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HAPPY HAYRIDERS

A CONTINUOUS HAY RIDE enjoyed by youngsters and adults alike was a highlight at Georgetown Golf & Country Club's Winter Frolic Saturday. It was a day for all the family with tobogganing, bonfires, hot dogs for children, hayrides, and snowmobiling with rental machines available. A moccasin dance in the evening capped the successful affair. Piloting the hayride tractor, above, is the club's greenskeeper, Bobby Hall.

New Town Position, Council Engage Clerk-Administrator

Georgetown council hired a clerk-administrator on Monday. But the appointment is subject to a meeting with council's No. 1 committee, to discuss and draw up a list of duties before he accepts the position.

On Monday, council voted 5-3 to hire Donald C. MacDonald of Streetsville for the newly-created post. The town had advertised on two occasions last year and had interviewed applicants on two or three occasions.

Reeve Hunter, Crs. Hole, Bentine, Young and Emmerson voted for the appointment Monday. It was opposed by Mayor Gibbons and Crs. Smith and Francis. Deputy Reeve Speight was absent from the meeting.

Reeve Hunter, who has been a proponent of the move, said the new man would coordinate all town departments and would have the advice of town clerk C. G. Benham in getting familiar with town affairs. Mr. Benham, he said, had been consulted and said he did not want to apply for the position. He said the new man could easily prepare 90% of the town's by-laws at a considerable saving in legal fees.

"Where are we going to put him?" queried Cr. Smith. "Is a \$9,000 man going to supervise a \$12,700 engineer? Our new engineer is going to ease some of the workload of the clerk and staff, and we don't need another top employee."

Mr. Smith expressed concern about mounting municipal costs. The new engineer has said he needs two or three assistants in his department, he said, and the town increased its payroll with hiring of a new assessor last year.

The mayor was even more outspoken. "Haven't we already got a clerk-administrator in Mr. Benham?" he asked. "How many more top men do we need. What's the new man's jurisdiction? I don't think we need him at all."

He said the reeve's statement was confusing. "In one breath you say he will be a co-ordinator, and in the next you say Mr. Benham will be telling him what to do," he said. "You've given no sound reason for spending money which will only create in confusion."

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Acts as Own Lawyer, Dog Complaint Fails

After an unsuccessful attempt to act as his own lawyer in magistrate's court Wednesday, a Georgetown man still does not know whether his town's dog control by-law has any teeth in it.

The man was bringing a private complaint against his neighbour, charging him with allowing his pet Daschund to run at large.

He wakes me up at night, uses my lawn for a public wash-room, and interferes with the garbage," the man testified.

He said he had gone to the town dog control officer with his complaint, and then to the police "but nothing worked."

"So I am bringing him to this court to see if our Georgetown by-law means what it says," he said.

Under cross examination by the defence lawyer, the complainant revealed he had similar complaints against other neighbours, does not own a dog himself, and there is another Daschund on the block with the same colouring and name as the defendant's dog.

In dismissing the charge, Magistrate James Black said he could not register a conviction without certain evidence a layman is not qualified to present, such as the identity of the dog, and proof of the exact terms of the by-law.

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Create Five Man Industrial Body

FIRST IN CLASS AT GUELPH 'U'



Jim Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Harris, RR 2, Georgetown, is home for a winter holiday after finishing his second semester in a B.Sc. course at the University of Guelph. He ranked first in his class with an average of 85 per cent. He is working at Superior Foods until his return to the University in April.

SILVERWOOD

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Esquesing-Town Talks Continue on Fire Area

Esquesing township is still interested in continuing an arrangement with Georgetown by which the town's volunteer fire department serves part of the Township.

Alarmed at an increased charge last year, Esquesing advertised for tenders for a firehall and discussed forming its own rural department.

Monday, town council was asked to have its fire committee meet with an Esquesing committee to continue talks. A meeting was set for next Tuesday.

No Action Till March Council Tells Brumac

Large scale development of residential land in the southeasterly part of town will not receive further council consideration until March at least.

The land owner, Brumac (Metro Halton Developments) asked council to release the land for building recently, offering half a million dollars in cash plus other concessions for the release.

Council has engaged a consulting firm to advise what the town should do.

On Monday a letter sent by Mayor Gibbons to the Brumac firm stated that council is "unwilling or unable to submit any proposal at the present time" and that it is waiting the consultants' report which is due in March.

"They were in almost daily contact with me, asking what we are doing," explained the mayor. "I thought I should tell them council's position and did so in this letter."

Adjust Parking Meters To Start at 9:00 a.m.

An aggravation for early morning parkers downtown will soon be removed.

At Reeve Hunter's suggestion on Monday, council agreed to have the present 9:00 a.m. which appears on the meters altered to 9:00 a.m.

"It's foolish to expect people to pay a meter fee before the stores are open," said the reeve. "And yet we can't blame the police for tagging cars when the hours are stated on the meters."

Computer Speeds Up System In County Immunization

The information from eight or nine schools is already on tape and being used by the unit for this year's inoculation program.

The computer scans the tape from a school, selects the children who are due for a certain shot, and then prints an addressed parent consent card.

"Something it would take our staff several days to do can now be done in a matter of hours," Dr. Hay said. "By the old method, our office staff must read through each child's record, figure out how long ago he had his last shot, then type and address the parent consent form."

It will be about 18 months before the records from every school in the county can be transferred to computer tape. Burlington will be finished first then Oakville and then Milton and Georgetown.

Schools Taped

Then it will just be a matter of adding new children as they enter school or are brought by their parents to a public clinic," Dr. Hay said. "We will have a master tape from which we can instantly extract the records of an individual child or a whole school."

Dr. Hay reports great interest among other Ontario health units in the progress of Halton's experiment.

Gibbons Sole Opponent To Re-Establishing Commission

A Georgetown Industrial Commission was re-established Monday by Council.

The five man commission includes Herbert J. Herder, industrial development representative for Canadian National Railways until his retirement last year; Alex Blackwell, United Gas manager; William McNally contractor; Phillip Siddall, production and control manager at General Fireproofing; and Cr. Wheldon Emmerson.

Mr. Emmerson, who suggested the new commission, said that he has found his position as council's industrial chairman time-consuming, with all correspondence and enquiries channeled to him.

"The town needs a commission to help plan our industrial future," he said. "I had this in my election platform a year ago, but in view of a situation, at that time, I delayed action until things settled down."

The last commission resigned when council of that day insisted on council representatives on the commission and criticized the commission's work being kept secret from councillors.

Mr. Emmerson said he will continue to treat any matter in confidence when it is requested, as often firms wish to keep the fact they are seeking a new location a secret.

While the commission found favour with a council majority, Mayor Gibbons voted against it.

He can see no reason for a commission, he said, with most of the town-owned land already sold.

"It is council that gets the praise or blame in industrial matters," he said. "We had a commission and they resigned because they didn't want council to know what was going on. They didn't bring any industry that I know of."

Cr. Robert Francis disagreed. "They dictated their terms to council and we didn't like it," he said. "This is a different group. We'll be aware of what's going on. We can't be missing some golden opportunities without a commission."

Cr. Francis said the commission could assist the town even by locating an industry in the adjoining township, as this would bring business and jobs to Georgetown people.

Assures Esquesing Land Won't be Used for Dump

With the assurance of Acton mayor Les Doby that the 60 acres of land owned by Acton in Esquesing township will not be used for a dump, or garbage disposal of any kind, Esquesing council seems favourably disposed toward allowing Acton to annex the area.

The land in question lies at the south east end of Acton, between Cobblehill Road and Fairview Cemetery. The old part of the cemetery is in Acton, the new part in Esquesing.

"The only thing I want to know," said Reeve George Currie at Monday's council meeting, "is this. Can you assure me you never intend to put a dump there?" He pointed out there are two pages of names on a petition, opposing a dump near the cemetery.

Mayor Doby assured him repeatedly, saying they have their garbage problem under control now on another site.

Cr. Pat Patterson pointed out there are no taxes coming from the cemetery and very little from the rest of the land.

Council decided to ask the solicitor to draw up an agreement. Snow on the sidewalks in Norval is forcing the children

to walk on the highway. Cr. Pat Patterson told Esquesing council. He claimed the Dept. of Highways' ploughs piled the snow up on the sidewalk to a depth most people wouldn't want to dig.

Council passed a motion requesting the Dept. of Highways to remove the snow from the sidewalks.

Reluctantly, Reeve George Currie allowed himself to be appointed to the Halton County Industrial Committee. "If you want to put me on it, it's okay, but there'll be no fee paid to me by the township, it's not worth it," he commented. The members of this county committee are paid by their own municipality.

Eighteen lights in Stewarttown would cost \$2,280 and would be paid by the people affected.

The cost will be apportioned on an assessment basis, then a public meeting called. If the people affected agree to the cost the lights will be installed.

Halton-Peel Building Maintenance Co. was hired as caretakers of the municipal building and grounds, at a cost of \$28.50 a week.

With expanding staff in an already crowded municipal building, council on Monday took action to secure temporary quarters for two town departments.

If Metro Halton Developments accept an offer, the assessment and engineering departments will be housed in offices in the Delrex building on the highway. The town would pay some \$3000 a year for rental of 1600 square feet of space.

The departments will be permanently located in a planned new town garage and storage building.

A suggestion by Reeve Hunter that the third floor of the town-owned Cedarvale Community Centre might be used for only minorly support from Crs. Emmerson and Hole.

The eight or nine small upstairs rooms could not be readily adapted for town offices, said Cr. Jim Young. And Mayor Joseph Gibbons said this, plus a poor roadway makes this impossible.

A telephone switchboard system was voted by council on Monday for the municipal office.

It would replace the present system of seven or eight separate telephones for the various town departments.

Reeve Wm. F. Hunter, who proposed the plan said the switchboard would cost little more than at present and would have the advantage of all calls being channelled through a central office.

Sor will require extra office help, said Cr. Roy Ballestrino, as it does not take special skills to operate a switchboard.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Faverley of Regina, Saskatchewan, were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peters, 28 Charles Street. Mrs. Peters and Mrs. Faverley are sisters.