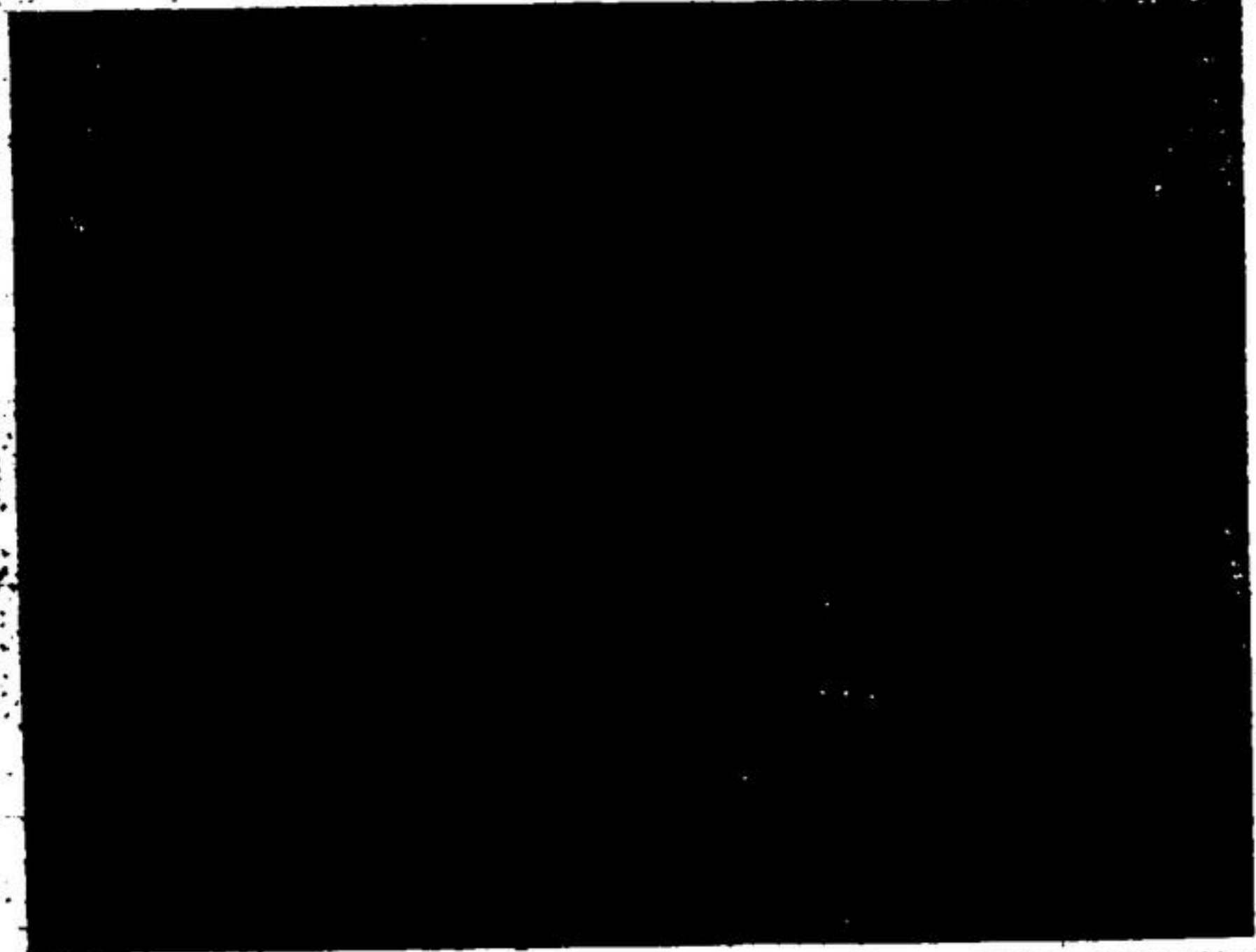


GETS LONG SERVICE AWARD



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GEORGETOWN MAYOR 15 YEARS ON HYDRO

ONTARIO HYDRO CHAIRMAN W. Ross Strike, left, presents long-service award to Mayor Joseph Gibbons, who has served 15 years on the Georgetown-Hydro-Electric Commission. Mayor Gibbons was one of 22 municipal commissioners honored for a total of 338 years service in ceremony at 56th joint annual meeting of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association and the Association of Municipal Electrical Utilities in Toronto, Feb. 28th - March 3rd.

Georgetown Gardener

Now's The Time To Be Thinking of Gardening

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NOT TOO SOON: There is one good thing about an old fashioned Canadian winter. It makes us appreciate Spring. And even though there may be few signs of that season in our particular part of Canada, at least the calendar says that it is only a few weeks away. In any case it is time to think about gardening and even just thinking about this recreation can be pleasant and interesting as well as useful.

There are catalogues and gardening bulletins to browse through, there is seed to buy new varieties to choose, plans for changes in the lawn or general layout, perhaps some flower pots or flats to plant indoors and if we are very impatient or ambitious we can have the lawn mower sharpened, power tools gone over and hand tools cleaned, sharpened and oiled.

HOW YOUR OWN: For the larger than average garden, there is a substantial saving in financial outlay by starting plants indoors from seed rather than purchasing them in flats or pots. In this way, too, the gardener can be sure of having precisely those varieties desired. But growing petunias, tomatoes, zinnias, marigolds and so on from seed in the average home, is not as simple as some enthusiasts would have us believe. Certain basic rules must be followed or the operation will not be a success.

The professional with a greenhouse and cold frames which give the plants plenty of light all around does not take any chances and neither should the amateur, with his

far more limited facilities. The biggest problem is usually a disease known as "damping off" which attacks the seedlings just a few days after they have started to grow. In the greenhouse all soil is carefully sterilized. This is hardly possible for the home gardener but at least he should use new soil each year, of very fine texture and well mixed with compost and sand. If a supply of this is not already on hand then it can be purchased from any seed house or garden store. As a further precaution against damping off it is a good plan, after the seed is sown in flats, or pots and watered in, to spread a thin layer (say a quarter of an inch deep) of well pulverized peat moss or vermiculite over the soil, so that there is some insulation between the soil and the plants as they come through. The writer had excellent success with tomato plants where this was done a year ago, whereas a neighbour without the peat moss top, lost 90% of his seedlings.

NOT TOO EARLY: It is a mistake to plant seed too early, as once the seedlings reach a certain size, two to four inches in most cases, they are best transplanted to permanent quarters outside or they will become weak and spindly. Hence the trick is to have them full transplanting size just when the weather has warmed up and they can be safely planted in the garden. This means planting seed indoors in early March for such things as carnations, snapdragons, impatiens and lobelia, in mid-March for pink, petunias, nasturtiums, peppers, cabbage, etc., and in April anything else for which an early start is desirable.

Choir, Band Concert Entertain Manor Folk

A program comprising both sacred and popular music was presented for the residents on Wednesday night, February 24th by about twenty-five members of the choir of St. Paul's United Church in Burlington. The choir was directed by Mrs. L. Foxcroft who also played the accompaniments on the piano.

The ladies of the choir had provided a variety of cakes and cookies, which were served with tea and coffee. The visitors and residents had many friendly chats with one another during this social hour.

Mrs. E. Hoare thanked the visitors warmly for this entertaining and rewarding evening.

Rev. J. L. Graham conducted the church service on Sunday afternoon, February 28th. He brought with him a very talented young singer, Miss Marge Clarkson, who sang two fine solos. Mrs. Ted Stover was the talented organist for the service.

A group of old friends, whose presence has been missed at the Manor for some time, came to play a band concert for the residents on Sunday night, February 28th. The group was the Oakville Citizens' Band. There were 31 bandmen present and they were under the direction of

their very talented bandmaster Peter Hughes.

From the opening number, the Coronation March from the current Broadway musical comedy Hello Dolly, every different kind of music played.

Other selections from Grand opera were The Chorus of the Roman Soldiers from Wagner's Rienzi and the well-known Habanera from Carmen. Two sacred numbers, Bless This House in which Bandman R. Andrews played a solo part on his euphonium, and Paris Angelicus were very lovely.

Musical comedies were represented by medleys from The King and I and My Fair Lady. A selection that was particularly tuneful was the ballet music from Offenbach's Ballet Parisienne. The overture Janus, Sousa's march The Thunderer and other numbers were also included in the program.

After such a fine concert it was a pleasure for the residents to congratulate the leader and the bandmen upon their fine playing during a social hour when tea, coffee and cookies were served. Five Ranger girls assisted with the serving.

Over 1,500,000 young people are enrolled in 40,041 branches of the Junior Red Cross in Canada and the Department of National Defence Schools in Europe.

Public School Trustees To Serve Without Pay

The Georgetown Public School Board trustees have joined the Georgetown and District High School Board trustees in mixing an opportunity to be paid for serving.

At a regular meeting of the Public School authority Wednesday, March 3 the trustees voted unanimously not to take advantage of new provincial legislation which allows boards to pay themselves honoraria based on a sliding scale according to the previous year's enrollment figures.

The Public School Board's decision saves the town and province something like \$3,500 since the members were allowed a maximum honoraria of \$40 each plus travelling expenses. Combined with the saving resulting from a similar decision by High School trustees and Advisory Board Commission six weeks ago it means in the neighbourhood of \$8,000 saved.

The subject of pay for Public School Board trustees came up first at the board's January meeting when it was referred to committee for recommendation. The board didn't take action on it at their February meeting because three trustees were absent when it came up again in new business.

Wednesday, W. E. Wilson made the motion to pass up the honoraria and G. Sigurdson seconded it.

Georgetown education authorities are almost alone in their actions to serve the public without payment. The Estabrook Public School Area Board voted to accept the allowance available to them - \$40 plus travelling expense - and Nassagaweya School Board trustees are now paying themselves \$20 per meeting plus mileage. Acton High School Board trustees gave themselves \$30 monthly honoraria.

Public school finance committee chairman reported the salary negotiations with the teaching staff had been completed. Major changes were raising of the "principal's responsibility" allowance from \$125 to \$150 per classroom for less than 10

rooms, and adding a special allowance for teachers with extra qualifications.

At the same meeting a 3 per cent increase in the five full time caretakers' salaries was agreed on by the board.

The resignation of an auxiliary class teacher John Todd was accepted. Mr. Todd has been teaching at George Kennedy Public School. He will join the Georgetown high school staff in September.

Still seeking supply teachers, the board moved to place an

advertisement in The Herald in an attempt to overcome the acute shortage. Three regular teachers are also required one to replace Mr. Todd and two for new classes which will be created by an increase in enrollment in September.

Other business included an invitation from the Toronto Maple Leaf Baseball Club for Georgetown pupils to attend a ball game June 11, and a request from the Y.M.W.C.A. Club for use of the Wrigglesworth auditorium for two dances in March.

Little Theatre Misses Out Despite Fine Performance

Sunday night the Georgetown Little Theatre received word that their production of "Little Hut" did not qualify for the Western Ontario Drama Finals. However, some consolation was derived from the winning, together with Chatham, of the Preliminary Award for Visual Presentation.

Emerging as first in the stiff competition, were Sarnia, Kitchener, Owen Sound, and two Hamilton groups.

In a public adjudication a week Thursday night, the night of the big snow, Stanley Richards, noted playwright and author, praised the "original and inventive setting," designed by Lynne Hyde, saying, "I was beguiled and amused by one of the loveliest settings I have seen on my tour."

The adjudicator pointed out that he must look with a professional eye at the production, since only in this way, he contends, can the standards continually be raised.

"Undeniably yours is a very talented company, with a professional flair," he told the group. However, he criticized the speed of the first act, particularly, which he felt was overpaced, resulting in loss of lines. He admitted that some of the loss of lines could be attributed to acoustics, which he felt were less than ideal.

for not coddling close enough in one scene.

While mentioning a few other faults Mr. Richards concluded by saying: "You are more than a capable company, and admire you."

The sophisticated adult comedy of a husband, wife and lover stranded on a desert island ran Tuesday, Friday and Saturday and despite the snow clogged roads, drew fair sized audiences.

The production, directed by Tony Lloyd had only one overcast in Mr. R. E. Fisher, who was cast in a tiny part as a monk. She also did double duty as a prompter.

The others who worked behind the scenes were Pat Barkhouse, the production manager, Lynne Hyde, Set Designer, Constructive and P. Masters, Bruce Westwood, Linda Tust, Dar Tost, Lynne Hyde, Wardrobe, Vera

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MARDI GRAS FRUIT PIE

1 ready baked 9" pie shell (use pie crust mix)
1 tin Canada Choice canned peaches
1 tin Canada Choice canned fruit cocktail

1 tin Canada choice canned cherries
1 tin Canada Choice canned pears
1 pkg. instant vanilla pudding
Whipped cream from aerosol can

Make pie shell and cool. Make instant vanilla pudding. Cool slightly and pour enough to cover bottom of pie shell. Cool in refrigerator but do not chill. Lay 4 pieces of string across top of pie shell to divide pie shell into 8 equal sections. Drain each tin of fruit. In one section, carefully place enough peach halves (halves down) to cover the one wedge. Carefully spoon fruit cocktail, cherries and pears - in that order - one into each successive section. Repeat procedure for the other half of the pie. Lift up strings. Chill pie in refrigerator. Cut pie in sections, a different fruit in each section. Just before serving, garnish each section with whipped cream.



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