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Georgetown's Share Third Largest in County Budget

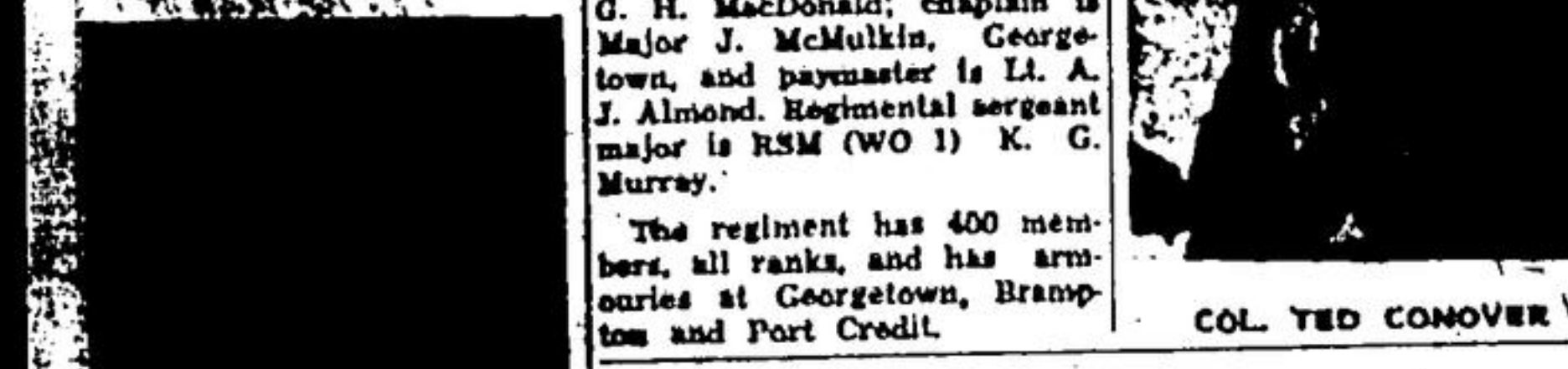
Georgetown will pay the third largest share of the new Halton county budget set at \$1,578,791. Halton officials said Georgetown will pay \$127,404, while Oakville will be the largest amount \$268,473, and Burlington the second largest, \$610,404. The county held its mill rate at 5.75, identical to 1964. This rate is made up of 4.1 mills for general purposes and 1.65 mills for roads. An additional \$102,174 will be gained by Halton this year from a special high school levy against Georgetown, Acton Milton, Esqueaux and Niagara Falls.

Hope to Pass \$2800 Red Cross Donations

"We hope to get over \$2,800 when all the returns are in," C. W. Corbett chairman of the Red Cross campaign told The Herald today. Mr. Corbett, reported \$2777 in contributions from Georgetown and district to date. Objective set by Ontario Division for this area was \$2,000. Milton, which conducted its campaign with help from Georgetown division had a total of \$1781 at last reports.

Lt. Col. Robert G. Hardie Assumes Command Lorne Scots

A new page in the history of the Lorne Scots Regiment began April 4 when Col. E. Y. Ted Conover C. D. relinquished command and Lt. Col. R. G. Hardie C. D. assumed command of the regiment. Skirling pipes, swinging sporrans and the sharp commands of military officers set the atmosphere for the ceremony at the Ontario Training Centre drill hall. Lt. Col. Hardie is the former commander of the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Own Rifles (Scottish).



LT. COL. BOB HARDIE

The occasion climaxed a four year command for Col. Conover and he urged the regiment to maintain its much respected traditions in years to come. "I have enjoyed my term as commanding officer of this proud regiment," he said, "and I can assure you that Lt. Col. Hardie will carry the Lorne Scots tradition high. He is a very competent officer." On hand to take the general salute was Brigadier J. C. Clement C. D., Central Ontario Area Commander. He spoke briefly of the efficiency of the regiment and congratulated Col. Conover on his high standards. "You have a tremendous responsibility in all ranks," he told the regiment, "and I know that you will carry on in the same traditions under your new commanding officer."

The afternoon included a march past of the five regimental companies, inspection of all ranks by Brigadier Clement, Col. Conover and Col. Hardie and the change of command ceremony. In the change of command ceremony, Lt. Col. J. Lowndes of the 48th Highlanders presented Lt. Col. Hardie with a playmate. Retiring with Lt. Col. Conover are ten officers and three non-commissioned officers including Captain A. E. MacLachlan and CSM William Collier C. D. of Georgetown. CSM Woz Collier is the last remaining member of the Halton Rifles which later became Provincial.

Still Await Approval For Centennial Project

A notice of a Conference in Newmarket April 24th sponsored by the Ontario Centennial Planning Branch sparked a discussion of the progress of Georgetown's Centennial project. The Cedarvale School, at Monday's council meeting.

"Just where do we stand now?" the mayor asked the Centennial Chairman W. Smith. Cr. Smith reported that as far as he knew the final questionnaire was in the hands of the Dept. of Municipal Affairs, and the town was simply waiting for approval or rejection. "There is nothing more to do," he added. "It seems to be rather indefinite," mused the mayor. "Could it have been the solicitor's neglect?" "Well, it could have been handled a lot faster," replied Cr. Smith. Later in the evening a letter from the Dept. of Municipal Affairs was read, saying that they had no reply to an earlier letter, and were anxious to complete the processing of Georgetown's application. It was decided to ask town solicitor F. Henson for an explanation of events up to date, and to authorize any member or members of Council to attend the Newmarket conference. "This way if our project is not approved," said Reeve Elliott, "we can find out more about other projects."

Pulp, Paper Group Tours Local Mills

Tours of the Domtar and Provincial paper coating mills were included in a meeting last week of the Niagara District Technical Section, Canadian Pulp and Paper Association. The visitors, numbering about 90, came to town by bus, and split into two groups for the mill tours. Later they had a dinner meeting at North Halton Golf and Country Club. Robert Thompson of Thorold, who is president chaired the meeting. Representing the Georgetown mills at the head table were Jack Critchton and Stan Finlay from Domtar, Harry Shortill and Fred Aggiss from Provincial.

Regret Calling For Police Probe-Mayor

"I have submitted my police budget and signed it as chairman, and as far as I'm concerned that's it," stated Mayor Gibbons at Council Monday night, when Reeve John Elliott stated he as finance chairman had no firm figures for the police budget. "I have a signed budget from you," replied the Reeve, "and another one of the Committee of the whole which met after the meeting, and the figures don't agree." "Would County Council take the recommendation of a committee who met after the meeting?" challenged the Mayor. The Reeve admitted they wouldn't wonder when a Police Committee meeting was going to settle it. The Mayor repeated that as far as he was concerned his figures were final. "If council members increase it, that is their responsibility," he claimed, "and I will not hesitate to point out both publicly and privately who is responsible for any increase in taxes." He concluded by saying, "If we met here a dozen times to discuss it I would not change my opinion."

Mysterious 'Big News' To Break By Mid-June

A former councillor, Jim Emmerson, returned to council Monday night to tell "of news beneficial to the town," which he expected would break between now and the middle of June. "I hope individuals on Council don't jump on the band wagon, saying look what I've done for the town," he warned. "There's a lot of private individuals working behind the scenes," he concluded. "If and when it does break, I hope you won't accuse me of jumping on the band wagon," said the Mayor. "I can't jump on," cracked Council Young. "I don't know what he's talking about." "If it's good news for a change," retorted Con. Smith, "let anybody jump on." Later, when by letter the Industrial Commission made a budget request for \$3,700, Coun. Smith stated, "these men who are undoubtedly aware of the development just mentioned are working behind the scenes, and their budget is well worth considering."

Trouten Rehearsing With Ro-Show Cast

A well-known voice will be heard in the Rotary show-dinner and dance May 14th at the Riviers when Tom Trouten returns to town to sing both by himself and in the chorus. Tom, now living in Burlington, recently received an Oscar. Not from the Motion Picture Academy, but from the Hamilton Theatre Inc for the best performance of the year. He has been attending the weekly choral rehearsals in the Riviers on Tuesdays. Thirty familiar faces will be watching the baton of Choral Director Ken Harrison, including Sandra Greig, Tom Darcie, Milree Armstrong, Vera Macdonald, Kay Chaplin, Jean Hancock, Crystal Wilson, Betty Green, Isabel Dobson, Edna Walker, Enid Ursel, Vera Turnbull, June Gosling, Jean Critchton, "Toots" Burns, Jim Merzison, Jamie Burns, Geoff Bligh, Dave Morgan, Hugo Dewinter, Walter Dupagne, Jim Turnbull, Bill Chaplin, Duncan Thompson, Gene Green, Charlie Crimes, John Kennedy, Keith Duncan, Frank Seddon, Bob Pinkerton and Al Landry.

Investigator 'Pussyfooted' Claims Councillor Young

"I asked you pointedly to discuss the police budget when we were discussing police salaries," retorted Coun. R. Francis, "and you walked out of the meeting." Coun. Francis was willing to accept the responsibility if the taxes went up, he said, since he felt the amount submitted by the Mayor was too low to provide adequate police protection for the town. "This is the first time you have ever had the responsibility to discuss a police budget," the Mayor shot back. "You assume the right to criticize and so do I. You have submitted things in your property budget which could be left out. No other Committee has been discussed to the event of the Police Committee," continued Francis. "Things in the police departments are far worse now than they were before," charged Coun. J. Young, "Mr. Taylor (Police Commission Investigator) pussyfooted through the whole thing, calling it a survey, not an investigation. All kinds of things were never checked out," maintained Coun. Young, "now the senior men think they are white haired boys." Winding up Coun. Young pointed out that fifteen men were recommended, and the town had five at the time, now two have been added. "How can we get along with five, six or seven men in a town of eleven thousand?" he demanded. When the debate concluded the police budget was still not finalized.

Car Total Wreck After Motorist Blacks Out

A 1965 Rambler was completely wrecked when it sheared off a hydro pole and plunged into a snow bank on Princess Anne Dr. after the driver apparently blacked out last week. Police said \$1,800 estimated damage was done to the car. It was being driven west on Princess Anne Dr. at about 8:15 Monday March 29 when the accident happened. The driver, Mrs. Leona Fidler of Chinguacousy Township was slowing to pick up a passenger when the car went out of control. She later said she felt dizzy just before the accident happened. Damage to the pole was \$125. Cpl. Ted Scott investigated the accident, the worst of five investigated by the Georgetown Police Department over the past few days. Three hundred and fifty dollars damage was done to the side of a 1965 Chrysler when it slammed into a light standard in the centre of Main St. Tuesday. The driver, Gino Civero, of Port Credit, said he didn't see the light standard when he pulled out of Maveat's Service Station lot on the road. Cat. George Martin investigated the accident.

Pied Piper Minister Is Returning

Easter week will see the return of Rev. Frank Wellington and as the children say, "The Puppet Show" will be on. This year the meetings will be moved to the High School cafeteria to accommodate the crowd. Last year attendance soared to 900 which made the change necessary. Elaborate plans for monitoring the children have been laid out as it takes a large number of adults and young people to watch the children. Included in the program this year will be a number of musical instruments that includes waterglasses, cow bells, octave chimes, not to speak of the unusual way, Rev. Wellington plays two instruments at one time. Parents are reminded that the meetings are for school aged children and can plan for it now, as the meetings begin Easter Monday. Parents should caution small children about the danger of playing near rivers this time of year.

Parents Uninterested Home, School Disbands

"It was just lack of interest on the part of the parents," said Boyd Lantz, president of the Georgetown Home and School Association in explaining the demise of the organization. He explained that the organization was voted out of existence on February 15th, and now is in the process of disbanding. The charter will have to be returned to the Ontario Federation of Home and Schools. "It is impossible to keep an Association going with five or six people attending," said the ex-president. He felt it would be a blow to the children, since last year the Home and School sponsored baseball and softball for a hundred and twenty five children between the ages of five and twelve. The Association had already voted to buy the school's tape recorder and a T. V. set, so this is being done now. This leaves only Harrison school with a Teacher-Parent Association. They disassociated from the Ontario Federation of Home and School.

Mr. & Mrs. T. Leslie Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leslie held open house at their home, 41 Victoria Ave., on Wednesday, March 31, the happy occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Frank Petch poured tea in the afternoon and Mrs. Russell Moore in the evening. Numerous cards, flowers and gifts were received and many friends called to express their good wishes to the happy couple. Before moving to Georgetown 17 year ago, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie farmed in the Everett district where on Friday evening, after a family dinner, a reception for friends and former neighbours was held in the Orange Hall. Their family of three sons and a daughter and six grand children were all present to celebrate the event. Relatives and friends attended from Ogdensburg and Buffalo, N. Y., Toronto, Georgetown, Glen Williams, Kitchener, Barrie, Oshawa, Collingwood, Duntroon, Creemore, Shelburne and Dundalk.

Women Plan To Sell Tourney Souvenirs

The International Bantam Hockey tournament will feature a souvenir booth again this year, a project of the Ladies' All Star Hockey Support Group. Pennants and other souvenirs, reminders of the 35th annual Bantam tournament will be sold at the booth. Also in the group's immediate plans is a dinner for all five local minor teams supported by the All Star Group. The dinner will be held in the Stewarttown Hall, Saturday, May 1. The next meeting will be April 18th at the home of Mrs. Sam Walker.

A LOOK AT THE WEATHER

Table with weather forecast data for March and April, including High/Low temperatures and precipitation.



SEED PACKAGING BEES TO BENEFIT WORKSHOP ADULTS. PACKAGING SEEDS (from left) are Mrs. Kay Butler, Mrs. Marion Coughlan, Mrs. Peggy Treahy, Mrs. Lee Sproule, and Mrs. Molly Cozens, members of the Georgetown Auxiliary of the North Halton Association, for the Mentally Retarded. The seed packages will be used in a fund raising campaign slated for May. Funds from the drive will go toward establishing an adult workshop for retarded adults from 18 up. Proceeds from the Ladies' March Dance last month, and a second dance to be held at the North Halton Golf and Country club the end of this month, will also go toward the workshop.