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Walked Oxfam Route Twice Prior to 80th Birthday

"Hey Pop, how are you doing?" was the greeting tossed at 80 year old Charles Burns, 25 Mackenzie Drive, as he walked the whole thirty miles of the Oxfam Walk.

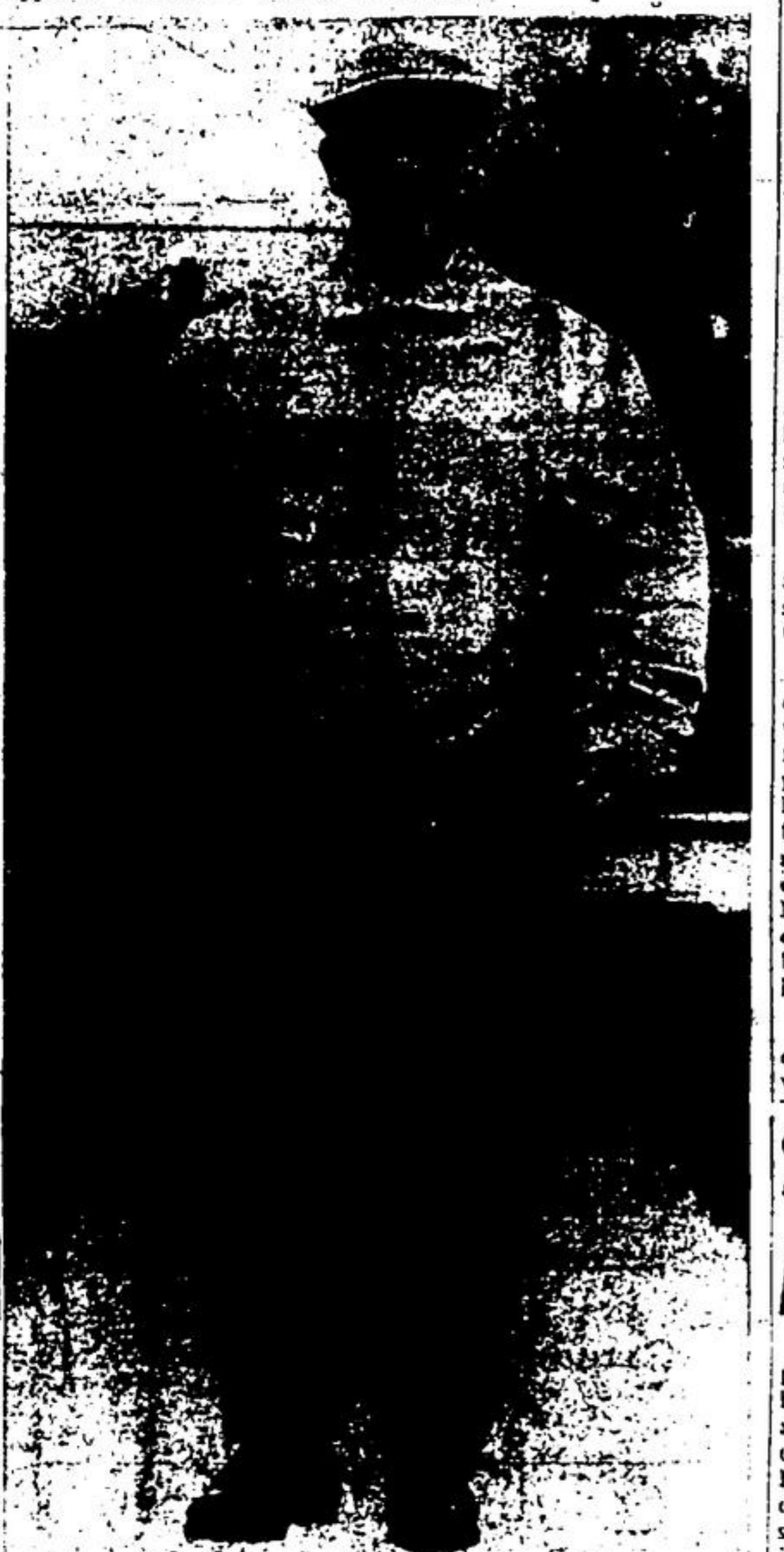
He celebrated his eightieth birthday Saturday, May 11, two days after the walk. He walked the thirty miles in nine hours, averaging three and three tenths miles per hour exactly. His pace never changed, since he clocked in at the same rate at each check point.

A week before the Oxfam walk he accidentally strolled the whole distance, but in the opposite direction. When he found out this was the route of the Oxfam Walk, he decided to enter it.

"It's a small day when I don't walk fifteen miles," he confessed.

"I felt sorry for some of the kids, their feet were so sore," said the marathon eighty year old. "I guess they're not used to it."

Mr. Burns, who has been a Georgetown resident with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns, his son and daughter-in-law, for the past five years has never owned a car. Obviously he has no need for one.



GEORGETOWN'S HAPPY WANDERER

TWO NAMED, ONE TO GO IN HALTON NOMINATIONS

Disputes Mayor's Statistics Claims 15 Policemen Ample

Name calling and challenges to answer any five questions on the budget, you resign, and if I can't I'll resign," he demanded. The exchange ended there.

The mayor claimed the expenditure had risen because the Ontario Police Commission insisted, on a staff of one man per 750 population. "We were understaffed last year," he stated.

Defending his attendance at meetings, he said he had not missed a regular council meeting in his 17 1/2 years as mayor. During his four years on council, he claimed he had never missed a regular council meeting and had never been late. "I never saw fit to get up and leave the meeting when things got rough either," he added.

"If you'd quit speechmaking and politicking we might get something done," interjected Cr. Francis.

Cr. Jim Young claimed the one man per 750 population was not true. "They told me 15 men including the chief was ample," he snapped. "We now have seventeen men, two more than necessary." Continuing he stated "When I turned over the committee, we had 13 men, and I said I'd go with that till the end of the year. If we had, the budget wouldn't have gone hairy."

He then challenged the mayor to show if he knew what was going on. "If you can't

TO SEEK PLACE ON NEW BOARD OF ED.



ERNEST FORGRAVE

Georgetown District High School's business administrator and board secretary-treasurer Ernest Forgrave announced at a board meeting last week he intends to stand for election to the new Halton County Board of Education which will replace all public and high school boards in the county, January 1, 1969. It's expected the election will be held December 2. Mr. Forgrave has served in his present capacity with the Georgetown board since May of 1962. For two years prior he held the positions on a part time basis. A member of the North Halton High School District Board from 1955 to 1959, he is a former chairman of that body.

THREE CARS IN MISHAP

Three cars, operated by Raymond W. Wiley, 18 Guelph St., Frederick Storz, Toronto and Chesley A. Roberts, Brampton were involved in an accident at the Guelph St., Delrex Blvd. corner Saturday night. There were no injuries. Damage to the cars totalled \$300, according to police.

THUNDER ROCK



LIGHTHOUSE BEACON ATTRACTED FEW

FROM LEFT ARE Chris Fisher as Captain Joshua, Linda Test as Melanie, and Rose McCluskey as Anne Marie, three major characters in the Georgetown Little Theatre presentation of Thunder Rock which played at Georgetown high school, auditorium for three nights. Small audiences witnessed the excellent acting and sets, and all around professional manner in which the classic story about a lighthouse keeper who finds a ship's log and gains help from people listed in it when they become real to him, was staged.

NDP's Kernighan, Liberals, Whiting Will Learn PC Opponent Tonight

Church Plea Wins, Will Allow Highway Parking

In response to a request from the official Board of the United Church, council passed a resolution Monday night to amend the parking by-law exempting certain streets where churches are located.

Ernest Forgrave, spokesman for the delegation, asked that parking be permitted on Guelph Street from John to Main. He stressed the need for the encouragement of youth facilities both at the church and at Cedarvale, claiming that a recent report showed the peak crime age to be seventeen. "Anything anyone can do to make it easier and more convenient for people to worship and to take part in Christian education through the week should be encouraged," he stated.

Open Ditch Worries Subdivision People

Two residents of the Pennington, Bain Court, Greystone area Gordon Monk and Bob Mills, warned council on Monday of a dangerous area behind their homes where an open tile provides a playground for children who call it "The tunnel."

A storm sewer is being built on an easement, but at the moment is an open cut ending in two large openings in a cement culvert, said Cr. Young. He reported iron grills would be put on the open ends of the culvert by Brumac. "But we can't tell them when they have to lay the pipe, unless we can prove it is a health hazard," he added.

Cr. Bob Francis claimed there is a similar problem in the Fagan Drive-Rosfield area.

Council decided to ask the opinion of both County Health Unit and the County Safety Officer.

All three major parties will be beating their campaign drums when Halton riding Progressive Conservatives choose their entry in the federal election race late tonight. The New Democratic Party was first to name their man when they elected Murray Kernighan to carry their colours May 3. Liberals chose their candidate in the early hours of Wednesday morning when Rud Whiting was given the nod on a fourth ballot.

Tonight PCs will pick either Oakville reeve Allan Day, Peter McWilliams QC, or William Bateman at T.A. Blakelock High School in Oakville.

Halton riding comprises the eastern side of Halton County and part of Wellington County including Erin.

At 1:45 Wednesday morning, at Hornby Towers Golf Club, Rud Whiting of Oakville was chosen as the Liberal candidate for Halton in the upcoming election. He emerged the winner on the fourth ballot.

An unbelievable coincidence saw a tie on the third ballot between Whiting and Mac Apperson of Oakville. Since the extra ballot had been destroyed or thrown away by the five hundred voting delegates, the unexpected tie caused a lengthy delay while voting delegates were being re-registered.

The two other candidates John M. Haight, of Oakville, and J. Mike Lodwith of Milton went down to defeat on the first, and second ballot respectively.

Approximately six hundred and fifty people jammed both the inside and outside of Hornby Towers, the biggest crowd ever to attend a nominating meeting in this county.

Rud Whiting was nominated by Robin Skuce, a candidate in the last provincial election. He listed some of Whiting's activities including, Director United Appeal, Director Children's Aid, Cancer Society, Chairman Industrial Committee of Niagara Escarpment and many others.

The Halton candidate is the son of Lester Whiting, long known in political circles in the south of the county. Most recently Lester Whiting was deputy reeve of Oakville until three years ago.

It was a wild tumultuous meeting with chants for favourite sons and placards held aloft. After the tie vote weariness alone made it a quieter meeting. By the last ballot, held at 1:15 in the morning, 307 registered voters were left in the hall.

Dr. Harry Harley spoke of the fellow Liberals of the mixed feelings he had on such a night and reiterated previous statements that he was quitting for personal reasons only. In light of this he said, "Everyone's telling me how much trouble I've caused here tonight, but if I had stayed on there would have been twenty-five people here in stead of this tremendous crowd."

At the announcement of the winner mayor Anderson held his opponent's hand over his head in the traditional gesture of loser to winner, and the exhausted Liberals scrambled for the parking lot, and anywhere on the 7th line a mile in either direction.

Stan Wade is New Lions Club President

Georgetown Lions Club elected their new executive last week with Stan Wade emerging as president for the coming year. First vice president is Bob Clark, 2nd vice president Andy St. Laurent, 3rd vice president Don Gosling, secretary Ernie Sykes and assistant secretary Ray Harlow.

Lyn McLaren is past president.

Sky Show Mon. Night

The sky over Georgetown park will be aglow with fiery blossoms Monday night. The annual Legion-Council fireworks display marking the Victoria Day holiday will start after dusk and if the weather is right several thousand spectators will jam the grounds to ooh and aah at the star-bursts. This year, private fireworks displays are prohibited in the park.

Bridge Negotiations Cause Bitter Hassle at Council Meeting

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Seek Cost Estimate Of Flood Level Study

Council will ask the Credit Valley Conservation Authority to secure an estimate of the cost of a flood level study and flood line mapping of the section of Silvercreek from No. 22 sideroad to its joining with the Credit River at Norval and of the Black Creek, from the dam in Stewarttown to its junction with Silvercreek.

Cr. Roy Ballentine stated the cost would be shared 75% between the two levels of government, and CVCA, with Georgetown paying 25%.

Reeve W. Hunter pointed out some of the area is in Esquew, however, Cr. Ballentine claimed it is necessary to go beyond the town limits since the flow of water knows no boundaries.

Convert Market to Mall Is Shopping Plaza Plan

Georgetown Market at the corner of Guelph St. and Mountain St. will become a shopping mall when construction planned for the area this summer is completed.

A spokesman for Metropolitan Halton Developments which owns the plaza, told The Herald this week that current plans call for a series of stores to be built on the parking area facing the established stores with a view to creating a mall.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

The Separate School Board notified council they will retain the same mill rate as last year, 26 residential and 28 commercial. The public school rate is 22.47 residential and 24.97 industrial and commercial.

Six tenders were received for the construction of deep well No. 4. They will be reviewed in committee.

Only one tender that of Guy Rodgers, was received for weed cutting.

Third reading was given to the by-law authorizing the construction of the new well and water main at a cost of \$90,000.

Third reading was also given to the by-law restricting lawn and garden watering to odd days for odd numbered houses and even days for even numbered houses between the hours of six and nine in the evening.

Council accepted the tender of Andrew Murray Motors for a four ton truck at a cost of \$4,982.50.

All residents involved in the Maple Avenue reconstruction will be contacted and told the drawings will be in the engineer's office for their perusal.

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A motion naming Crs. Bob Francis and Roy Ballentine as a committee of two to negotiate with the residents affected by the reconstruction of the Main Street bridge, started the battle.

The motion stated that no other member of the council would have the authority to discuss any matter pertaining to these negotiations, unless so requested by the two men. The motion, if passed would have rescinded last week's motion to hire E.A. Mitchell Limited as negotiators.

Cr. Jim Young stated, "Council appointed Cr. Smith and Reeve Hunter to negotiate but due to your meddling, Mr. Mayor, they quit, and no wonder." He reminded council a letter with the mayor's signature, had undermined the negotiations of the duly appointed committee.

"I told council I was going to write the letter," retorted the mayor "and I'll do the same again."

Reeve W. Hunter backed the two men proposed for the job, claiming he would rather pay the money that would go to Mitchell, to the taxpayers involved.

Deputy reeve Speight agreed with the reeve, stating both Crs. Francis and Ballentine are well qualified.

"I'll be only too happy to serve," replied Cr. Francis, "these

people have been kicked around long enough, but I refuse unless this action is ratified by a unanimous vote."

"I'll oppose it and I'll be available to any ratepayer, and write another letter," the mayor challenged.

"You said Mitchell was no good and the committee of Smith and Hunter was no good," snapped Cr. Ballentine, "if you interfere with this I won't take it. If you promise not to interfere, I'll undertake the job."

"That's just too bad. I can't vote for this motion," commented the mayor, "you're trying to justify your secrecy."

As the argument grew more heated Reeve Hunter remarked "Now you-people, (the audience) can see the spot I was in. The mayor wouldn't leave us alone to negotiate."

Cr. Francis claimed the mayor had opposed the negotiations with Delrex and then Brumac. "He opposed everything we tried to do. Now look at the industry down there. That's the results of our negotiations with them," he continued. He claimed he had had enough and would prove it at election time when his name would not appear.

The unusual twist of two nominees to a committee asking council to oppose the motion then developed.

"Unless the mayor agrees to let us negotiate with a free hand, and no interference, I ask members to oppose this motion," said Cr. Ballentine.

Cr. Smith backed this stand. (Continued on Back Page)