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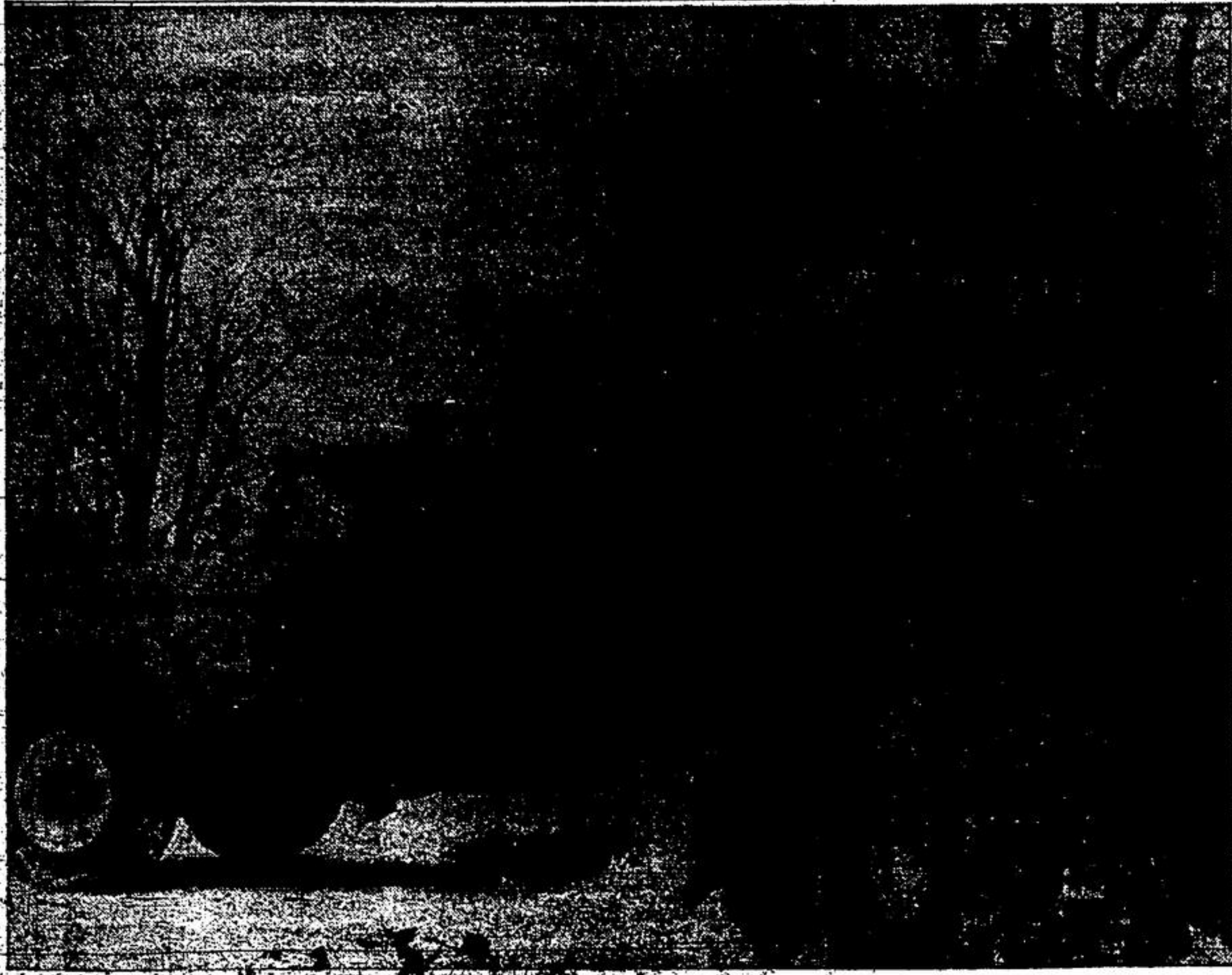
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WHERE TO BUY IT? - A couple of days without rain have sailed things down for Georgetown's work department, but the heavy snowfall during these past days has them and equipment rolling around the clock. Here, Egan Madsen, on loader, and Ivan Kaminsky, in the truck take away one more of the thousands of loads trucked from town streets.

CHOOSE CURRIE HALTON WARDEN

'Buck' Sheppard Fatally Injured by Felled Tree

Harold William "Buck" Sheppard died Tuesday under the trunk of an elm tree he had cut down on the Charles Greig farm, R.R. 3, Georgetown. North Halton O.P.P. said the former Terra Cotta resident whose address was R.R. 1, Malton at the time of his death, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident by Georgetown coroner Dr. J. H. Chamberlain. Sheppard, age 28, was helping Lorne Johnson, of R.R. 2, Acton, in clearing dead elms at the Greig farm. He had already felled the tree which killed him, and was removing a huge limb when the trunk lurched back on top of him. Police said the accident happened at about 4:30. He leaves a son, Mitchell, parents Olive and Charlie of Terra Cotta, brothers Gordon of Belfountain, Barry of Little Pike Bay, George and Joe of Terra Cotta, and a sister, Vicky (Mrs. Fred Haines) of Norval. Burial will be in Glen Williams Cemetery, Friday, following a service at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home.

Esquering Reeve Succeeds Hunter Winning Three Man Race

Veteran politician George Currie capped his forty-three years in municipal politics by being elected Warden of the County at Tuesday afternoon's Halton County council meeting. He is the only reeve since 1930 to serve as warden twice, the last time was in 1936. It is seven years since Esquering had a warden, when the late Wilfrid Bird held the position and died in office. In an unusual three man race Reeve Currie won out by only one vote, 7 to 6. Alan Day of Oakville and Austan Ledwith of Milton were the other two contenders. The Milton Reeve lost out in the first ballot, and the Oakville Reeve on the second. There was no north and south split on this vote, but most Reeves and deputies of the same municipality voted, differently. In his brief nomination speech Warden Currie reminded council of his long years of experience in politics and stated Esquering was in line for the wardenship. (There are seven municipalities in the county, and it is seven years since Esquering had the wardenship). Alan Day claimed this year would be one of the most important the county ever had to face. "The minister made it clear regional government is coming," he stressed. Quoting Minister Darcy McKeough, the Oakville reeve read "No municipality will have a veto over the forming of regional government, but we want their willing participation and opinions." Reeve Day claimed it would be to the advantage of the county to take the initiative. In conclusion he commented that he would not be an expensive warden. "I'll be like warden Bill Hunter, who didn't cost the county very much." In a parting shot he added, "I won't ever go to California." This was a reference to Reeve Hunter's trip to receive the award for the Halton County film. Reeve Austan Ledwith contended the habit of making turns for the wardenship was not the best basis for election. "The best man should be elected," he added. He pointed out that Milton was in the middle of the county and could not be branded north or south. Two new faces appeared at this first meeting of the 1969 council, Mrs. Anna McArthur, Reeve of Nassagaweya and E. Tyler deputy reeve-of Acton.



GEORGE CURRIE

Pets, Stock Disappear: Surmize Eagle Culprit

Ed Osborne, a farmer on the 8th Line north of Georgetown has started to look skyward for the answer to mysterious disappearances of pets and small livestock from his property. A year ago, two small dogs suddenly disappeared, and a couple of faithful mice have also vanished without a trace though they never wandered far from home. Last week, Buster, a small Manchester Terrier was let out of the farmhouse for a run. Despite his past history of being a home-sticker and never leaving the yard, this time he disappeared. (Continued on Page 18)

New Council Plans Study Brumac Report, Then Compare

A move by Reeve Hunter to compare other municipalities' agreements with developers was termed "a good idea but a bit premature" by the majority of council, Wednesday night. The Reeve suggested they meet with Chinguacousy council, and compare the proposed Brumac agreement with the Chinguacousy-Bramalea agreement, or the Toronto Township agreements. Cr. Ric Morrow was enthusiastic, especially stressing that each part of the agreement should be compared with another to see what amounts and concessions other municipalities are receiving. Cr. Ernie Hyde first claimed it was premature, urging council to go over their own report in detail before going elsewhere. "We'd look somewhat foolish if we didn't know our own report, when we went out of town," he said. All agreed they should meet in committee and devote as long as necessary to the Brumac report before going further afield.

\$5,000 Loot in Robbery Delrex Smoke Shop

Thieves descended through the ceiling to make a \$5,000 haul from Delrex Smoke Shop in the Georgetown Market on the weekend. Most of the loot was post office property, stamps, money orders and some cash. Proprietor Henry Harris told The Herald his shop was likely entered after one a.m., since the manager of Beamish Store in the same block worked that late and reported hearing nothing suspicious. Tracks on the roof of the block of stores lead from a point at the rear of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce to an air shaft over the Smoke Shop. The thieves entered through a hanging ceiling. They apparently used a ladder to reach the roof, and make the descent and getaway at the shop which includes a sub post office. A filing cabinet, which Mr. Harris bought after a break-in about eight months ago, was prized open. The store's loss was a small amount of cash and some watches, lighters and other small items which could be stuffed into pockets. Mr. Harris discovered the store ransacked when he opened at nine Saturday morning.

FEED THE BIRDS

It's during winters like this one that birds of a feather all starve together. Feed them, but not harmful breadcrumbs.

Bomb Scare Holidayers Delayed 6 Hours at Tampa

A Georgetown family, Mr. and Mrs. John Underhill, and six year old daughter Beth of 82 Main Street S. were part of a plane load of passengers which according to a man arrested by Miami police, would be blown out of the air before reaching Canada, Sunday. The man, a North Bay resident, was picked up by the police after passengers in the Miami air terminal reported he had been bothering the travellers. Mrs. Underhill told The Herald he had asked people waiting to board the plane if they would take him aboard as a member of their family. Shortly after the flight left Miami, he told police he had slipped a bomb aboard in a piece of luggage which would explode en route. Mrs. Underhill said passengers first learned that something was wrong when the pilot announced he had been advised to land at the nearest airport because of a "technical difficulty." "As we approached the landing strip my husband looked out the window and called my attention to the scene on the runway," Mrs. Underhill said. "There were fire trucks, rescue units, and other emergency equipment, even FBI vehicles, and some of the trucks were manned by men in asbestos suits." Mrs. Underhill said the vehicles moved along beside the plane as it touched down. As the plane rolled to a stop the pilot advised passengers to hurry off and carry their children to speed up the evacuation. They were ordered to get behind the trucks in case of an explosion aboard the aircraft. "Two men in asbestos suits boarded the plane and threw the luggage off," Mrs. Underhill said. "One piece they ran with and threw in a ditch." She said the passengers remained calm during the whole ordeal and seemed more concerned about having had their meal interrupted. They were kept in Tampa for two hours during which time they were asked to look through their luggage for any item which didn't belong, and arrived at Toronto International Airport six hours late. "For the Underhills it was the conclusion of a holiday in the south which included a cruise to Nassau and Freeport. "The last thing my husband said before boarding the plane was 'maybe we'll be highjacked to Cuba and get a couple more days of sunshine,'" Mrs. Underhill said.

Hong Kong Flu? None in County

Not one case of Hong Kong flu has been reported in Halton County, according to Medical Officer of Health Dr. L.M. Stewart. "I have had no reports of anything bearing the label, 'Hong Kong flu,'" said the M.O.H., as he pointed out it required fairly sophisticated tests to know which strain of flu is which. He admitted there was a fair amount of flu around, but claimed that was normal for this time of year.

Parking Authority Wants James Street Meters Back

A request from the Parking Authority to have the parking meters re-installed on James Street, was turned over to the administration committee, Wednesday night. The cost would be absorbed by the Parking Authority. In answer to a question from Cr. Harry Levy, Mayor Emmerson explained there had been an agreement between the Authority and Sidmac, the owner of the land under which the taxes on that land were refunded since the town received revenue from the meters. "When the Authority was considered 'defunct' by some the agreement was terminated and the meters removed," said the mayor. "Now that the Authority is functional again they want the town forces to re-install them" added the mayor.

Georgetown-Born Has 101st Birthday

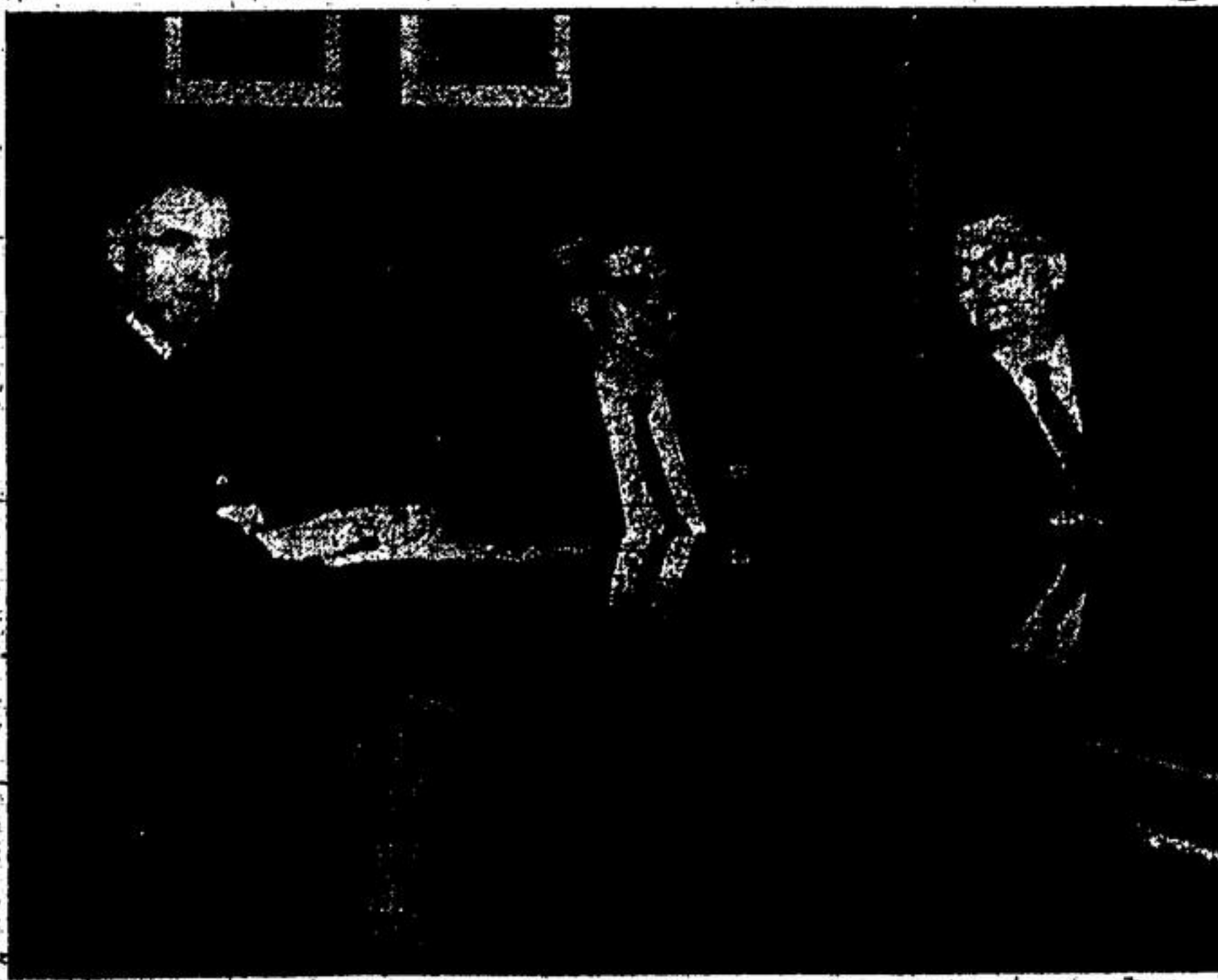
John H. Graham celebrated his 101st birthday Sunday and told visitors he couldn't see well enough to write or read "but my appetite is good." Mr. Graham, born in Georgetown, said he still likes to watch hockey and football on television.

Hope Licenced Bicycles Help Recover Stolen Ones

Stolen bicycles may be more easily recovered in future, as a result of council's okaying voluntary registration of bicycles, Wednesday night, and investigating the possibility of a licensing bylaw. The licensing was recommended by the Police Commission, whose letter stated it was already in operation in most surrounding communities. There were one hundred and thirty-five bicycles reported stolen in town in 1967, according to a letter from the Police Chief, with ninety recovered and forty-five outstanding. He claimed with the records available with licensing, it would be much easier to keep track of the more than one thousand bicycles now in town. Reeve W. Hunter contended the cost of the license plates should be the total cost, since many families have three and four bicycles.

Georgeview Merchants Say Snowpiles Motorist Hazard

Wednesday night, council received a petition, signed by all the merchants in the Georgeview shopping area on Guelph Street, protesting the piles of snow on the boulevard, terming it "a hazard to motorists at tempting to enter the highway." Names on the petition included, Barrager Laundromat; Robert Real Estate; Davidson Drugs IGA; R & B Confectionery; Georgeview Restaurant; Central Auto Supply; Fashion Trend Hairstyling and Blue Valley Meat Market. The petition noted that the downtown parking area lot was cleared of snow. Mayor Emmerson pointed that the downtown parking lot was the responsibility of the Parking Authority. "Some snow is piled there by the Department of Highway ploughs, and some by the merchants themselves," the mayor said. It was decided to have the works superintendent look into it.



WATER COMMISSION - Georgetown's first water commission held its inaugural meeting Tuesday, January 7. From left are members Winston Smith, chairman Roy Ballentine, and mayor Wheldon Emmerson.



NO AGE LIMIT - There's no age limit to having fun on the local snowblanketed slopes as adults and children alike make the best of winter weather. Here Mrs. J. R. McLachlan and son Kevin get set to slip down a Cedarvale hill.