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Harold Fobert asked if build-

Chairman Ted Evans advised

that a zoning by-law to implem-

ent the Official Plan was neces-

sary. However, he did not an-

With only these few questions

swer the question directly.

asked, the meeting ended

the park, and with the fall fair

only a few weeks away nothing

Cr. Francis explained that

these were to be installed be-

low the grandstand just before

the fire which levelled this in

them in a new grandstand," he

For fairgoers, council later de-

The Lions envisage new chan-

playground and tennis courts."

playing fields for soccer, rugger

and football as park additions.

cided to rent a couple of John

ny-on-the-Spots' for the day.

'Now we hope to encompass

has been done.

ing permits would be issued for

apartment building in the areas

designated as high density.

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LANDMARK REDUCED TO HOLLOW RUIN

couldn't do - bring the walls of the old town hall on Cross Street tumbling down.

A gaunt shell is all that remains of the building following a blaze which broke out shortly after 6 a.m. and consumed the interior in 12 hours of burning and smouldering. The owners Gus Hammer and Al Mahaffy are reviewing prices from wreckers at press time

The loss includes about a thousand dollars worth of Georgetown Little Theatre's costumes, lighting equipment and scenery; and some old pieces of furniture which had been stored there by Mr. Mahaffy. A quantity of antique furniture was carried to safety.

. The building itself was only partially insured.

Firefighters, hampered by lack of an aerial ladder, attempted momentarily to baitle the flames by putting ladders against the walls and directing streams of water through the second storey windows. But Fire Chief Erwin Lewis took his men down when falling bricks and other debris made it too dangerous.

The fire was fought from ground level and the top of the hydro's extension ladder until mid afternoon when help arrived from Oakville in the form of an serial truck. With this water was poured onto the few remaihing pock-is of flame and ember at the rate of 800 gallons a minute.

Firefighters left the scene around 5 o'clock, after almost half a day of fruitless work. They returned to put down new outbreaks at 7 o'clock Saturday night, twice on Sunday and again on Monday.

A major warry was that the north will would topple onto an adjoining hydro substation. the delicate part of the demol-

what a spectaular tire Saturday Fire Guts Old Town Hall, Demolition Crew in Monday



Assuring that it doesn't will be FIREMEN THREAD A STREAM OF WATER through a window during a fire which gutted the old town hall on Cross Street Saturday morning.

mitter will need a new member. Jim Valantino, one of six appointées to the committee, has decided not to accept the job, because of his commitments as a fire department vol unteer and other civic duties.

of Columbus to eroct signs at Wednesday night at Holy Cross the highway approaches, will be auditorium. considered. But Mayor Gibbons sald council must be cautious, as it could become complicated if other church groups decided to do the same! . .

Aler Investments is seeking rezoning on Main Street North planning to create apartments on the site of a nursing home there. The request was referred to the planning board for a rectipal Consultants Ltd., outlined Lions Plan for Parks. ommendation. .

low a baking business.

-0-And still another request, this from Harold Developments is for rezoning to allow replace-

Ontario Water Resources Commission indicated in a letter further he claimed an A & P is be worked out between the serthey will be taking action to supposed to go there. correct an overflow from industrial waste at Meadowzlen Mushroom plant, which is entering property in neighbouring Esquesing Township.

Bullding inspector Walter A Maple Avenue East resid- is only one more example of Pacholok reported that advertis- ent asked the zoning of the their interest in the community" ing signs and a small building garbage disposal site and surat Lincoln Mostors on the high- rounding area. "Could a factory way are in accord with the be built there without the resitown's zoning by-law. He was dents being asked?" she derequested to check these re- manded. cently.

Raymond Mills, 92 McIntyre Crescent, was hired to join the water department as a moter reading assistant.

Players in a Fog **Ball Game Called**

When the outfielders can't That's what happened Monday when Glen Williams and Hillsburgh got in a couple of innings before the fog got too dense to allow play to continue in Fastball League final.

Hillsburgh leads the best o seven series three games to two.

The next fixture goes Monday night in Hillsburgh.

DON'T MISS IT.

in for a treat if they've never breakers were taken at gun- a council request for the change attended a fall fair. Don't miss point, two of them hours after it brought a storm of protest Mayor Gibbons' advice. it - Saturday, October 5th is the escape and the third the from residents of the streets. "Let's hold the motion a week

Georgetown's new safety com-To Query Official Plan

In answer to a question from

Another question evoked this

answer from Cr. Ballentine, "in

1967 the commercial and indus-

trial ratio was 32% and the res-

A council motion endorsed

the plan, with the provision that

vice club and council's recrea-

me particularly" said Mayor

for their good work and this

Cr. Jim Young sald he had

looked over the Kennedy site

and there is over five acres, ani-

"I hope the east end will be

given priority," said Cr. Bob

picnic tables.

The east end park interests the summer.

park if need be, for a time." | ber of people."

idential 68%.

Mrs. Dorothy Graham.

Only thirty three ratepayers the Giunicipal Board, he showed up at a public meeting plained. A request from the Knights held by the Planning Board last Beeckmans said he had seen no

> The meeting was held to ex-official route plan for the Belplain "amendment No. 4" which field express highway. is described as "a comprehensive revision which supersedes the official plan passed in 1958, and all other amendments." In simpler language, it contains all the changes made in the official plan from 1958 up till now.

the function of a planning board. He stated an official Another zoning change was plan is a policy document and the areas shown as one zone or Welcomed by asked by a Main St. N. rest the areas shown as one zone or ident Mrs. Bob Bonfield, to al- another are necessarily precise. They become precise with passing of the zoning by-law, the next step after the official plan. town park off Charles Street, is behind the scheme. He ment-

Mr. L. Cassidy, Raylawn Cres. and to help develop a new park loned that council had budgeted pointed out that the area ar- adjoining Kennedy public school twelve or fourteen thousand ment of the Berwick Hall apart- ound Guelph and Sinclair is met an enthusiastic response dollars for new washrooms in ments on Main Street South designated high density on the from council on Monday. with a high rise type building. neighborhood development plan on view, but he had heard there was a lack of sanitary sewers,

> Another Raylawn Crec. resi- tion committee. dent, Mr. B. Lance asked if a park is planned in the area. Cr. Ballentine said there is a park Gibbons. "The Lions are noted site in the area.

Cr. Ballentine pointed out the area is now zoned agricultural, but the Planning Board felt it should be industrial. This could not be done without public hearing and approval of

Manhunt Still on For Jail Escapee

who broke out of Halton County jail September 15 is still on

guards, one of whom had to be Street. taken to hospital for treatment.

and head injuries.

New Georgetown residents are Three of the fleeing jail- When Gray Coach acceded to

tell what's soing on at the plate According to North Halton Maybe Yes, Maybe No Opp the last of four prisoners Maybe Yes, Maybe No That's what have need Monday It's anybody's guess whether, 'On Monday, council received

ple room for ball diamonds and ge rooms, parking lot, children's

Francis. "We can do without a Their aim is to make the

new grandstand in the present; park "usable for the most num-

Buses Back to Main?

A Llons-Club offer to make; Heeve Hunter said the town

extensive improvements in the can't have enough parks and he

The fugitive still at large, ong James and Charles Streets Main Street spaces for bus stops game six of the Intercounty and his three jailmates escaped or whether it will eventually be when they slugged two jail back on its old route along Main for this, Mayor Gibbons said the

> The guard, 65 year old Law- this spring, the matter has boun- differed on whether the request rence King, has since been re- ed around like the proverbial would allow enough bus space leased after treatment for face rubber ball, with council fact- anyway.

ions divided on the matter. Council reversed its position, This has been a nonsensical farmatter of how many parking it any sillier" said Deputy spaces to allot to buses. Then it Reeve Speight. deftly shoved the matter onto Georgetown Parking Authority,

extinct for several years.

the Gray Coach bus route will word from the Authority that continue its present course al- they will allocate a number of

But when a motion was tabled Authority is not unanimous in Since the route was changed its decision. And the councillors

Let's find out if the bus firm will return to Main Street attal under what conditions," was

but became entangled in the ce and we don't want to make

Reeve Hunter and Cr. Young a group which had been almost agreed to withdraw their motion for the evening.

Seek Uniform Stand Before Council Meets Brumac

With Brumac pressing for an early reply on their request for large scale release of residential No Zoning, But Used Car part of Georgetown, council deproposal at a Tuesday committee meeting in an attempt to to the meeting in an attempt to Lot Opposed by Residents come up with unanimity in their dealings with the firm.

to advise them. The firm came on the Main Street, between noise." up with an opinion, recently Kirk-Kraft and the Presbyterian which includes a number of im- Church. portant recommendations which t says the town should dem and for the building release.

nviting the consultants to law in the township. Tuesday's meeting also.

"Where do we go from here planned a used car lot and traihe said "Who am I to work out | ler rental service. In answer to complicated financial aspects many questions from council, and to say the Brumae proposal he made it clear there would be there is enough noise of cars this way. We have a habit of wise or not." no wrecking yard. He said it is his opinion that W. McClure, broke the

far in releasing house building anyone making a living, but side the United Church." and in the past year. "At one time we were close

to a 40% industrial-commercial ratio," he said. "When the asarea" he edded. sessment roll is returned next week I think you will find we are again in an unenviable sit. already," said a voice from the went through. "We don't want background. . .

Cr. Bill Smith said he couldn't or had said.

"In my opinion the consult- Mr. McClure pointed out there ruined itself when they let in might not approve another exit ants' report spelled out what would be bright lights shining all these was stations along the on to the highway. we should do, and now it's up all the time from the used car highway." to council to form an opinion lot. "Some old cars will end up Elmer Carney backed up the George Currie said the hours of from this, then go to the Brum at the back by our fence lines" last speaker, and reminded business could be limited, but ac group and tell them what he suggested. we want." he said.

He said the recommendations asked if thore are any by-laws incse tax derived from such a med up council's position in in the report would benefit the stopping cars being revved up business would make it worth- these words: "We have only too town, in his opinion.

At a special meeting of Es-| morning service. "There may business in Norval," he conclu-After an initial offer of a quesing Council, Monday night, be a by-law stopping the sale" ded. cash payment last year, coun- twenty residents of Norval pro- he remarked, "but porhaps cil engaged a consultant firm tested a proposed used car lot there isn't one stopping the

comments made to him about night long. "Some of those love-Last week, Tom Ledwidge the used car lot. The first, and ly trees would have to come asked council if there were any most commonly heard, accord-down," he continued, "and this obstacles to such a business op- ing to Mr. Duncanson, was, would not add to the village of On Monday Mayor Gibbons eration. At that time council re- "this has been a quiet little Norval." said the report is not specific served their opinion, while ad village, and we'd like to keep it enough, and said he would be mitting there was no zoning by- that way". Another frequently

Mr. Ledwidge told council he Norval could become the over- tained there had slyevy been a in Georgetown.

squealing in and out of garages destroying anything of historilee right now. "There is a garage cal interest and beauty," she the town has already gone too stating he wasn't opposed to open every Sunday morning be- added. In conclusion she emph-

felt Norval is a residential "We have the right to reguarea. "I know we have no zoning late business hours," said the by-law but I think a used car Reove. lot is out of line in a residential

"We have four gas stations peal their assessment if this every property in the area. --Norval to look like gasoline law to control this sort of Reeve Currie again took pains alley in Georgetown," she comto reassure everyone the trail- mented.

ugly, and stated, 'Georgetown

council there are four garages it would affect all stores. Beverend Robert Duncanson now. He wondered if the bus-" and tried out during Sunday while, "I don't want to see this

Ken Gould, who stated he lives right across the street. aid the flood lighting would The minister then listed the make it as bright as day all

Terming herself a "member of one of the oldest families In heard, statement, suggested the village" Mrs. M. Reed mainflow for businesses not allowed feeling of pride in the beauty of the village, "The village has Another resident claimed character and should be kept asized her strenuous objection to a used car lot.

Mrs. E. McLean objected to changing the "whole tone of the Mrs. Ormie Carter urged the village" and suggested the used residents of Main Street to ap- ear lot would lower the value of

> "It's time we had a zoning bything," commented J. Hunter)

Cr. Wilfrld Leslie suggested

In reply to a question Recve

Deputy Reeve Tom Hill some

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T WASN'T THE SMOKE

by Tarry Harley

nothing to do with it. For an on-looker whose memories reach back into the early years of the old town hall, blur things sometimes. It can, just for a split second, make firemen moving about in their black coats look like Georgetown's gentlemen as they assembled outside to mull over the proceedings of an important century; it can, for a moment, paratively short as buildings go ing course in Toronto, has also don Fancy, also includes Bob turn a housewife, watching the (it was built in 1880) the old been hired as a staff member. Hall, a draftsman. fire in her bathrobe from a nearby lawn, into an elegant

lady in her best gown about to make an entrance at the very grand social event that was the firemen's ball of another era; and it can transform a crowd of spectators into an assembly of townsfolk waiting outside the jall door to shout goodbye and goodluck to a young man named Garfield about to be taken away and hung for a murder they could never convince them-

selves he committed.

And maybe some old ears played some tricks on their owners too. Maybe they heard just a hit of Can't You Hear Me Callin' Caroline as a blackface tenor holds the spotlight at the annual Georgetown Minstrel Show of the late 1800s; and maybe some laughing; just a ripple, as the touring Marx Brothers pull off another many shenanigan; possibly a jingling version of Swanee River. That was a favourite with the famous Bell Ringers Circus who always packed the house before something called moving pictures stole their audience. And coming from that shattered window, besides billowing smoke, maybe just a couple of compli-Dans Dorwsen part of Do to Ken John Peel. The tirst Lorne H Scots band practiced it there so many times. And the clear mellow tone of the town hall bell that used to send the men to work at 7 a.m. and one o'clock and bring thom home at poon and suppor time; that might have been heard again

to be Geo. getown's entertain- classes for a while. The dinand before the flickers came.

the town hall's stage was trod Department Staff by Two by many of the best known touring companies. And it was little mois are in the eye can not an easy job for an actor to is adding two new staff mem Vancouver, has been working keep admiring eyes from stray- bers. ing to the highly ornate ceiling

work of Joe Ruddy.

or velvet stage curtains, a gift of Mrs. John R. Barber Sr., or a handpainted backdrop, the

Though its life-span is com- just finishing a technical train. The department, under Gor-

ler era, the stately two-storey; town hall served as the hub of 60-odd years have been full enbrick town hall was everything, the community up until thirty ough. At least full enough to Some very wrinkled hands It housed the council chambers, years ago. Its windows have make eyes elisten and to make were raised to touch some very the meeting hall, and theatre, been dark and its doors rarely it kind of hard to swallow for moist eyes # flames danced the the fire hall, police office and opened to the public since that some pensive onlookers Saturfinal performance in what used jail, a library and even school time. But then the preceeding day morning.

And the rancid smoke had to be talked about all year long Increase Engineering

The town's engineering office, Mr. Chataway, a native

And Victor Mastrogiacomo,

in Lindsay for the past three Charles Chataway, now a years. He was chosen from over town of Lindsay employee has fifty applicants for the position. been engaged as engineering Mr. Mastrogiacomo came to Canada from his native Italy a year ago.



by some old and rat so old ears. LANDMARK BUILT IN 1880 is an empty shell after the interior went up in smoke and

To the Georgetown of anoth. flame.