

# Denney Charles is Chairman Georgetown Hospital Board

by Lee Clark

Last Thursday evening the Hospital Board held their first board meeting after the annual Association elections.

The 1967-68 chairman Magistrate John Ord was succeeded by Denney Charles, vice president. Vice chairman is Leslie Clark; 2nd vice Terry Baines; secretary, Mrs. Henry Martin; treasurer, Mrs. Elsie Hamilton.

Retiring chairman Ord was thanked by John Armstrong for his very excellent stewardship of hospital affairs in his time of office. He replied that it had been a distinct pleasure working with the group, and that he wished his successor every success in his term of office.

Mr. Charles then presented a silver tray to Mr. Ord, and also made presentations of trays to past presidents, Armstrong and Evans.

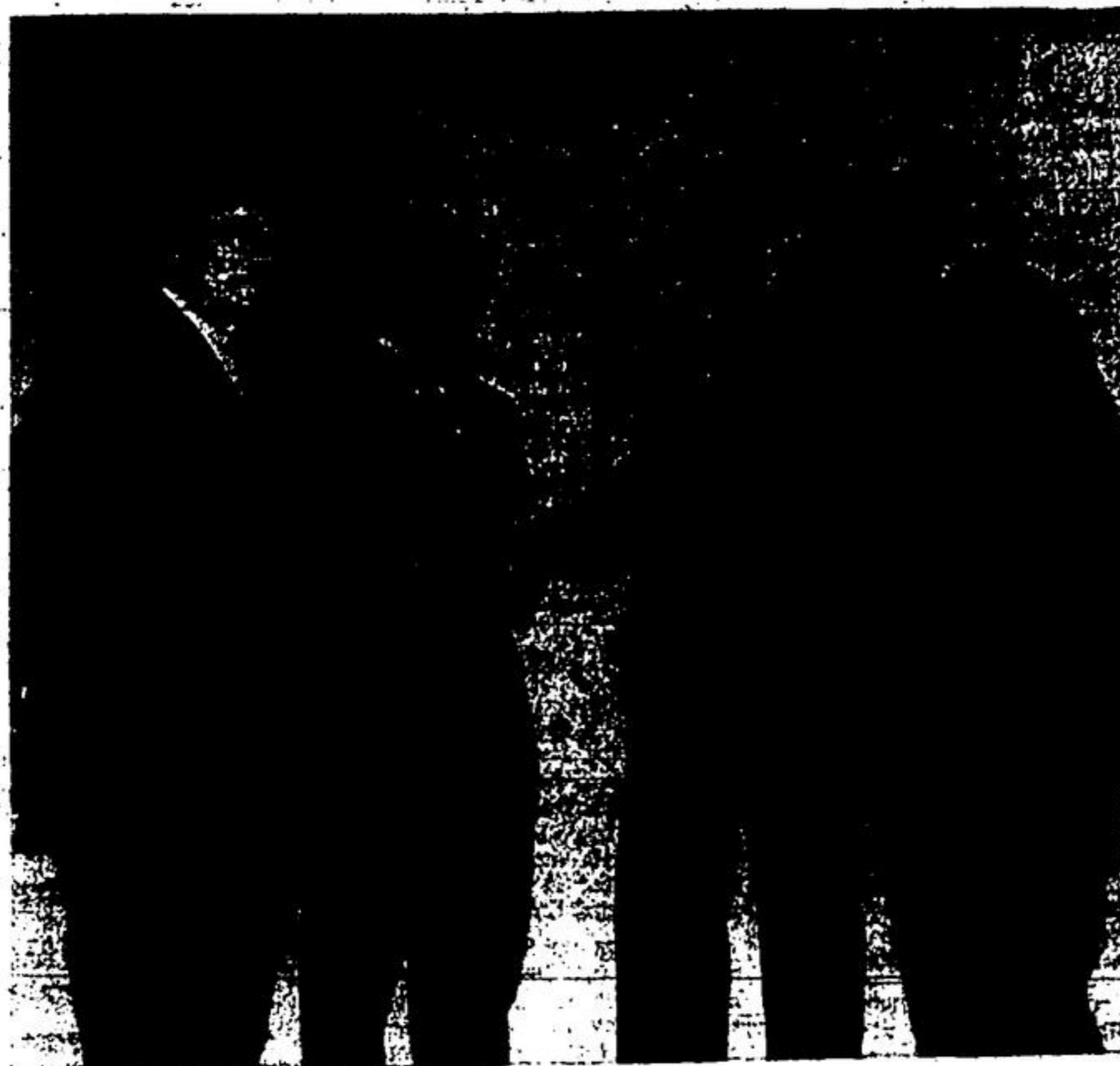
The meeting proceeded with regular business and correspondence was read from the architects regarding plans for the extension.

Considerable discussion was given to finance regarding the extension, and Deputy-Reeve Spaight reported the action regarding the matter taken at the Council meeting Monday evening.

Anyone who is sympathetic to the Hospital, and its welfare, must have been rather pleased, to put it mildly, at the sympathetic attitude taken by Georgetown council regarding the proposed expansion. The deputy reeve certainly stated the case for the need of financial aid by the Corporation.

With the very substantial amount of money necessary for an addition it would seem by far the fairest method would be from the local taxes. By so doing, everyone would be bearing a share of the cost of a facility we must all depend upon.

Anyone who has had any reason to visit the Hospital recently must be appalled at the signs of overcrowding—becoming more apparent each week. The thinking regarding the size of the addition seems to indicate an extension of some 30-odd beds on the second floor, with a third floor 'shelved in for future use. The survey of



NEW HOSPITAL BOARD CHAIRMAN Denney Charles, second from right, with past chairmen (l. to r.): John T. Armstrong, John Ord, and Ted Evans. The past chairmen were presented with silver trays.

hospital needs in this community indicates that this would be an absolute minimum needed for the population growth in the next few years. This survey, in our opinion at least, was based on a very low figure, for a town that is expanding at a ten per cent rate.

As always, when called on, the citizens of Georgetown are behind any project when it is needed. The Board are certainly most conscious and grateful for the tremendous support in the initial fund-raising campaign, and so we hope that they will support the idea of raising money this time by the fairest means to all, taxation. Certainly the need is great, and becoming more acute each month. An addition MUST be started in the very near future.

This week, once again, the Hospital has received a substantial donation from the Music Department of the High School, for equipment in the Hospital. Our administrator, Fred Whittaker, points out that this is the third consecutive year that a donation has been received from the students in this department. The Board joins with the administrator in commending them for this public minded endeavour. Surely this proves once again, that the youth of today are highly conscious of their responsibilities as citizens, and are more than willing to pull their full weight in any worthy cause. We often wonder if those who criticize our youth so harshly, have made any effort to find out about the many worthwhile efforts the young men and women of Georgetown take part in?

oms of her homeland. The audience was very surprised to find out that many of the girls in Pakistan are still betrothed by their parents and have no say in the choice of their husbands.

After the dinner, campfire was held and at this time the founders of Guiding and Scouting Lord and Lady Baden-Powell were remembered and the true significance of Thinking Day was honoured.

The evening concluded with verses and taps.

## Describes Pakistan Life in Speech at Rangers' Dinner

The 1st Georgetown Air Rangers held their annual International Dinner at the United Church recently.

The main theme this year was 'India' which was reflected in the wall murals and screen projection of the Taj Mahal.

The international cuisine consisted of dishes from such varying countries as China, Scotland, India, Mexico and of course, Canada. There was something to suit everyone's palate. The guests and hosts had great enjoyment creating their own sundaes for dessert.

Guests at the head table were: Halton Division Commissioner, Mrs. R. Melcombe; Mrs. J. Reed, Ranger captain from Norval; Mrs. W. Asseltine, South Georgetown secretary; Miss Carol Lane, Miss Carey captain of the 1st Georgetown Air Rangers; Miss Judy Nichols, president of the Air Rangers and the guest speaker for the evening, Miss Dani-Ghose.

Other guests were Mrs. Duffy

Mrs. Blaney, Mrs. Glynn and the members of the 1st Norval Land Rangers.

Miss Ghose, a native of Pakistan, gave a very interesting, informative talk on the customs of her homeland.

## Mrs. F. S. Charles, 89 Was District Resident

A district resident some years ago, Mrs. Frederick S. Charles, 89, died in Toronto on March 12th.

Mrs. Charles, who was the former Florence Read of Montreal, moved to Toronto with her parents as a child. Following her marriage Mr. and Mrs. Charles lived in the city near town where they lived until moving back to the city twenty years ago. Mr. Charles died in 1963.

Mrs. Charles leaves three children, Mrs. R. S. Wilson, St. Catharines, Kenneth of Toronto and Denney of R. R. 1, Georgetown, and four grandchildren.

## Reserves Judgment on Theft from Coke Machine in Town

A Georgetown teenager who stole \$3 in silver from a Coke machine at the Woodway Manufacturing plant, Georgetown, December 14th, told Magistrate Robert Graham Wednesday that he had been talked into it by another Georgetown youth.

In reserving judgment on the accused the magistrate advised him to report to a probation officer for six months before he dealt with the case.

The teen said another youth had asked him to take part in a break-in at the plant, and that it was 'easy'. He said he had no job and that he was trying to get back into school again.

"I don't want to give you a criminal record unless I have to," said Magistrate Graham.

## Fears Samonella Could Pollute Farm Fields

Fear of Samonella bacteria in the sludge from Georgetown disposal plant was expressed by Cr. Pat Patterson Monday night at Esqueping council.

"This sludge is being dumped on the farm lands of Esqueping," stated Cr. Patterson, "and could be a hazard to health."

Reeve George Currie instructed the clerk to ask the Halton County Health Unit to analyze the sludge.

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sacrificed—facilities and service must constantly attain increasingly higher standards. In 1959, however, Ontario Hospital Insurance ended the worry of hospital expense for patients who need such care. Over 7 million Ontario residents, 99% of the people, have peace of mind in knowing that their hospital bills are prepaid through their Government insurance plan.

### PRICES ARE UP

Hospitals, like everyone else, are paying more for salaries, wages and fringe benefits, and more for food, drugs, equipment, supplies and services.

### SERVICE IS BETTER

Medical science now provides many new, costly types of treatment which require admission to hospital. While these procedures prolong life and improve health, they also increase the use of hospitals and require more skilled staff, more facilities, more drugs and other expensive supplies.

### PAY ENVELOPES TAKE MOST

About 75¢ out of every \$1.00 in insured hospital services represents salaries, wages and fringe benefits for hospital employees. Hospital staffs now enjoy employment conditions which are comparable in rates and hours of work

### HOSPITALS ARE USED MORE

Greater use is also being made of hospitals because there is no longer a financial barrier to necessary care, more hospital beds are available and there are increasing numbers of elderly citizens, many of whom require prolonged treatment in hospital. In 1947, Ontario had only 17,473 active treatment, chronic and convalescent hospital beds; in 1958 there were 31,000. Today there are over 46,800 such beds available to insured persons. More beds mean more patients, more cost.

### NEW PREMIUM RATES

There has been no change in Ontario Hospital Insurance premiums since 1964, and this has been made possible through increased Provincial Government contributions from general revenues to maintain the premium rates established at that time. In the years 1965, 1966, and 1967, the Provincial Government contributed \$176.5 million in support of the plan, plus some \$334 million for mental and tuberculosis care, and for special and capital hospital grants, to a total of \$510.5 million.

The Government has now found it necessary to introduce new premiums to help meet the sharp increase in the cost of the Ontario Hospital Insurance Plan. The Provincial Government will continue to contribute substantially to the cost of hospital care, and the Federal Government's contribution will also keep pace with the rising plan costs. The new premiums effective with regular advance payments for the benefit month of July, 1968, are:

### BASIC STANDARD WARD INSURANCE

Single (no eligible dependents) — \$ 5.50 a month  
Family (one or more eligible dependents) — \$11.00 a month

The above amounts will be payable on all regular group and pay-direct billings due in April, 1968, to cover the benefit month(s) beginning with July, 1968.

### NEW BENEFITS

Consistent with its policy through the years of adding wherever possible to the benefits of Ontario Hospital

Insurance, the following new benefits will be available to insured persons on and after July 1, 1968.

### OUT-PATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES

Coverage for hospital out-patient services prescribed by a physician when associated with necessary medical treatment—but not drugs taken home, or diagnostic x-ray examinations or laboratory tests which are listed as benefits of the Ontario Medical Services Insurance Plan (OMSIP). Such x-rays and laboratory tests, however, will continue to be covered under present "emergency" benefits.

and in follow-up treatment of fractures. These added benefits will include the use of a substantial list of care facilities at hospitals which are necessary to modern medical care and will close the gap between present insured services and those services normally covered by OMSIP.

### ESSENTIAL AMBULANCE SERVICE

Also, benefits will be provided for ambulance service which is essential for the transportation of a patient. The patient will be required to pay a small portion of the cost

to the ambulance operator at the time the service is provided. Details of the benefit will be announced at a later date.

NOTE: The above amounts are for persons over 65 only. For detailed information please refer to the Provincial and Federal Acts and Regulations regarding these matters, or write to the address below.

### HEALTH INSURANCE REGISTRATION BOARD\*

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