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Fimsy Wrapping, Late Mailing Make Postal Workers' Job Rougher

If your parcels and cards don't make it to their destinations in time for Christmas this year check the mailing date against the recommended deadline before you start sorting the postal system.

Georgetown post master Harold Marshall told The Herald yesterday that more people have ignored the deadline this year than ever.

"It may have appeared ridiculous to them to be asked to have their local cards in the mail eight days in advance of Christmas, but for all the handling involved it was not an unreasonable request by the postal department," Mr. Marshall commented. He said the Georgetown post office has been keeping up with the late flood of cards and parcels despite the bad timing by the senders, but at writing time (December 21) it appeared the peak mail volume day would be about two days later than usual.

Normally the tidal wave of cards starts to break about Dec. 20.

Deadlines set by the post office were November 23 for overseas mailing, December 13 for mail destined for other Western Canada, and Dec. 27 for local delivery.

As far as the total volume of mail goes, Mr. Marshall estimates it will be about normal.

"I have little doubt that most of the late mailing will get to their destination in time anyway, since they're being cleared out of this office each day. But if the senders made a little better effort to co-operate it would certainly aid in the handling," Mr. Marshall said.

Mr. Marshall said another big problem this year is the cards bearing incomplete addresses. He said from 15,000 to 18,000 incoming cards have been improperly addressed and some even carry old post office numbers which became obsolete when the Georgetown post office moved from Mill St. to Maple Ave. It takes extra time to process these.

Georgetown mailers have also hit a new low in the care they take in packing and wrapping parcels.

"We have had more parcels wrapped in tissue paper this season than ever before," Mr. Marshall said. "In past years people have been very good in making an effort to prepare their parcels for going through the mails, but careless packing and wrapping has been very evident this season," he said.

Mr. Marshall said it seems inconsistent that people who spend a large amount of money to buy a worthy gift then don't take the steps to insure it will reach the receiver in good condition.

Despite all the problems the post office staff will likely come through with flying colours as usual. Three additional mail carriers have been added for the Christmas season and the inside staff has swelled by 15 temporary members.

BACK TO POLLS FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Leave Kin Land Decision To 1966 Esqueing Council

At the last official meeting of Esqueing Council for this year, Trevor Moore, and Arthur Hias of London, representing the Kinsmen Club, appeared before Council requesting the approval of the land opposite Park School, for the Senior Citizens apartment project. The land is owned by Georgetown, but is in Esqueing township.

The Kinsmen eleven suite apartment for senior citizens ran into trouble with proposed rezoning in the area. The club felt the delay in rezoning might upset their plans, so they decided to try for this site instead.

Esqueing Council felt they could do nothing at this meeting, since they felt the new council should decide the matter.

Clerk K. C. Lindsay pointed out that Georgetown acquired the land in Esqueing by expropriating the land for spring water, back in the 1820's. The land was on the Cleave farm.

DEPUTY RECOUNT TUESDAY

James M. Emmerson, later by five votes in his bid for the Georgetown deputy reeve on December 4, has been granted a recount by County Judge Alan Sprague.

Judge Sprague has set Tuesday, December 28 as the date for the recount which will be held in the Georgetown Municipal building.

Mr. Emmerson, who was a Ward 2 councillor until a year ago when he was defeated in a vote for deputy reeve by Wm. F. Hunter, had 1413 votes this year. Successful candidate was James Young whose 1418 votes elevated him from a Ward 2 councillor to deputy reeve for 1966.

Esqueing Electors Vote Thursday Four Seek School Board Seat

For the first time in twenty years there will be two elections in one year in Esqueing. Dec. 23rd will be the second election day, this election to fill one vacant seat on the Esqueing School Board.

Your candidates are contesting the seat, they are Dr. C. A. Thompson, Julian Reed, James Lamond, and Andy Stull. They were nominated, Thursday night at a special nomination meeting held in Esqueing Council chambers.

The second nomination meeting was made necessary when there was one candidate short of a full Board. While the second election was necessary because more than one name was put up in nomination.

Present members of the Board are Russell Miller and Wm. Lawson, who were not up for re-election this year, and Chester Early and Lloyd Maber, who were elected by acclamation.

Dwyer's Goal Keeps Alouettes On Skids

Georgetown Raiders, gave the tobogganing Orangeville Alouettes a push Thursday night.

The Alouettes, who two weeks ago were Raiders closest pursuers, have been having their troubles of late. Wins have been hard to come by and the Alouettes have dropped like a stone into the depths of the 11 team Central Ontario Junior C heap.

A goal by Bill Dwyer with a little more than five minutes to go into the third period was the one that turned a see saw struggle into a Raider 2 point.

Orangeville were first to county with Madeline scoring from Watts at 2:14, but Georgetown came on strong from that point. Mike Cummins tie it from Ron Lane at 11 minutes and Bob Allen whipped Doug Sedby's pass home at 14:25 to give Georgetown a 2-1 advantage which they carried into the middle period.

Ron Lane registered Georgetown's 3rd goal from Allen and Riddall at 8:18 and Raiders had a two goal margin. Orangeville started to gnaw at it at 14:48 when Watts erased one goal from Kowalchuk. At 11:35 Kowalchuk made it a brand new game by converting Watts' pass into Orangeville's third goal.

Rod Presswood fed Paul Robinson whose pass to Dwyer concluded into the biggest goal of the game at 14:45.

Georgetown did more time than their hosts on the penalty bench but it was a tight race. Raiders took 14 penalties while Alouettes were nicked for 11.

BRIARHILL MAY BE DEVELOPED ON OUTSKIRTS

A small subdivision will spring up on Main St. S. just beyond Georgetown's boundary if the 1966 Esqueing Township Council gives the developer the green light.

Mr. Morris of Morris and Son Construction, sought approval for his project at the final meeting of Esqueing Council for this year last week.

The proposed subdivision, Briarhill, would be located on the old Cronar farm at the corner of the 8th Line of Esqueing, and No. 15 Sideroad (Stewarttown sideroad at Main St. S.).

Mr. Morris stated that he had already received all the other necessary approvals, and had contracted with the town of Georgetown for town water supply. He is also trying for town sewer connections.

Council decided to leave a decision to the 1966 council.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. J. N. W. Smith, daughter Heather and son John Gordon, Derby, England are home with her mother Mrs. Aileen Bradley and her grandmother Mrs. E. B. Gray, for the Christmas holidays.



"ANYTHING THERE FOR ME?"

ABLE FRANKRUYSER OF THE Georgetown Post Office sorting staff doesn't mind people looking over his shoulder while he works, especially if the onlooker happens to be a celebrity of the magnitude of this fellow. St. Nick has been a frequent visitor at the letter office of late. Says opening and reading all the letters and cards from Georgetown children is one of the real joys of his busiest season.

Scores Light Bulb Thieves Promises Heavy Penalties

"A light bulb for an outdoor display costs about 50 cents, but when they disappear from private homes in every part of town it becomes a \$1,000 loss, and the kind of operation we would like very much to put an end to," Georgetown's Chief Constable Roy Harley told The Herald yesterday.

"As well as being a highly annoying nuisance to the people who have taken the trouble to decorate their properties for the season this bulb snatching epidemic is in our opinion the lowest form of thievery," Chief Harley commented.

"The plague of light thefts has kept pace with the fantastic growth in the number of outdoor lighting displays locally and there is some feeling that householders will get so discouraged they will toss in the towel and forget about trying to contribute to the town's glowing mantle.

What the bulb snatchers don't know is that they are toying with heavy penalty. These Christmas lights are one of Chief Harley's pet peeves and the attentiveness of the officers is making the department head even more determined to catch the culprits.

"There are so many homes with Christmas light displays that it is practically impossible to be in the right spot at the right time, but the public can help us by notifying headquarters if they spot any suspicious looking vehicle touring their street," he said.

Chief Harley said he believes most of the thievery is done after 11 o'clock at night.

He said complaints indicate that displays in the George and Henry streets area, the Maple and Charles St. area and the east end in general are hardest hit by the thefts.

"We will prosecute to the fullest extent if we can get our hands on them," the Chief Constable stated. "This kind of light displays is something I feel very strong about."

CGIT Girls Carried Lighted Candles at Knox Church Service

Knox Presbyterian Church decorated with lighted Christmas trees and glowing candles was the scene of the Annual Candlelight Vesper Service on Sunday evening conducted by the Canadian Girls in Training, assisted by the Children of the Church and the Junior and Senior Chorus.

The Children of the Church and the Junior Choir sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and recited the call to worship. The Senior Choir sang two beautiful anthems under the direction of Mrs. E. Gowland, the organist.

Candles representing God's Concern for us, His Love and His Presence, and our Obedience and Dedication were lighted by Beth Young, Carolyn Wright, Peggy Given, Connie Bombolt and Karen Mintern. Readers were Jane Graf, Linda Oliver, Diane Baxter, Irene Keir, Gail Jamieson and Janet Henderson.

The offering was taken by two boys and two girls of the Junior Choir and the Offertory Carol was sung by Jane Graf, Peggy Given, Karen Mintern and Beth Young.

The recessional carol was "As With Gladness" and the girls and the Junior and Senior Chorus lined the 2 aisles carrying their lighted candles while the Rev. Norman Young gave the benediction.

Five Member Group To Select Officers Welfare Committee

A five person Nominating Committee has been set up to establish an executive for the proposed Welfare Co-ordinating Committee, which is hoped to be formed soon.

The need for such a Committee has been noted for some time, when service clubs and welfare agencies found overlapping in duplication on one hand and deprivation on the other.

The nominating Committee consists of Mrs. M. Pearson, Mrs. S. Walsh, Mrs. Ann French, Jerry Corbett, D. C., and John Elliott. They hope to present a slate of officers on January 6th.

This Committee will be a central agency where needs of different groups, such as welfare, County Health, Children's Aid, and service clubs can bring their individual problems and try to find one common solution.

In the past transportation for cancer treatment, and other different types of hospital treatment, would be provided by two different groups, however it is hoped that now transport-