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SERMONLESS SERVICE — Guitarists Gene Roshier and Mike Haynes and Norval United Church's teen choir provided the music at a Y World Service sponsored 'folk service' in St. George's Anglican Church, Sunday afternoon. Surprisingly two-thirds of the congregation at the youth-slanted service were adults. They heard and took part in a service different from the normal order of worship in that it involved contemporary music and, in place of a sermon, a fifteen minute dialogue led by teens Gene Roshier, Jim Egerton and Anna Valk. Rev. Walter Ridley of Norval United Church and the Georgetown Y, was in charge of the arrangements for the service, the first of what he hopes will be many.

Resistance Rising As School Cost Soar

Capital Financing Tough Job for Towns

Municipalities are finding it increasingly hard to finance long term capital projects.

A letter received last week from Darcy McKeough, minister of municipal affairs warned towns to tighten their belts, a-void any but the most urgent capital works, and cut costs wherever possible.

He pointed out that Georgetown pays at least 8% debenture interest today, a three per cent increase from five years ago, and even then municipal bonds are hard to market.

"I think he's writing to the wrong people" said Cr. Bill Smith at Monday's council meeting. "It's the school boards he should be talking to."

"And long before now," added Reeve Hunter. "We had to take several second looks at our budget this year in order to keep taxes where they are to day."

Esquering Will Fight "Staggering Increase"

Esquering council has decided to fight back in an attempt to do something about the huge increase in the cost of education this year.

At Monday's township council meeting, the clerk was authorized to wire Opposition leader Robert Nixon, endorsing his stand on the subject, and backing him in his bringing it to the floor on Wednesday (yesterday) Letters of protest will also go to the Minister of Education Wm. Davis, Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough, Jim Snow, MPP for Halton East Halton County Board of Education, and to each council in the County of Halton.

Using various examples Clerk K.C. Lindsay showed staggering increases in taxes, with one farm jumping 59.18%. Making things worse, is the fact, Esquering rate has already been adjusted downward, by \$31,000, which is still an increase of \$204,972 over last year.

Citing a three hundred acre farm, as an example, and pointing out that Esquering's own levy has not yet been struck, K.C. Lindsay stated, "the total tax last year on this farm was

\$1,784 this year for education alone, with no general levy added, the amount is \$2,130. Using last year's township levy, and last year's county levy, he then pointed out that the total taxes would be \$2,840 or an increase of \$1,056. This was the most extreme example used.

Then citing a house and lot on which last year the total tax was \$425, he pointed out that the education tax alone would be \$419, with everything included it would rise to \$558.89 or an increase of \$132.94. In percentages this is 31.9% increase.

The clerk listed five or six more, which all increased greatly. The clerk later backed up by the assessor, claimed that the levy to Esquering for education would have gone down by \$139,315 if the system used had been the county equalized assessment system, the system used to allocate the county share of costs, rather than the provincial factor system, which the Board of Education uses.

The increase in costs to each municipality is as follows:

| | Increase |
|-------------|----------|
| Acton | 27.81% |
| Burlington | 22.7% |
| Georgetown | 30.85% |
| Esquering | 32.67% |
| Milton | 37.2% |
| Nassagaweya | 25.87% |
| Oakville | 20.73% |

"There's no stopping this Board of Education unless we all get up on our hind legs and object," he stated.

"Let's get behind Mayor Anderson of Oakville and support him all the way." Mayor Anderson has said Oakville will not pay, and is willing to go to the Supreme Court to fight it.

Reeve George Currie pointed out that the Board had done more to turn people against regional government than anything else could have done. "Opposition leader Nixon should work hard," stated the Reeve, "he never had a better chance."

Cr. Ken Marshall urged ratepayers to protest individually saying "council's hands are tied when it comes to education, but every ratepayer should protest to the Board of Education and to the Minister Wm. Davis."

Judge Langdon Marks 25 Years on Bench

Halton's senior provincial magistrate Kenneth M. Langdon of Georgetown recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of his appointment to the bench. Judge Langdon has served all 25 years in Halton. He was originally a county magistrate but last year became a provincial judge.

In court in Burlington his 25th anniversary was recognized by barrister Ernest Hejnesey, who congratulated Judge Langdon on behalf of Halton County Law Society.

Plan Variety Store at Hornby Cut-Off

"Esquering will, soon have everything," commented Reeve George Currie as two applications, one for a golf driving range and one for a variety store were brought to council, Monday night.

Mr. Dave McMillan intends to build a variety store at the corner of the base line and the new Hornby cut-off. "Well, there's nothing we can do to stop you" said Reeve George Currie, "all you need is a building permit."

The same answer was given to Mrs. D.A. Dale, when she told council they planned to have a driving range on their property at lot 25 concession 2.

Speeding, Liquor Charges Most Prevalent for Police

Speeding is by far the most common offence committed by the local citizenry, according to the 1968 police report, just released with failing to stop at stop signs, the second most common.

Without cars and Equor, "a policeman's life might be a happy one" to paraphrase Gilbert and Sullivan, since these two seem to take up a large part of their time. Impaired driving, a combination of both liquor and cars, was charged against 27 drivers last year, with theft, next closest with 21 charges laid. The number of charges laid reflects the number of people charged not necessarily the number of offences, since more than one theft was committed by the majority of those charged.

Breaking and Entering was next on the list, with six people charged, but with one offender charged with twelve thefts.

A rare charge was laid last year, that of neglecting to obtain assistance in childbirth. Under the law, help must be called, even if it's the next door neighbour.

Forty-two persons were charged with having a noisy muffler.

Two other unusual charges were laid. One for following a fire truck too closely, and one for towing someone on a toboggan.

An exceedingly high number



Georgetown Police Chief HARLEY LOWE

of cars rejected in a compulsory safety check, was explained by the chief when he pointed out they only pulled in cars that looked to be in bad shape. Of 199 cars checked, 182 were rejected.

Eighty-three charges of drink ing liquor under age, 56 charges of consuming in other than a residence, and 30 charges against 'common drunks' were laid under the Liquor Control Act.

Almost every other offence was committed in town includ-

ing, assault, possession of stolen goods, sexual offences, robbery, fraud, forgery, conspiracy, corrupting morals, counterfeiting, vandalism, public mischief, threats and intimidation, and trespassing.

As might be expected the accidents occur where the traffic is the heaviest. The Georgetown Market on Guelph Street tops the list, next is Mountainview and Guelph corner, then Maple and Guelph corner, followed by Water and Guelph intersection, Market and Mill Streets, and Main and Mill Streets are tied for the next spot.

The most common cause of accidents was slippery roads, and driver failing to yield the right of way.

Fines collected totalled \$36,632 This does not include money from the parking meters which goes to the Parking Authority.

The seventeen man force consists of police chief Harley Lowe, Sgt. George Louth, P/Sgt. Roy Henderson, P/Sgt. Jason Field, P/Sgt. Rod Donaldson, P.C.s 1st class Henry Vandersluis and Earl Andress, P.C.s 2nd class John Barratt, Jim Powell, Arnold Vanclief, P.C.s 3rd class Jack Poot, Ken Firth, John Lyver, Probationary constables Bill Cunningham, Paul Robertson, Tom Thompson and Cadet Brian Farrell.

Seek Town Support Fight Bell Increase

The Canadian Federation of Mayors and Reeves is organizing to fight Bell Canada's plan for a rate increase.

Town council was asked Monday to join in, by sharing in the estimated legal cost of \$30,000. The association is asking each municipality to assume a share which they said would amount to one-third of 1% per capita.

Councillors decided to think it over before arriving at a decision.

Private Airfield O.K. For Rosslake Property

A letter from the Department of Transport, read at Esquering council Monday night, stated the land owned by Joe Ross, cannot be licensed as an airport because it does not come up to their requirements for length and width.

However, the land can be used as a private air field according to the letter. It also stated any objections from neighbours was not their concern.

"This is exactly what we told the deputation" stated the Reeve.

FESTIVAL
North Halton Music Festival runs April 22 through 24, at Brookville, Stewarttown and Milton.

West Coast Junket Was Good Mixture, Sport, Sightseeing

The trip west was great, the hospitality was warm and friendly — but there's no place like home. So says Georgetown Juvenile hockey club manager Red Asseltine after a cross Canada junket to the west coast which had the party of players, officials and fans away just short of two weeks.

The group, which left Georgetown station Tuesday, April 1, returned Sunday night. Accompanying the team were Asseltine, Carl Petterson and coach Junior Beaumont, and fans Bill James, Art Stamp, Bert Turk, Shel Lawr and Cec Hansford.

Representing Georgetown in a series of games on the coast were Bob and Bill Neil, Steve Waters, Bill Bauer, Barry Shorill, Al Francis, Doug Willes, Steve Rodgers, Bob Monckton, Roger Little, Jack VandenPol, Warren Rodgers, Don York, Paul Presswood, Rod Hall, Mike Clark and John Madsen.

They played three games in a hockey jamboree in Victoria in which they lost two and tied one, and later on the mainland

they won and lost in a pair of exhibition games.

A reception party from Victoria met the Georgetown gang in Vancouver, April 4, and escorted them aboard the ferry and right to the Victoria arena where billets were assigned.

Georgetown played their first night there though exhausted from the trip, and were shelled 10-2 by Kimberley. Saturday, Georgetown took part in a ceremony officially opening the Jamboree and played again, this time tying Melville, Saskatchewan 3-3. Sunday, in their final Jamboree game against Victoria, Georgetown lost 6-1.

On Monday, back on the mainland the locals beat Coquitlam 3-2 in Burnaby arena, and returned to the same ice Tuesday night where they bowled 6-4 to Burnaby.

When not playing hockey the team found time to tour the island, the city of Vancouver, golf, and take a gondola car up the mountain. Some of their sight seeing was arranged and guided by members of the Coquitlam club.

The party was just 50 minutes late in their arrival home Sunday, despite the fact they were four hours behind schedule leaving B.C. because of "a derailment on the line ahead."

Frank Bishop and members of the Winnipeg Juvenile club greeted the Georgetown party on their way through Manitoba on both the trip out and the one back. Pads, pens, Cokes and chips, and literature on Manitoba were gifts from the Winnipeggers when the train stopped there en route to the coast.

Vagrancy Charge For Guelph Girl

An eighteen year old Guelph girl pleaded guilty to a charge of vagrancy when she appeared in court this week. She had been picked up in Georgetown Saturday, April 12, and told police that she had hitch-hiked from Guelph and had no money. She was held here in protective custody over the weekend, and in court she was remanded in custody of her sister after the court was told her mother was contacted and didn't want her back.

Reports to Kinsmen in The Black

Fred Harrison gave a report on the international bantam hockey tournament which the club had sponsored at the April 14 meeting of the Kinsmen Club. While expenses had increased, so had receipts, he said, with a nominal profit to carry over to next year. He had as a guest Gerry Perkins, president of the referees association, which has provided officials for the week, often at great personal sacrifice through Mr. Perkins, the club presented them with a certificate of appreciation.

Gary Alton, reporting 16 tons of Kin-Gro fertilizer sold, said there would be a good profit to assist the club in its service work.

Chairman Bill Sunnucks revealed a list of nominees for election which will take place at a meeting on April 28. He said he was pleased with the response of members to stand for office and advised that they can advertise in the next issue of the club bulletin.

Al Murphy advised that the club hockey team had lost 6-3 in overtime to Niagara Falls at a Kin tournament in Caledonia. John Rice, Jack Cochran, and Don Currie were guests at the meeting, along with Len Copeland of the Brampton club.

President Dean Taylor was in the chair and Tony Walker was fines chairman. Don Puckering and Bill Hewitt led the songs and Warren McLay was Sgt-at-Arms, also winning the regular raffle.

Afterwards, Hugh Powell arranged a lively waddi tournament with Bob Bradley and Warren McLay winning the final game over Dave McLeod and Gerry Perkins.

Sell Moore Park Site Says Hyde

Queried Monday by Halton Board of Education about how they would acquire the Moore Park public school site, Cr. Ern Hyde commented "By buying it."

Mr. Hyde said the site, originally being given to Georgetown public school board, should not be just added to the county board which now administers education.

TEN FARMERS APPEALING

Ten determined ratepayers are appealing their farm assessment before the Ontario Municipal Board a lawyer's letter informed Esquering council Monday night.

The appeals began with fifty or sixty ratepayers appealing to the County Court of Revision. Then twenty-two appealed that decision to the county judge. Now ten, more persistent than the others are going to the Municipal Board.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Council on Monday voted \$500 to the minor soccer league after being told by Cr. Donna Denison that the group which handles over 300 boys is lacking a good deal of equipment.

"Although it's not in the budget it can be taken care of in our slush fund" Reeve Hunter told the meeting, pointing out that this is only half the amount which council allocates for baseball.

David Berry, president of Halton Hill Ratepayers, was appointed a member of Cedarvale Community Centre Board.

An industrial building lot was sold to Burns Transport, Ltd.

Two new town vehicles were purchased, a 1/2 ton Chev pick-up truck from Andrew Murray Motors for \$2,117 and a one ton GMC from Masson Motors for \$2,785.

Cr. Donna Denison was appointed a delegate to the Ontario Municipal Recreation Association convention at Toronto's Inn on the Park May 7-10.

Council applied to Bell Canada to install the 911 emergency system some day in future when this is available.