Francis Young motion to do so and the correspondence was filed. Tests conducted by the Ontario Water Resources Commission at Georgetown substantiated formulas recommended by scientists in the field of aeration.