

# Four From Georgetown in City Civil Rights Protest

Four Georgetown people protested the handling of demonstrators in Selma, Alabama by joining the civil rights marchers at the U.S. Capitol steps in Toronto last week.

Peter Macdonald, Glen Williams, and Lynne and Kitty Hyde and Darwin Toot of Georgetown, joined the protesters on the morning of the 18th day of the demonstrations.

A Thomson newspaper reporter, Darwin Toot, described the day this way:

Three Metropolitan Toronto police officers stood in front of the consulate doorway and watched us as we took our positions at the end of the picket line. I noticed the two men leading the marchers, one was a white man, the other a black man. The placards they carried "One Man One Vote" and "Civil Rights Now" were also waving wet and the colored ink was starting to smudge.

A long row of sleeping bags covered with plastic sheets lined the sidewalk near the curb. Cars at the curb at irregular intervals leaving hot coffee, dry blankets and sleeping bags and taking shifts of student back and forth from the Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee headquarters at 44 St. George St.

A Volkswagen bus unloaded a small army of students who brought hot food donated by several restaurants. A big black Cadillac wheeled up to the curb and more placards were distributed out of the trunk and handed among the picketers. "Mine-aid, Justice in Selma," on one side and the same thing, I think, in French on the opposite side.

Two girls stood at the curb holding big jars and a few people stopped their cars and donated money.

People driving past slowed down and looked. Some honked the horn and waved somebody in a little, red sports car whizzed by, tooted the horn and thrust a hand high into the air in that familiar V for victory sign.

After our 15th turn around, we were thoroughly drenched, shivering cold and still singing.

## Mrs. A. R. Speight Was Church and Craft Worker

A well-known local woman, Mrs. Arthur R. Speight of 47 Shelley St., died in Georgetown hospital on March 9 after a lengthy illness.

Born in Ballinafad, she was the daughter of Bertie Vannatter and the late Alfred Vannatter. She attended the old Peacock school on the 7th Line, then Georgetown high school, and worked as a teller in the Bank of Nova Scotia, Antigon before her marriage.

Deeply interested in church work, Mrs. Speight was a member of St. John's United Church and held a life membership in the Women's Missionary Society. She took an active part in church life for many years, and held the position of mission band secretary for Hamilton Presbyterian.

When illness forced her to take a less active part in public affairs, her interest turned to arts and crafts which she could enjoy in her own home. Having her own kiln and potter's wheel, she specialized in ceramics, using Milton white and Terra Cotta red clays for striking effects. Some of her ceramic work was used in a travelling display which toured Canada. She was a member of the Arts & Crafts of Georgetown, the Canadian Pottery Guild and the Canadian Council for the Environmental Arts.

She leaves her husband, one daughter Betty, Mrs. P. R. Edwards, Elizabeth, two grandsons, David and Ronnie, her mother, Mrs. A. R. Vannatter and one brother, Phares Vannatter, Georgetown.

Rev. Ian Fleming conducted the funeral service on March 11 at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home and interment was in Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were Claude Kenner, Elmer Stief, Walter Gray, Ed Scott, Gerald Gray and Gordon Harley.

## School Days is Colourful Presentation by Skaters

The Georgetown Figure Skating Club stamped out traces when a close to 100 per cent attendance sat in nostalgic silence in the Memorial Arena Saturday night and watched 140 skaters put a dab of gay grease paint on education with their 10th annual ice show - School Days on ice.

The show was written and directed by the club professional Mrs. Marilyn Barber.

A production especially for the smallest skating pupils, entitled Tiny Tots, exposed the world of the kindergarten games with Farmer in the Dell, London Bridges, and Ring Around Roses.

The theme was carried through the rest of the first half with colourful and spectacular arrangements labeled, School Days, The ABCs, Do-Re-Mi and extended into Act 2 with The Little Red School House, and An Apple for the Teacher.

Featured in the show in solos and duets were Leanne Johnson, Linda and Janet Mooney, Clowns Bob Hall and George 'Cheko' Storey, Janie McMillan, Jackie Howell, and guest stars from the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club Douglas Leigh and Pamela Pearce.

Appearing as teachers were Ann Johnson, Barbara Pankenin, Sharon Hewitt, Debbie Gibson, Christine Rumley, and Leanne Lewis.

The club's adult skaters also had a part in one of the final numbers, Dance Moods.

A broomball game between the Black Panthers and Yellow Tigers enabled the boys of the club to steal some of the skating limelight after the girls flashed their blades as a squad of Majorettes.

A highlight was the presentation of the Executive trophy to Sharon Hewitt, age 9, just prior to intermission. The trophy, awarded annually to the member of the club who shows the most improvement over the past season, was presented by club president Cliff Johnson.

Sugar Plum Fairies and Jazz and Majorette numbers were directed by the club's assistant pro Gale Livingstone. The scenery was designed by Cliff Johnson with renovations by Paul Barber and Brian Lewis.

Ice decorations were the work of Lou Pankenin who also selected the music. Intercom was handled by George Price, spotlights were operated by Brian Lewis and John Alderson, Mrs. Donna Moores was costume convener, and Bob Heaton was in charge of lighting.

Mrs. Lorna Taylor was assisted by Mrs. Joan Chisholm in the tickets department, and Mrs. Sadie Johnson and Mrs. W. Solomons put on the happy faces in the make-up room.

The other officers of the club are Mrs. Eileen Hewitt, secretary; Mrs. Daphne Moon, treasurer, and ice committee Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Lewis.

## Resident Says Police Morale Low, Complaints are Ignored

"The police department in this town is a disgrace," Harold Rosalter of Prince Charles Drive told Council at their Monday night meeting. "Every time I go there with a complaint all I get is sympathy, and they tell me they can do nothing."

He charged there was no morale at all in the department and advised changes be made. "Around the Carrietta building cars park on the sidewalk, and nobody stops them." "The same car drives around three weeks or more with only one headlight, and nothing is done," he maintained. In conclusion he said, "I don't like coming here and blasting off, but I feel I have a legitimate beef."

The mayor explained that the police department was understaffed. He pointed out that while two probationary officers had been hired he concurred with the Police Commission report which had recommended that two sergeants be hired. "In this way, the men would have direction when the Chief is not in the office," said the mayor.

"The men we hired were hired as probationary officers but they have had experience," retorted Deputy Reeve Hunter. "One has seven years experience and the other has five." He contended that the department needs both more rookies and sergeants. The Deputy Reeve claimed that under the present agreement any higher positions are filled from the ranks, so sergeants could not be hired until the agreement is renewed. "I understand somebody has had the agreement for some time, but I haven't seen it, in fact I don't even know if it's signed," commented the deputy reeve.

"You know I couldn't sign it without the agreement of council," replied the mayor. "The whole thing will be discussed at committee on Wednesday," the mayor added.

Quoting from the Pollie Report, Councillor Don Powers read, "One sergeant should be hired immediately, and two more after the next two years." He commented "this is an exact quote."

## Principal Says Homework Takes Pupils' Leisure

An informal discussion of the desirability of homework was the feature at the March meeting of Harrison Teacher-Parent Association. Sitting around in a circle, all variations of opinions were heard, but the consensus seemed to be that no homework be given before Grade 6.

Surprisingly many parents favoured homework, but Principal Logan MacDonald felt that the after school hours should be for leisure. "Just the same as adults," he commented.

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## SCOUT COUNCIL BRIEFS

At a meeting of the Georgetown District Scout Council on Monday, March 15th.

- Training chairman Terry Glover reporting on the Boy Scout and Cub display at the Armory commented he was very pleased with the cooperation given him by the groups he contacted prior to Boy Scout Week. Mr. Glover suggested that possibly next year, District Council should arrange for the sale of soft drinks and coffee, so that the money raised could have gone to the district treasury.
- O & E chairman George Cozens asked that if the groups are in need of assistance from a "trouble shooting" point of view, they should contact him right away.
- Women's Auxiliary temporary chairman, Mrs. Wes Pickett gave her report on the organizational meeting held March 7th. She indicated that a considerable amount of enthusiasm was received and another meeting will be held shortly by the executive of each group.
- District Commissioner Vic Gunn in his report contended that the Scouting Display at the Armory was not a financial failure and produced \$13 to prove it. He indicated he was extremely pleased with the participation of all the Cub and Scout groups who turned out. He suggested the display be in the arena next year and more publicity given it.
- The Queen Scout Ceremony was discussed by Mr. Gunn and it was suggested by Mr. W. Pope that a special events committee be formed to take care of all the details of the ceremony. Provincial Field representative Denny Lewis said Scouts and their parents and other persons participating will be sent invitations.
- Terry Glover suggested a special events committee be formed to handle details of all Scouting activities such as the Scout Week Display and Cubore.
- A motion was passed allowing the spending of \$425 for camping and training equipment.
- The District Secretary was instructed to write the municipalities in the Green Acres Region with a request for a grant to Cubs and Scouts.

## Wants Stop Reversed At Main-Maple Corner

R.R. 2, Rockwood, Ontario.

Dear Sir,

Using Maple Avenue twice a day for the past five years, I am most interested in discussions and comments on the stop light at Main St. and Maple Ave. In my opinion there is nothing wrong with the stop light, it just happens to be the wrong way around, traffic in slippery weather, approaching the stop light from No. 7 Highway, stop on the upward grade, attempt to start, and just stays there, spinning their wheels. The more courageous or foolhardy drivers back up to take a run at the hill and immediately create a hazard to traffic using the comparative flatness of Main St.

From the opposite direction, (the Golf Course) traffic is on a down grade, and the inexperienced or unwary driver, attempting to obey the stop light in slippery weather, finds himself sliding into the intersection, and into the path of traffic (if any) using Main St. If the light was turned the accident hazard would be greatly reduced, owing to the fact that Main St. is, as noted, comparatively flat.

Whilst on the subject of roads, I fail to see why the new intersection at Guelp St. and Maple Ave. could not have been of a more practical design. Passing the Donmar Mill along Mt. View Rd. negotiating the narrowness of the hump-back railway bridge, the driver breathes a sigh of relief to find the road widens, until he reaches Guelp St. where, although there was ample space for construction, the road narrows left for no apparent reason. This winter I have seen one unwary motorist come close to flipping over when he caught the curb, which couldn't be defined due to snow.

I think many accidents due to automobiles running into trains at rural level crossings at night time, would be eliminated if legislation was passed making it compulsory in Canada for all letters and numbers and advertising on rolling stock to be painted in reflecting, fluorescent paint.

W. A. Johnson

## MAIL BAG

As far as the budget is concerned," retorted the Mayor angrily, "you have no concern over all the reckless spending, you are not interested in keeping the taxes down."

"Pouring oil on the troubled waters," Reeve Elliott admitted, the Police Department morale was low, but felt it up to them to find out what was wrong. He added that the recommended number of fifteen policemen was too high in his opinion, and felt a maximum of eleven was enough.

"I'm satisfied there is not much improvement so far," stated the mayor, "I feel there is only one answer, and I gave that in Committee."

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