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GEORGETOWN RAISES NEW MAPLE LEAF FLAG



Canada's new maple leaf is flying at the top of at least seven Georgetown flag poles today and it's indicated the number will increase as new flags on order arrive.

At writing time the Red Ensign still waves from staffs at the Legion, Fire hall, high school, fair grounds, Remembrance Park, and hospital. The new red and white flag is in bloom on halyards at the town's five public schools, the federal building, and municipal building.

There were similar ceremonies at each of the schools, where the respective principal, and a member of the public

school board spoke to the assembled pupils before a local minister gave a prayer of dedication. This part of the ceremony was held just before noon and at twelve o'clock the student body, staff, and guests moved outside to sing O Canada and raise the new flag.

The flag at the federal building also went up at noon Monday, but a delay in an order placed by the town resulted in the new flag not being raised at the municipal building until Tuesday.

The high school requires a larger size flag which is out of stock, but a board spokesman assured a new flag had been

ordered and would be raised at a ceremony there when it arrives.

The Ensign flying at the hospital was donated by the local Legion branch, but it's getting tattered and is due to be replaced. A hospital board member told The Herald replacing the flag will be one of the matters discussed at a board meeting tonight (Thursday). He said it's likely the board will place an order for the new maple leaf banner.

The new flag has also been ordered by the Holy Cross Separate School Board and will be raised in ceremony there on arrival. At present there is no

flag on the Holy Cross School flagstaff.

Fire Chief Erwin Lewis said the Georgetown Fire Department has yet to order a maple leaf flag for the pole at the fire hall on Guelph St. but will do so sometime this week. Red Ensigns still flying at the fairgrounds, and Remembrance Park, are the property of the town and will be lowered and replaced.

The Legion is flying the Red Ensign until national headquarters direct otherwise. A branch 130-officer told The Herald the executive is considering flying both since the Ensign is the official Legion flag.

Hospital Auxiliary Raises \$2000 in Year's Program

Mrs. George Hewson, the president of the Georgetown and District Hospital Auxiliary, announced the membership at the annual meeting in the hospital cafeteria Tuesday, Feb. 9 that 29 volunteers have contributed 2,000 hours of service to the hospital in the past year, and auxiliary fund raising projects in the same period have amassed over \$2,000.

Mrs. Hewson was re-elected president at the meeting. Officers named to office are Mrs. Robert Thompson, 1st vice-president; Mrs. P. Buchanan, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Tom Beer, 3rd vice-president; Mrs. J. Mills, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Peter Berry, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Alexander Keir,

treasurer; Mrs. Gordon Sampson, co-ordinator of volunteers. Magistrate John Ord is the special speaker, spoke to the members on drug addiction and alcoholism. He said addiction in Canada had been on the decline over the past 10 years mainly because of efficient policing and the success in cutting off sources of supply. Mr. Ord said the dope peddlers are the worst offenders and termed them "the lowest type of people." He was introduced by Mrs. Thompson.

The auxiliary is hoping to fill a need for a small tea cart by collecting green stamps. Mrs. J. Colter explained the scheme and asked members and any other hospital visitors

with shoppers green stamps to spare to drop them in a small box in the hospital gift shop which has been provided for them. Six and a quarter books is the target amount.

The annual reports for 1964 were printed in bulletin form and each member received a copy.

A LOOK AT THE WEATHER

| Feb. | High | Low |
|-----------|------|-----|
| 10 Wed. | 32 | 31 |
| 11 Thurs. | 33 | 29 |
| 12 Fri. | 44 | 32 |
| 13 Sat. | 19 | 14 |
| 14 Sun. | 27 | 0 |
| 15 Mon. | 36 | 13 |
| 16 Tues. | 35 | 20 |

High for the week 52, low 0
Precip: 1.38"

—Alicia F. C. Scott

Judge Cuts Assessment Town Considers Appeal

Georgetown council may appeal a decision last week which reduced assessment by almost two-thirds on a large Georgetown property.

Miss Isabelle Moore, Main St. N., was successful in having the county judge reduce assessment on 17 acres of her property to \$125 from its present \$300. And a larger acreage which had been classified as subdivided land at \$1.70 per foot frontage was reduced to 30¢ per foot frontage.

Basis of the appeal was that the land, though earmarked at subdivision, was not subdivided.

should be still assessed as farm land.

Mayor Joseph Gibbons estimated the tax loss to the town treasury as close to \$700 when this was discussed by council Monday.

"We would have difficulty justifying some of our other assessments if this is allowed to stand," he said. The property has been optioned by a buyer with plans of subdivision, he added.

Council will consider appealing the new assessment, after discussing it with the town solicitor.

Lieutenant Governor Coming To Invest Queen's Scouts

The Lieutenant Governor, Earl Howe, will award Queen's Scout certificates to approximately 150 Queen's Scouts at a ceremony in Georgetown and District High School in April.

Regional Field Secretary Dennis Lewis informed the Georgetown District Scout Council president recently that the Lieutenant Governor has accepted the invitation to officiate at the ceremony, Friday, April 9. One of the Scouts receiving the Queen's Scout certificate will be from Georgetown: Dave Denny, Dave Shropshire, Dennis Wright and Glenn Brodie. Scouts of 1st Georgetown Troop, St. John's United, and George Henderson, Kim Gunn, Jim Anderson, Bob Barber, Dick Johnson and Wayne Dunnington of

Georgetown Troop (Knox Presbyterian).

The Queen's Scouts receiving their certificates will all be from Green Acres Region Troop and will include youths from as far west as Kitchener and Hamilton and Brampton to the east. The Scouts taking part in the ceremony will be those who have attained Queen's Scout qualifications during the past year.

Attendance is by invitation and some 700 parents and Scout officials are expected to witness the ceremony.

One of the certificates will be presented posthumously. A Cookville Scout who reached the top plateau in Scouting last year died in an automobile accident Friday.

ELEVATED WATER TOWER RECEIVES COUNCIL'S NOD

Police Report Arrives Committee Will Study

A requested report by the Ontario Police Commission was tabled at Monday's council meeting.

It was referred to a committee discussion without comment by councillors.

One indication of what it could contain, however, came from a later motion at the meeting when instructions were issued to advertise for a sergeant and constables for the department, which has been two men short since last fall.

One of the recommendations contained in the report, according to a reliable source, is for the formation of a three-man police commission to administer the affairs of the Georgetown Police Department.

The local force is presently administered by a committee of council headed by Mayor Gibbons.

The alleged recommended commission would consist of the county judge and magistrates and the mayor.

Tom James to Join Assessment Dept.

Tom James, 22 Spring St. will join the town staff as an assessor on March 1st.

Council endorsed the appointment Monday after interviewing several applicants. He will work under assessment commissioner C. J. Hibbert. The position was formerly held by the late Jim Milbourne.

Mr. James has been a town resident for some time. He was formerly manager of the Maher shoe store and is presently on his staff of Congdon's shoe store. He plays outfield with the Georgetown Glaxo baseball team.

\$220,000 Proposal Carries 6-3

"Don't Need It," Claims Gibbons

Threatens Legal Action If Town Removes Sign

Georgetown council is in for a battle if they insist on removing a sign on the Cordaro building.

Last week, council voted 5-4 to authorize the building inspector to have the sign removed. Monday John Cordaro appeared at the council meeting to protest.

"You fight me, and I'll fight you," he warned, saying that he will engage a lawyer and take the matter to court if council persists.

Mr. Cordaro said the sign cost him \$650 when it was erected in 1940.

Cr. Bill Smith said it is an eyesore and because it contains no printing it does not conform to the town by-law.

"If it isn't dangerous to pedestrians I'm doubtful if we have the power to remove it," said Mayor Gibbons.

Mr. Cordaro said he has the premises advertised for rent and the sign will be used again when there is a tenant.

Council took no action to change its ruling, so apparently the removal order still stands.

NEWS LEFT OVER

Because of an unusually large volume of news this week some items have had to be held until next issue.

Improvements in the town water system which would include a 500,000 gallon elevated storage tank, and the release of three operators by automating plant operations, received majority council approval Monday.

A motion to finance the \$220,000 proposal under the municipal works assistance program carried on a 6-3 vote. Mayor Gibbons and Crs. Francis and Young voted in opposition.

The plan was outlined by water chairman Don Powers who presented figures to show it would be more than self-supporting. A \$13,421 yearly payment would retire debentures in 20 years. And reduced operating costs are estimated at \$15,666.

While Cr. George Hewson

said Georgetown has not enough water to serve another major industry, Mayor Gibbons denied this.

"We don't need this at present, and won't for another ten years," he claimed, regardless of industrial growth.

The mayor indicated prospects are good for a new industry.

"I can almost promise one is coming, which would employ at least 300 people," he said. "And possibly early this year."

Queried after the meeting, Mayor Gibbons would comment no further.

The water proposal would make a net liability to the town of only \$166,000. The government would "forgive" \$25,000 of the debenture issue if the plan is adopted.

Bequest by Mrs. Barnhill Aids Norval United Church

Norval United Church held their annual meeting on January 28th with a congregational supper followed by the business meeting.

The Session Report was given by Rev. Roy Irwin, reporting a total membership of 212.

Stewards for 1965 are Earl Wilson, Paul Johnson, Bob May, John Dunlop, Don Cleave, Bill Dodds, Garnet Laidlaw, Albert Enman, Bill Laidlaw, Mrs. Amy Burk and Alan Burke. Commencing in 1965, 3 people will be replaced each year.

Mrs. G. Miller gave the treasurer's report and reported that the plumbing account had been completely paid off by the women in 1964 and also that the late Mrs. E. Barnhill had left a sizable bequest to the church, this money is in a special fund until it has been decided how it is to be used.

Clark Lyons reported that the New Curriculum is being used in the Sunday School and the necessary books purchased. The Sunday School supports an adopted boy through the Canadian Save The Children's Fund.

Mr. Lyons resigned as Sunday School Superintendent, a new superintendent to be elected at a Sunday School Meeting.

In the Manse Report it was reported that considerable work had been done to the Manse, redecorating and new floors inside, painting and a new roof outside.

The UCW Report showed a prosperous year which included support of a Greek girl through the Canadian Save The Children's Fund and a \$500.00 bequest to Missions from the estate of the late Mrs. E. Switzer.

Mrs. N. Laidlaw reported that the Missionary & Maintenance allocation had been met. Bill Laidlaw gave the Choir Committee report.

It was decided that 2 new Elders be appointed and that they be selected by a vote by the members in February.

John Dunlop acted as secretary for the meeting.

Riviera Show, Dance Mark Rotarian Decade

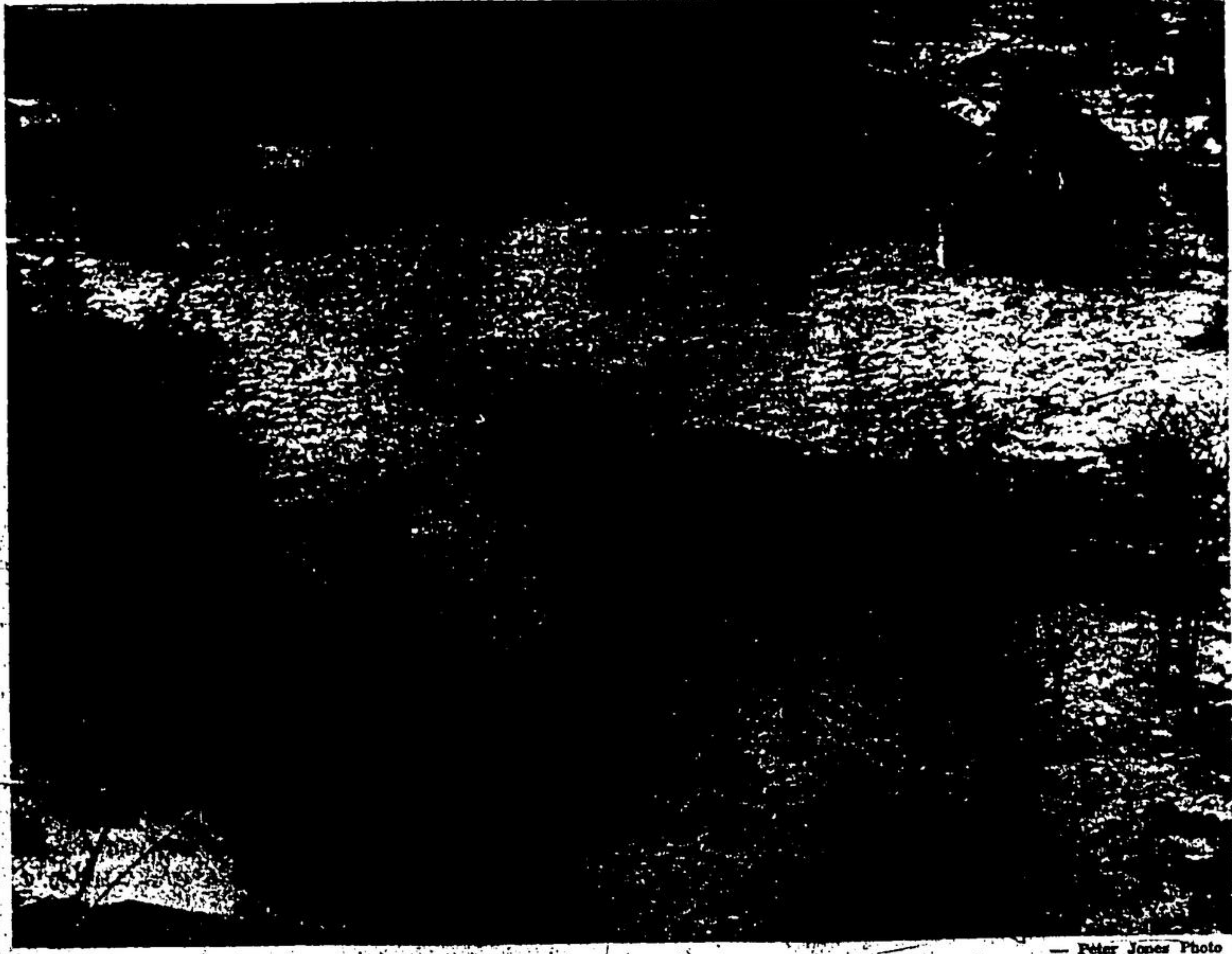
The Rotary club will celebrate its tenth anniversary as a club with a tenth anniversary show and dance at the Riviera on May 14th.

It is hoped that as the people associated with the show throughout the years will attend. Invitations will be sent to out-of-towners who, at one time or another had anything to do with past shows.

While the format of this year's show has not been fully worked out, it will be an assortment of the best-of-the-past ten shows, and it is hoped some of the "old originals" can be flushed out of their hiding places to participate.

After the show, during reunion dance, old acquaintances can meet, and old friendships renewed.

In charge of the anniversary dance and show is Joe McMillan and his committee.



"EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK, ACRES AND ACRES OF TROUBLE"

THIS IS HOW GLEN WILLIAMS looks after being hit by the worst flood in the village's history last week. Acres of ice chunks have created mammoth jams on both sides of the bridge in the centre of the community, and while the water has subsided the Glen still lies at the mercy of the elements. Work has started on blasting the jam, but a sudden heavy rain could trigger a repeat of the muddy chaos. The threat still exists at Norval as well.

—Peter Jones Photo