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BOOK BORROWING BOOM



IS LIBRARY NEAR SATURATION POINT?

ABOVE, PUBLIC AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS take advantage of the study benefits offered by the Georgetown Public Library at the corner of Market and Church Streets. The Library's popularity has increased to such an extent recently that for the first time in its history the demand for books is threatening to overtake the supply. The board made a plea for more financial support in a letter to council Monday which they said they felt is a must if enough books are to be provided to meet the ever-increasing demand. See Library story on page 10.

Police Chief Seeks OPC Assess His Capabilities

Roy Haley, Georgetown's police chief since local policing replaced the Ontario Provincial Police twelve years ago, has asked council to request an investigation by the Ontario Police Commission into his capabilities. If I am found lacking in certain qualifications, I will take whatever steps necessary on the endorsement of the commission, he said. At the same time, the chief has requested that qualifications of all police officers be examined at the same time, as to their capabilities of becoming chief executive officers and that the recommendations of the OPC be accepted. Council referred the request to committee to study with no comment. He said that he has worked hard and honestly at his job.

Leaves St. Paul's Church For Mission in Quebec

Members of the Couples Club of First and St. Paul's Baptist Churches, St. Paul's Church Women's group, and friends from Acton Baptist Church said farewell to Rev. and Mrs. William Baxter at a social evening in St. Paul's Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, who are leaving Georgetown to move to another home mission church at Otter Lake, Quebec, were presented with a gift at the conclusion of the evening. Couples club president Donald Livingstone spoke prior to the presentation which was made by past president Kenneth McCosh. A highlight was the showing of stereo (3D) slides taken by Mr. Baxter's brother, Charles Baxter of Ancaster.

Switch Stop Streets at Maple and Main

A switch in stop streets at the Maple and Main corner was approved by council on Monday. The new procedure will make Maple a through street, and require motorists to stop on Main. The flasher light will also be switched to show red to traffic proceeding on Main, and amber to Maple traffic.

Mayor Indicates Review Town Salaries Needed

A general revision of municipal salaries was indicated in a statement by Mayor Gibbons to council Monday. "They only tell you what salaries you should pay," said Reeve Hunter. "A menace to both sides," was Cr. Bob Francis' comment. "It was at my request that we got this information," said Cr. Roy Ballentine. "I'm not qualified to say what one employee should get in relation to another, I don't want a repetition of last year when we were changing every few weeks."

Beards Can Win Prize Centen Contest Starts

Those bearded gentlemen you see at this year's fall fair won't be visitors from the Kentucky hills. Behind the foliage will be a number of centennial-minded citizens who have entered a contest which is one of the town's celebration features.

A LOOK AT THE WEATHER

Date	H	L	Hrs Sun
18 Wed.	14	-3	7
19 Thurs.	20	-5	6
20 Fri.	34	13	6
21 Sat.	41	29	6
22 Sun.	36	26	1
23 Mon.	52	36	1
24 Tues.	43	30	1
Average High: 34.4. Average Low: 18. Mean Temp: 26.2 (6 above normal) Precipitation: Trace			
Hours of Sunshine 27. (41 per cent of possible)			

RECENT RESIDENTS

By far the largest proportion of the people in Halton County have settled in the area within the last fifteen years.

Annual Report

More Charges, More Fines Reflect Increased Police Force

The value of a 15 man police force as recommended for Georgetown by the Ontario Police Commission was justified in a report released to the press this week. The report, submitted by Chief Constable Roy Haley to the town's Police Committee, reflects the increase in force strength in more charges laid more fines for by-law infractions, and a complete absence of major crime during 1966.

Most glaring improvements come under the headings of Traffic Act Charges, where there were 1,256 charges laid compared to 434 in 1965; By-Laws, where there were 266 charges laid compared to 66 in 1965; and Parking Tags of which 2,727 were issued in 1966, compared to 749 in 1965. Chief Haley cited the bringing of staff up to recommended strength, the hiring of a Police Cadet, the creation of an Inspector's position, and finding additional space for the department in the municipal building as departmental advances in 1966.

He said the larger staff makes it possible to effect a far greater police effort and projection of law enforcement for the town. The addition of a Cadet to concentrate on enforcing by-law infractions, freed men for field duties, and creating an Inspector's post gave the department a much needed field supervisor. "Stricter supervision and discipline within the Department has raised morale to high level," the chief stated. An estimated \$70,000 damage was done in 206 accidents on Georgetown streets during the year according to the report. There was one fatality, 77 persons injured, and 181 charges laid as a result of accidents. Main cause cited for motor vehicle mishaps in 1966 were careless driving, impaired driving, failing to yield right of way, and excessive speed.

The Department employed two cruisers, a 1965 Pontiac and a 1966 Chevrolet and rolled up a combined mileage of 103,300 on police duty in the 12 months period.

The Department includes the following personnel: Chief, Constable Roy Haley; Inspector, Harley Love, Sergeant George Louth, Probationary Corporals Dan Martin and Thomas Oakley, 1st Class Cst. Henry Vanderstuis, 2nd Class Cst. Harry Liberty, 3rd Class Cst. David Bell, Probationary Constables Earl Andrew, Rod Donaldson, Jason Field, John Glass, Roy Henderson, and Keith Orpen. Police Cadet William Cunningham, and office clerk Mrs. Anne Connely.

The following is a comparison of police records of the year just completed with 1965.

1966	1965	
Complaints received and invest.	2,028	2,165
Accid. Invest.	206	194
Parking Tags	2,721	749
Insecure prop.	178	95
Traffic Act char.	1,256	434
Motor Vehicle Act Charges	22	16
Crim. Code Act	158	148
Liquor Act	154	146
By-Law Char.	266	66
Warrants Issued	117	47
Sumons' served for other depart.	336	290

Residential Tops Rural

'Quiet Revolution' Changing Face of Esquesing Twp.

Plans 100 Apartments In River Drive Project

If plans of Howard Colon ready received municipal approval, Georgetown will have three new apartment buildings on River Drive west of Mountainview Rd. On Monday, when application was received for two similar structures, council referred One 36 suite structure at this to the Planning Board.

Local Kin Host Preston Hear of Atomic Power

Guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Kinsmen Club of Georgetown on Monday night was Mr. Ivan Lloyd an employee of Ontario Hydro and former Chief Guide at the Douglas Point Nuclear Power Station. Mr. Lloyd illustrated his talk with slides, in which he traced the history of atomic power and showed how power is obtained from the uranium atom and then converted into electrical energy. He pointed out that Canada was the second nation in the world to have a working atomic reactor and that all Canadian research and development has been directed toward peacetime applications and not toward nuclear weapons. An active and interesting question and answer period followed Mr. Lloyd's speech. Mr. Lloyd was introduced by past pres. Bob Collett and thanked by Kin Doug Ditchfield.

For the first time in the history of Esquesing Township, the residential assessment outstripped the farming assessment, during 1966. The changing nature of the township was shown in the assessment roll for 1966, at last week's meeting of Esquesing council, with 40.81 per cent residential; 40.27 per cent farming; and 18.92 per cent industrial and commercial.

A delegation from Esquesing school board told council of dogs running loose around Glen Williams school. One child was bitten last week. Council explained there was little they could do, unless the dogs were held until the dogcatcher was sent for. They could not pass a by-law demanding farm dogs be tied up, they pointed out. The school board suggested they themselves would write to the parents asking the dogs to be kept home during school lunch, recess, and dismissal hours.

With members from Acton council requesting Esquesing to amend their anti-burning by-law to allow Acton to operate a garbage dump in Esquesing and a petition from residents of both Acton and Esquesing urging just the opposite, Esquesing council did not come to a decision on the proposed Acton dump. The property is owned by the town of Acton, but it is in Esquesing township.

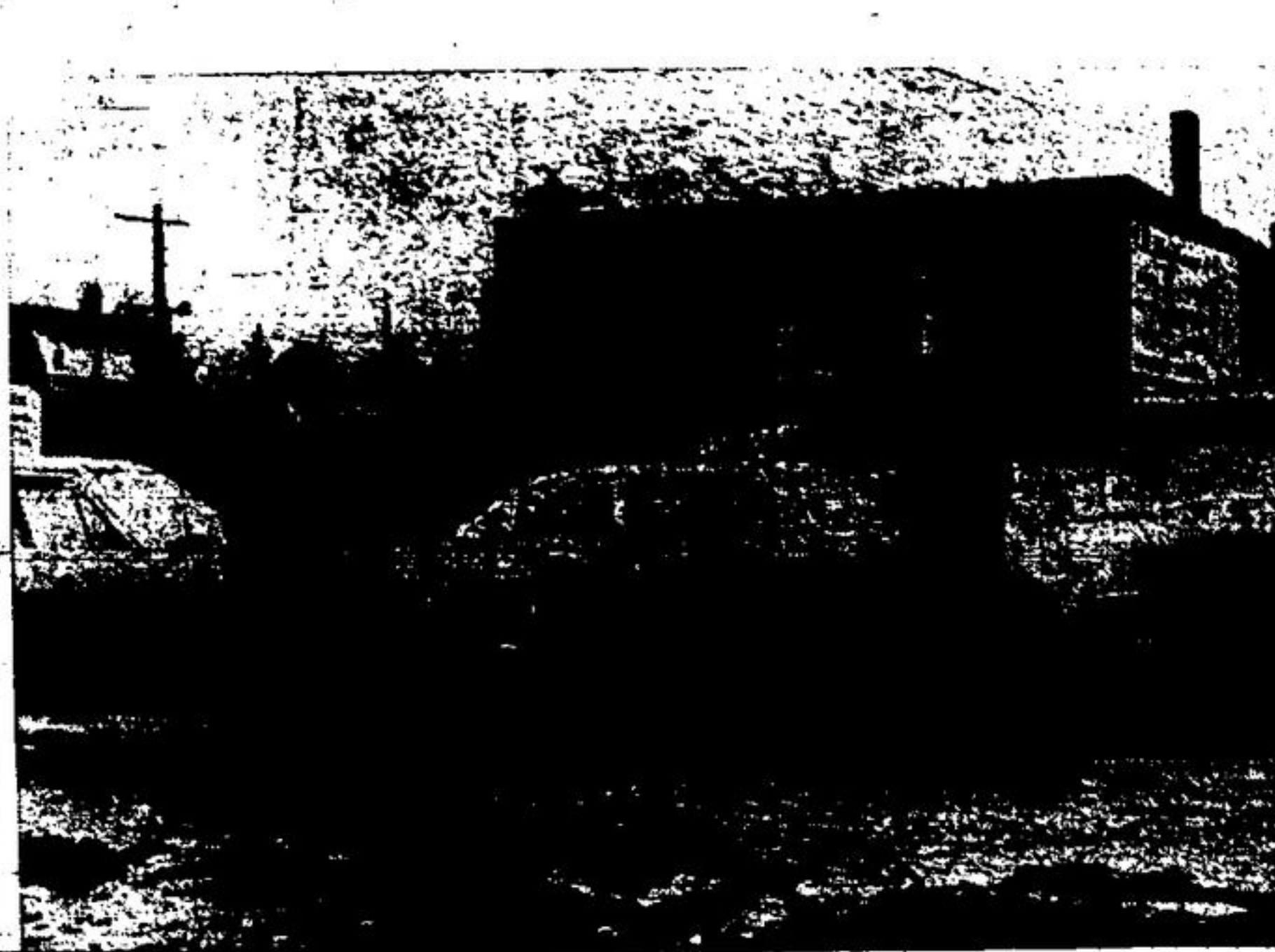
MAYOR TAKES SWING AT LIBRARY BOARD

Georgetown Library Board has asked for an increased town grant this year. In a letter to council, the board has requested a \$2,000 per capita grant instead of the \$1.15 received last year. The Board cites a growing membership and the need for more books as one of the reasons, while pointing out how its services have expanded with story times for children and longer open hours.

When the letter was read on Monday, one councillor, Robert Francis, indicated he favours the board's request. But Mayor Gibbons termed the request "ridiculously high" and said an attempt should be made to get extra revenue from Esquesing whose residents use the library too. He took a roundhouse swing at the board when he said there has been "turmoil since some appointments were made."

"I don't say throw out the whole barrel because of one rotten apple," he said "but I don't like the library to be used as a campaign place for candidates."

SMILE Girl explaining newly engaged couple to another girl. "They're a sweet couple, except for her."



Cruisers rolled up 103,300 miles in 1966. On right there are Inspector Love and Cpl. Oakley.



A major innovation was the hiring of Police Cadet William Cunningham to concentrate on enforcing by-law infractions.

CHIEF CONSTABLE R. HALEY