

## Organization Members Best Civic Citizens, Survey Finds

People who belong to voluntary organizations are the people most interested in, and aware of, the roles and personalities in local government in Georgetown, according to the preliminary results of a sociology survey conducted here by Professor Alan Powell and his assistants from the University of Toronto.

Speaking to a meeting sponsored by the Civic Group of Georgetown at Cedarvale Auditorium Monday evening, Mr. Powell also disclosed that of the four major religious categories which they could distinguish in Georgetown, the awareness of local government and its problems is highest for members of what might be called "nominal" denominations, for example, Anglicans (78 per cent). Awareness is lowest for adherents of those denominations which are more demanding of their members' loyalties.

Mr. Powell emphasized that his conclusions could not be considered really representative of the total population since, because of time and financial limitations, the random survey contacted only 260 people. His talk on Monday, concerned the preliminary results of the first part of his study carried out in January 1946. The complete survey took 20 months, and was completed this summer. Final results of the study, yet to be computerized, will be available in the Public Library in April.

Mr. Powell said his survey indicated that workers in voluntary organizations are also tops for their interest in the workings of local government. It also disclosed that women are considerably more critical

in their reaction to local government than men. It revealed that the older a citizen is, the more likely he is to have an opinion of some kind about local government, younger people are more indifferent.

After asking the recipient of their telephone call to classify himself as upper, middle, or lower income, the survey found that upper income persons are more prone to evaluate local government than middle or lower income citizens. Indifference is apparent in the latter two stratas. However, the study found no relationship between income and voting in the last local election, although it appeared upper income people attend council meetings twice as often as lower income people. Those of urban origin are twice as likely to attend council meetings as those of rural origin, according to these preliminary survey results.

Analyzing voting habits, the survey disclosed that married couples with children are more likely to vote than "married" couples without children.

In order to make up their deductions, the team of researchers questioned community leaders from three to six hours, made a random telephone interview survey of 260 adults, and perused Herald newspaper files to familiarize themselves with the problems and political trends in town over the past ten years. The people they called were asked to express opinions on the collapse of Avro, the Separate School Strike, the controversy over the purchase of Cedarvale, the last local election, and the growth of the new subdivisions.

Mr. Powell, who will include the results of the sociological survey of Georgetown in a thesis for his Doctorate degree, chose Georgetown for his study because he felt it crystallized the problems facing all small communities which, while keeping their own identities, are very rapidly changing in all phases of their development, into large urban centres.

Mr. Powell concluded his address by giving the audience anonymous samplings of comments received in the survey in answer to the question, "what do you think of the Civic Group?"

Mr. John Bellamy, secretary of the Civic Group, introduced Mr. Powell.

## Legion Marking Remembrance Day with Parade, Dinner

The Canadian Legion Branch in town is coming into its busiest season. From now until the New Year the Branch becomes a busy place, with many projects under way.

Already, in conjunction with their padre, Rev. Kelvin Johnston, plans have been made for the annual Remembrance Day parade, this year to be held on the 5th of November.

The annual "event of the year" for the veterans, the Remembrance Dinner, will be held Friday, November 10th in the auditorium. It is understood a very special evening is in store, and the guest speaker is John T. Armstrong, long time honorary member and former mayor. This event is always a sell out with members either obtaining their tickets right away or finding themselves out of luck. This year the Branch will hold their New Year's party on Friday, December 28th, and the kiddies Christmas Tree is to be held Thursday, Dec. 21.

The auditorium has been receiving a certain amount of redecorating and renovations, as their busy season approaches.

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A Georgetown district firm pleaded guilty to a contravention of the Unemployment Insurance Act in Magistrate J. R. Black's court in Milton.

The court convicted the defendant, sentencing it to a fine of \$50 and costs for failure to make a written return of information.

## Ten Years OPP Clerk, Mrs. Quinton Retires

About 60 co-workers from North Halton OPP detachment and friends held a farewell party in Milton Legion Hall for Mrs. Anne Quinton of Georgetown who has resigned after 10 years as an OPP clerk-stenographer to devote her time to household duties.

Mrs. Quinton joined North Halton detachment six years ago after four years with the Mount Forest detachment headquarters.

Sgt. C. J. Parkinson presented a brocade billfold and a gift of money on behalf of those who were associated with her. Cards and dancing followed the presentation.

Halley's comet, last seen in 1910 reappears roughly every 76 years, and is next due in 1986.

## Team Shooting Prize Won by Lorne Scots

The Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment) won the Centennial Rifle Shoot at Camp Borden this weekend. It was organized by the Ontario Rifle Association in conjunction with the Ontario Region of the Canadian Armed Forces, Oakville.

Lorne Scots marksmen beat representatives of 24 militia units to win nine of 15 trophies and walk off with the competition.

Top prize of the day, the Sir Casmir Gzowski Challenge Trophy, was won by Private George Marsh of Rexdale.

The Lorne Scots won the top team prize of the day, the Central Command Shooting Championship (Militia) as well as the Tyro team championship.

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### BRIDGE CLUB

Ten tables of duplicate bridge were in play Tues., Oct. 10th, in the Legion Auditorium, North-South winners; George Sargent, R. Prust; Mrs. M. Taylor and Mrs. B. Pattullo; Mr. and Mrs. Art Norris; Mrs. Sue Sullivan and Cam Snelair.

East-West; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Barbour, Mrs. Mary Rose Peters and Mrs. Doris Barber; Mr. and Mrs. R. Dickson; Miss Florence Wright and Mr. L. Lawson.

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## Predicts Maximum Occupancy For Hospital Winter Months

Occupancy at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital from now until spring will be at maximum, hospital administrator Fred Whittaker predicted this week.

Mr. Whittaker said a number of beds were available in late August and early September, accounting for decreases in occupancy rates which showed up on monthly reports, but, he said in a press release to the Herald this week, it's expected the demand for beds in medical and surgical ward which existed before the summer months will occur again this month.

The percentage of beds occupied during September was 55.9 for adults and children and 83.9 for newborn.

Other statistics contained in the September report:

	Sept.	Yr. to date
Admissions:		
Adults and chil.	154	1,348
Births	27	185
Daily average patient load:		
Adults & chil'n	37.4	46.6
Newborn	5.4	4.8
Avg. length of stay		
Adults & chil'n	7.6	9.3
Newborn	6.5	7.0
Major operations	11	114
Minor operations	22	343
Tonsils & Aden's	19	132
Emergency Visits	175	1,692
X-ray exam's.	517	4,459

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