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Police Use Sticks Scatter Rumbler

Citizen, Council Laud Department For Handling 'Ugly Situation'

Council is considering adding an extra policeman following the week-end's disturbance. Concern was expressed at Tuesday's council meeting and strong measures will be taken to avoid a recurrence. Police received high praise from a resident who told council their initiative and intelligence had evaded mob rule. Councillors added their praise, while promising every possible action will be used to maintain the town's reputation as a safe, law-abiding town. Extra men are on downtown patrol duty at night. This week, said police chairman Emmerson, and the OPP has promised every co-operation. "This sort of thing won't be tolerated in Georgetown," said Mayor Gibbons.

Charges have been laid against twelve youths under the Liquor Control Act and the Criminal Code following a weekend of "rumbles" here that produced noisy disturbances and clashes between Georgetown Police and a gang of troublemakers. A week of tenseness which followed a fracas involving forty local youths Monday, July 27 erupted Friday night when fighting broke about among youths milling in downtown Georgetown police used their night sticks to break up skirmishes in the street and behind the stores, and the club wielding succeeded in routing the gang. Saturday night it was a similar situation but with reinforcements for one of the gangs from Galt/Hespler area. The outsiders came into town in approximately twelve cars and swelled the number involved in the fracas to close to eighty. This time Ontario Provincial Police in cruisers stood by waiting to be summoned in by the Georgetown department but local officers had the trouble makers scattered within three quarters of an hour. They were warned to get out of town or face the consequences. At the request of the police restaurants and the McGibbon House hotel closed early both nights. Chief Roy Haley told The Herald the rumbles were the result of what he termed "ill feeling between two rival factions in town." He also had a few uncomplimentary words about the thrill seeking spectators who rushed to the downtown area when word of the developing battle spread. "I don't know what people use to think with," Chief Haley said referring to the rubber-neckers waiting for the trouble to start. "Especially the couples with children. Why parents would stand by with their children when they know violence is about to break out is beyond me," he said. He said the bystanders hampered the police efforts. Asked if he thought the gangs would make trouble again after getting a sample of the police force's accuracy with night sticks Chief Haley concluded, "That I don't know, but we're ready for it if it comes." The twelve already charged will appear in court at a later date which was not announced.

A LOOK AT THE WEATHER

Table with weather data: MERCURY DROPPED TO 44 SATURDAY. Columns for High/Low for July 29, 30, 31, Aug 1, 2, 3, 4. Includes precipitation for July 31 and August 1.

LEADER, SCOUT ATTENDED AMERICAN JAMBOREE

Addresses by President Lyndon Johnson and Lady Baden Powell were two peak moments in a week of memorable events experienced by a Georgetown Scout leader and Queen's Scout when they attended the American Scouts Jamboree at Valley Forge. Just back from the Jamboree and overflowing with stories of what went on there are Norman Herbert, 75 Maple Ave. W., a Scout Leader with 3rd Georgetown Presbyterian and Dave Blaney, a Queen's Scout and member of the 1st Georgetown (St. John's) Troop. The two major highlights are like bookends to their experiences. Lady Baden Powell, wife of the late founder of Scouting, addressed the Jamboree Scouts at the opening ceremonies Friday, July 17, and President Johnson spoke to them during closing ceremonies Friday, July 24. In between it was work and fun, fellowship and an esprit de corps that bound the host Americans and the hundreds of guest Scouts from around the world. New acquaintances, Scouts from Japan, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, France and 38 other nations, in turn made new friends with personal allies who visited the Jamboree site. Entertainers were also (continued on page 12)

Rezoned Highway Land To Allow New Motel

Council on Tuesday endorsed a planning board recommendation that a highway property presently zoned as a conservation area be rezoned to commercial, to allow a planned motel and business building. Rope Construction has acquired an area on both sides of the creek which crosses the highway. Plans call for a business building bordering St. George's church property. And the entire old Georgetown Creamery site would be razed and replaced with a motor hotel. Councillors are enthused about the project which would add both tax revenue to the treasury and scenic improvement to the central highway area.

THE BIG THRESH IS UNDERWAY



Peter Jones Photo

"HOW'S THAT FOR RYE," SAYS JIM STARK

FARMERS IN GEORGETOWN'S circumferencing rural area may see their grain crops top all records this year if estimates of some local grain growers hold water. Bushel yields per acre of wheat and rye are apparently up. First threshing operations in the area started last week and one of the local farmers happy with the crop is R. R. 2, Georgetown farmer Jim Stark, above, displaying a bouquet of heavy-headed rye.

Will Study for Law At Osgoode Hall



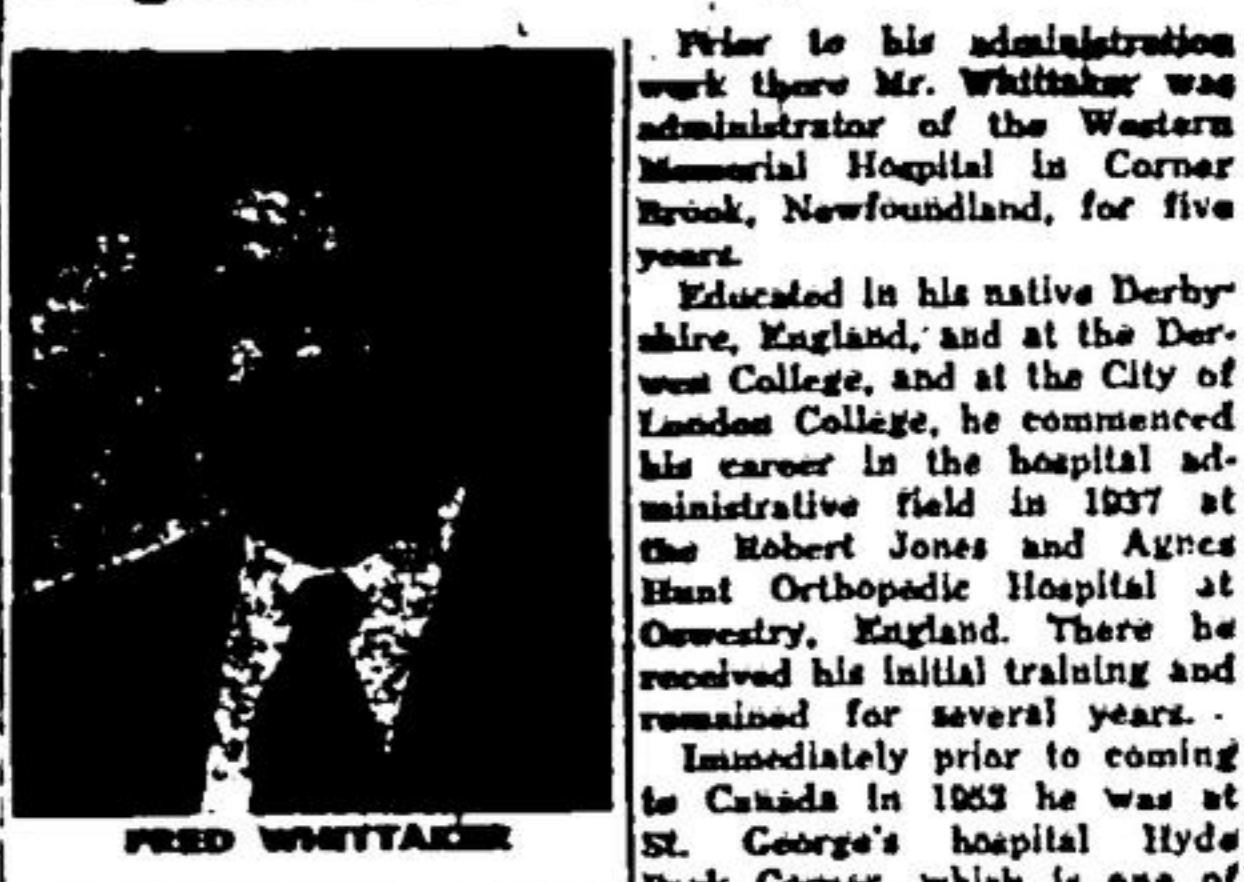
MONTY HYDE

A Georgetown young man, Monty Hyde has been accepted as a student at Osgoode Hall and will start his studies in law there in September. Monty has successfully completed the required two years of university work at University of Toronto where he studied political science and economics. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ern Hyde, 24 Ewing St., and a graduate of Georgetown high school.

Col. Brown Seriously Injured in Car Collision

Lt. Col. Gordon D. Brown, M.M. 2 was seriously injured in an automobile accident last week. He is in York County Hospital, Newmarket with a cracked pelvis, an injury to the back of his head and a crushed chest with broken ribs as well as serious internal injuries. Since an extensive operation Saturday, his condition has improved considerably. The accident happened Thursday morning about 9:30 a.m. when a Chrysler Imperial sedan driven by Mrs. Hilda Shannon, Scarborough, ran across the driver's side of Col. Brown's 1962 Rambler. Mrs. Shannon, who had her two small sons with her, escaped with lacertations and was not detained in hospital. Col. Brown was thrown across the front seat and through the passenger door, finally landing in the ditch with the car. While the doctor expects to have him on the critical list for about three weeks, his chance for complete recovery is good, providing no complications develop. The accident occurred at Mount Albert, east of Newmarket, at a dangerous blind corner where a house and trees obscure the view from the approach until a car is almost half way across the highway, as well as making it almost impossible for a highway driver to see a crossing car in time. According to the investigating constable there were no skid marks. On Saturday when the insurance investigators went to see the spot, another similar accident had just happened and spectators informed them it was the third in three days and that two weeks earlier another car had landed in the same spot on its roof. There are no lights at the corner except for some at a double rail crossing nearby which only flash when a train is coming. The Rambler was completely wrecked, and the Chrysler appeared to suffer only minor damage. Col. Brown was en route for a visit in Haliburton with Calvin Balks.

New Hospital Administrator Begins Duties September 1



FRED WHITTAKER

Fred Whittaker, Georgetown's newly-hired hospital administrator, will start his duties here September 1. Chosen from twenty applicants for the post, Mr. Whittaker is presently in charge of three hospitals serving communities in northern Ontario and Manitoba. He is employed by Alhida Power and Paper which looks after the hospital in the three company towns of Iroquois Falls, and Smooth Rock Falls, Ontario, and Pine Falls, Manitoba. Prior to his administration work there Mr. Whittaker was administrator of the Western Memorial Hospital in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, for five years. Educated in his native Derbyshire, England, and at the Durwin College, and at the City of London College, he commenced his career in the hospital administrative field in 1937 at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopedic Hospital at Oswestry, England. There he received his initial training and remained for several years. Immediately prior to coming to Canada in 1963 he was at St. George's hospital Hyde Park Corner, which is one of London's leading teaching hospitals. He holds a diploma in hospital administration and is a fellow of the Institute of Hospital Administrators, England, and is a member of the Royal Society of Health. Mr. Whittaker is also a graduate of the Canadian Hospital Association's two year course in hospital organization and management, and is a member of the American College of Hospital Administrators.

Georgetown Smeared in Irish Newspaper Story

An Irish newspaper, The Lurgan Mail, carried a front page story recently which ripped Georgetown and just about everything about it, from steam to stern. Under the headline, HERE HE COMES, LOOK OUT CANADA, the Mail carried a story in its July 3rd issue which quoted Lurgan councillor Billy Gordon, who was about to revile Georgetown, as hitting the town in general, its roads, parks and building record. Mr. Gordon, who visited here with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McNelly, 28 Langstone Cr., was also quoted in the story as being 'unimpressed' with Canada and specifically one of its most famous landmarks Niagara Falls. The Herald learned of the story when G. Willowdale re-

ident, Alf McGovern, a native of Lurgan who still subscribes to his hometown paper forwarded the issue that gave Georgetown a black eye. Mr. McGovern, unlike his countryman, objected to Mr. Gordon's remarks in a letter that accompanied the paper. He termed his new home "wonderful" and contradicted many of Mr. Gordon's comments though he asked not to be quoted because "I don't want front page headlines telling mud around." The Herald is reprinting the story below because the publicity given Mr. Gordon's opinion is news. The Herald has not asked Mr. Gordon for his opinion on this trip because they alone are not news though the Lurgan Mail obviously thinks otherwise. HERE HE COMES... LOOK OUT CANADA! Lurgan's Councillor Billy Gordon flew out to Canada this week determined once again to mince no words about the conditions he may find there. Two years ago, while on a visit to his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McNelly in Georgetown, Ont., Mr. Gordon made headlines (Bob's Dad Gives 'Em What For!) when he told a shocked Georgetown Council frankly that he did not think their town was all it had been cracked up to be. On Monday he took time off from last minute packing in his home at Alexandra Square to tell the "Mail" - "I am going out tonight for love of my family - not for love of Canada. From what I saw the last time, I'm convinced we are as well off back home as they are and if they ask any questions about what I think of Canada I will reply to them in the right manner." Then he added: "They told me last time I would find changes when I came back again and I am certain hoping to see them." What happened last time was a surprise to those unaware of Mr. Gordon's reputation of speaking his mind. Bob McNelly, then a member of the Georgetown Council took his father in law along to one of the meetings and the inevitable question was asked eventually: "What do you think of the town?" It may have been that the usual visiting platitudes were expected to hear but that's not what they heard. In a few straight-from-the-shoulder remarks Mr. Gordon told them bluntly things were better in Lurgan. He hit out at their roads, their parks, their building record. "And if things haven't improved I'll tell them the same again," he says. Aware that he will probably not be asked his views again by the Council, he has a suspicion that the Press of Georgetown might not be quite so hesitant. If approached he will ask for a little time to look around and after that he will be quite agreeable to say exactly how he feels about the things he sees today. Just Tracks. "I admit their main trunk roads in Canada are first class,

Silenced Library Bell May Find Permanent Spot

Preservation of the old Congregational church bell in similar fashion to the town bell which stands in front of the firehall was suggested by two residents to council on Tuesday. Jack Armstrong and Jack Watson asked that the bell be installed on a suitable base on the library grounds. The library was given to the town in 1912 when the church closed. An agreement at the time provided that the bell be rung morning and evening, but rights to this were waived in 1928 because it might endanger the building. Some years ago the bell was removed during remodeling. Mr. Armstrong said his family had attended the Church and that Mr. Watson's grandfather was the stonemason in charge when the building was constructed, hence their interest in the project. Council promised consideration and appeared to favour the idea as a tie-in with Canada's 100th centennial.

Town-Wide Association is Aim, New Ratepayers Group

A ratepayers association known as the Georgetown Ratepayers Association, encompassing the whole town was formed in May of this year, according to President E. R. Francis. The president emphasized that the Association's purpose was to bind the town together with no area barriers. He further stressed that "it was not formed to poke holes in individuals", but merely to "see the town was well administered." In addition to the business side of the association, social activities are planned. Also elected to the executive, are Vice-President Dennis Wildman, and executive members Anthony Mahdarino, and Jim Thomas. Two vacancies on the executive are expected to be filled at a general public meeting to be held September 15th in Wrigley's worth auditorium. tributed to an off balance ratio, it would be possible for the town to make an adjustment so, Delrex would not be penalized.

Urges Council Get Own Land

Knows John Elliott told council Tuesday that Georgetown should be acquiring land for industrial development, other than those presently available for sale by Delrex Development. "How about Moore's Park," he asked. "The town should have been land for sale even if we have to lease some." Referring to a letter in the Herald from reader W. F. Swackhamer, who is upset for the Delrex Inc., Cr. Hildebrandt said it has never been made public that Delrex will not sell industrial land to offers which are below cost. "It is admitted that the profit is on residential land," he said "and it is a short-sighted policy. If industrial land were sold, the firm might reach the rate required by its agreement with the town and there would be no bar to more residential building." The councillor said that if other developments have con-



FRONT PAGE LURGAN MAIL

CADETS FINISH SUMMER COURSE WITH LORNE SCOTS. A number of Georgetown High School Students who joined the Lorne Scots to take part in the Student Militia training plan will complete their summer junket with the regiment tonight.