

AMONG THE THROG at Georgetown Golf on the weekend were Howie Caton, left, and Bill Poméroy.



ALL SET TO GO skimming over the sea of snow are Mac Fancy and son Brian.

Snowmobiling Is Snowballing Issue 115 Plates

Snowmobiling is snowballing. The experts put their heads together and came up with an educated guess of 70,000 snowmobiles operating in Ontario this year. The officials at the Ontario Department of Transport took the experts at their word and produced some 72,000 snowmobile license plates. The Department of Transport is now running short of snowmobile plates which proves that the experts are not wrong.

At press time the Georgetown office had issued 115 such plates.

The Ontario Safety League is interested in knowing where over 70,000 snowmobilers are going on their winter vacations and weekends. The interest is in their safety, because over 70,000 snowmobilers cannot all be expert operators and knowledgeable about the ways of winter far from the city lights. With this thought in mind, the Ontario Safety League has produced a booklet, "Snowmobiling, Where to go in Ontario" which lists a comprehensive cross-section of resorts and areas catering to the snowmobile crowd. These are places where the vacationer and weekendender can go with his snowmobile or rent one when he gets there and enjoy himself with the added safety of organized activities and experts to look out for his welfare.

At Georgetown Golf

300 Acres of Snow Trails

"Snowmobiling has caught on as a family winter sport, as the Credit Valley Snowmobile club testifies.

Formed only last year with a handful of members, the club now has thirty-three families in the club, probably a hundred and thirty-five people at least.

Their headquarters, the Georgetown Golf and Country Club has increased its area for snowmobiling by taking in one hundred and twenty-five extra acres to the south. In all, a total of over three hundred acres of trails are available, mapped out and marked for any danger spots.

The rapid growth in membership is reflected in the plans for the season. The first big family day is January 25th, when free sleigh rides, hot chocolate and hot dogs, will be available to the children accompanied by their parents. A moccasin dance will follow the day of snowmobiling. An effective touch will be added to the evening by a torch light parade before the dance.

Another family day is planned for the beginning of March, and a St. Patrick's dance on the great day for the Irish.

While all the members have their own snowmobiles, rentals are now available to the public

on weekends and Wednesday nights.

The three man executive consists of president Ab Tennant, treasurer Matt Todd, and secretary Bill Garbutt.

Ballentine to Head Water Commission

At the inaugural meeting of the newly formed Water Commission, Roy Ballentine was elected chairman for the year. Mayor W. E. Emmerson and F.



W. (Wyn) Smith are the two other members on the Board.

After a wide-ranging discussion about plans for the future, a motion recommending to council that they seek approval from the Ontario Municipal Board for the borrowing of \$250,000 was passed.

This amount would clean up everything outstanding in the past and cover all capital works foreseen in the next year. Auditor G. Goebello pointed out this was probably more than would be needed.

The urgency of the No. 5 well was emphasized and the engineer was asked to contact Rutledge-Water Wells immediately.

It was decided to advertise for a recording secretary to handle the minutes and the correspondence.

The general policy of the Commission is to gradually "break away from the present system and train our own staff"

WELFARE OFFICIAL TELLS BUSINESSWOMEN

Public Ignorant of Pension Plan Benefits

Members of the Georgetown Business and Professional Women's Club learned some important facts about the Canada Pension Plan and its various benefits when William Smith from the Department of National Health and Welfare, was their guest speaker.

The dinner meeting was held at the North Halton Golf & Country Club with Mrs. Audrey Scott, vice president in the chair, Monday evening.

Mr. Smith deplored the fact that altho' every household had received a booklet showing all the information and benefits available thru the Canada Pension Plan, so, few people were familiar with the several benefits available other than the pension itself. One benefit that

few people apply for, after having paid for three years, is the Survival Benefit which means if a husband dies a wife is entitled to a lump sum ranging from four to over five hundred dollars, plus a pension for herself and for each child.

In 1970 another benefit from the pension plan will come into effect and that is the disability pension. He explained that if a person was a stenographer and contracted rheumatism of the hands and couldn't type, they would be considered disabled and receive a pension based on their earnings over a certain period and their contributions.

The speaker was deluged with questions and ably answered them all to leave the group

THE MAIL BAG

"Too Little Recognition" Writer Lauds Firefighters

R. R. 1, Georgetown, January 29, 1968

As one who recently found it necessary to avail himself of the services of the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Dept., I would like to express my gratitude and pay tribute to Chief Lewis and his very fine men.

Cubs Rewrite Traditional Tale

A contrary version of the poem, "The Night Before Christmas," was the highlight of 5th Georgetown A and B Pack Cubs Christmas party in Holy Cross auditorium December 18.

As the narrator, Mrs. Terry Colter, read "not a creature was stirring" bedlam reigned "all through the house" and that's the way it was throughout the hilarious skit.

B Packers made up the cast. Delbert Duchin was mama, Kenny Diamond was papa, John Peters and John Boissonneault were the children, Alain Pelletier was Santa, and Hal Caruso provided the sound effects.

A couple of games and gift exchange completed the program.

Refreshments, hot chocolate and cookies, were served by Mrs. Kay D'Entremont, Mrs. Yvonne Stone, Marie Boissonneault, and Sandra Dwyer.

Stepfather Dies In City Hospital

Seriously ill for some weeks, Herbert Claude Hulme, 70, died in Toronto General Hospital the week before Christmas. His step daughter Mrs. Ken Ewles is an R. R. 3, Georgetown resident.

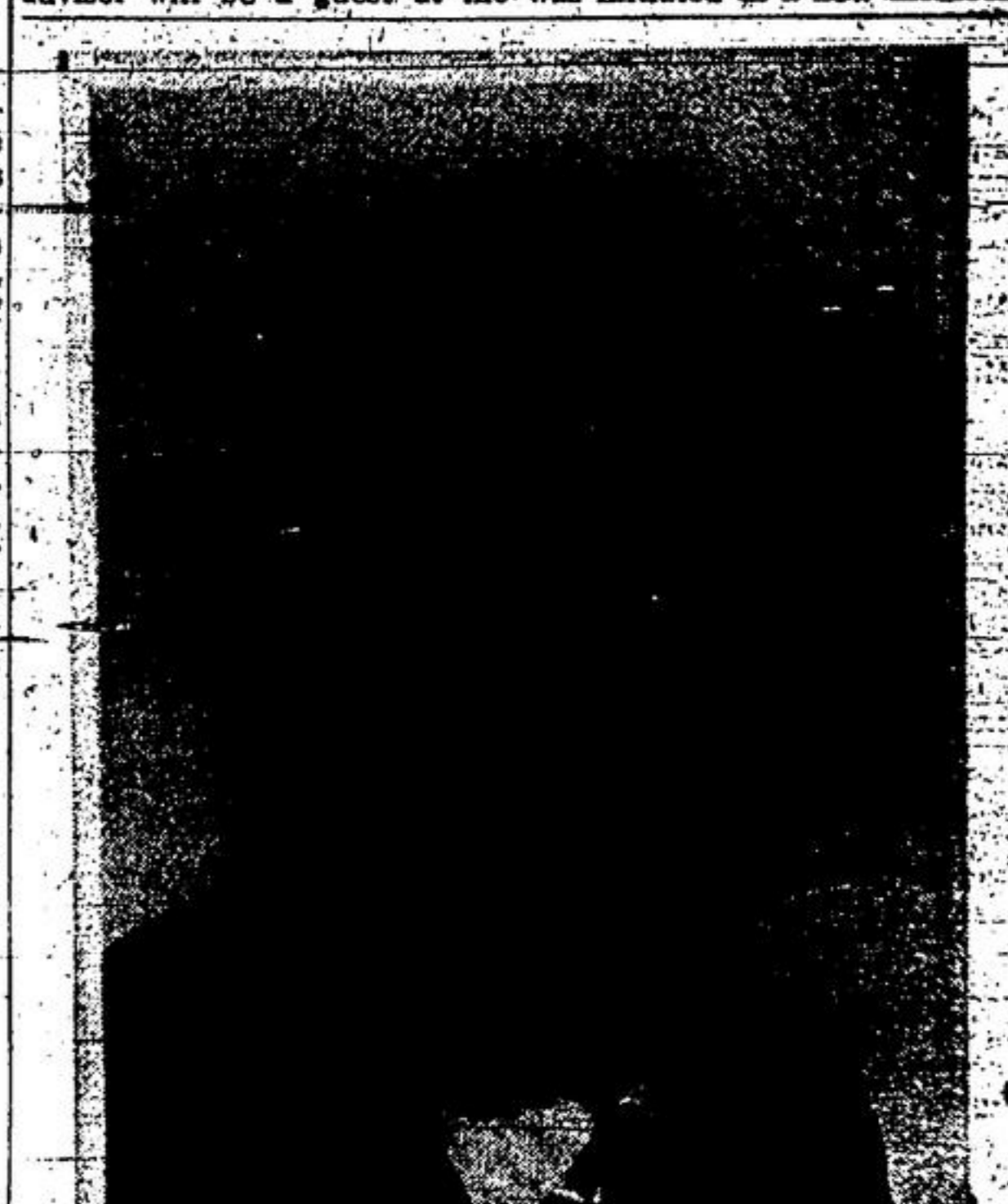
A native of Colchester, Eng., he emigrated to Canada as a young man and had been a Toronto resident most of his adult life. A toolmaker with Precision Tool & Die there, he was a member of Sunnyside Masonic lodge and past patron of Queen City Eastern Star.

Mr. Hulme leaves his wife, Flavia Bottomley and seven stepchildren, Mrs. R.J. Moore (Evelyn), John William Bloomfield and Mrs. J. Molloy (Lee) of Toronto, Mrs. David Carley (Marilyn) of Winnipeg, Arnold Bloomfield, Brighton, Capt. J. W. Bloomfield, Georgetown, N.B., and Mrs. Ken Ewles (Connie), R.R. 3, Georgetown.

LET THEM KNOW FIRST

North Halton OPP urges better attention by motorists to the law which requires you to signal your intention when you change lanes, turn or slow down suddenly. Always let the other driver know what you're going to do.

much more knowledgeable of their future benefits. Mrs. Maureen Walker, thanked Mr. Smith for his help and presented him with a gift. Mrs. Dena Heather, regional advisor will be a guest at the next meeting. After the regular business, Miss Helen Ritchie was initiated as a new member.



DONALD G. LAWSON, R. R. 1, Georgetown, a member of the teaching staff at Bramalea Secondary School since 1963 has been made vice principal. He has headed the Science Department for the past two years.

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