

Defends formation of Esqueusing fire department



"GOING UP" WAS THE THEME as scouts were taken into the Venturers and Cubs invested in the scouts, with special ceremonies. Three scouts who joined the Venturers are front, left to right, Ken Jordan, Harry Payne and Russell Coultrup. In the back row are former cubs Robert Kilby, Michael Payne, Jim Pink and Ricky Jackson who were invested into the Scouts...

(Staff Photo)

Incented by remarks attributed to Georgetown councillors over the new Esqueusing fire department, Councillor Russell Miller listed some points in the township's defence during Monday night's lengthy meeting of Esqueusing council.

He said the matter had been hashed over for four years before the township had decided to form their own fire department. It was not a sudden decision as had been inferred.

He charged Georgetown never let the township know anything about running of the fire area but weren't slow with the account which was always double what the other two areas in the township asked.

"Throw us out" Mr. Miller also charged that during a joint meeting in May Georgetown councillors said they might "throw us out" of Georgetown facilities anyway.

The fire marshal recommended we go it on our own," he reminded council. "He said we were paying more than we should."

Mr. Miller charged Esqueusing asked for a meeting with Georgetown council and heard nothing more about it. He said he was disappointed the township and Georgetown could not come to some agreement on the fire area but after two years they had no success.

The Georgetown fire department did a wonderful job and the move was no reflection on them, Councillor Miller asserted.

"We weren't even invited to the meeting where they set the budget," added Councillor Leslie.

As far as Councillor Marshall was concerned remarks about the Esqueusing move were an attempt to save face by certain members of Georgetown council. "We are getting near an election," he said knowingly. "I give my wholehearted support to the move made here."

Councillor Miller concluded by stating he had been told fire equipment in Georgetown was out-dated and would become more so with high rise buildings.

Georgetown's reeve Wm. Hunter criticized the township for not consulting the town in its plans to break away from the arrangement. He said Georgetown council had appointed a committee to discuss fire arrangements with the township on Oct. 1 but the Esqueusing decision came before any meeting could be held.

The deputy-reeve, Mr. Speight said he could see no use now in any discussions and related a story about the fire department being tied up for four days fighting a barn fire in the township. He also said two members of the brigade had been injured.

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Charges, fines

During the reporting week of November 8 to November 15, the officers at the Acton Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police

investigated a total of ten general occurrences. They were of a minor nature and needed little investigation. A motorist was charged with "impaired driving" and another with having liquor other than in a residence. A charge of "common assault" was laid and a local man jailed in the matter.

Two motor vehicle accidents were reported, the property damage in the two accidents was \$1500. The two erring drivers in the accidents have been charged under the Highway Traffic Act.

A total of ten charges and 14 warnings were issued under the Highway Traffic Act.

In Provincial Court in Milton a total of 18 convictions were registered with a local youth who was convicted on four counts of "Break and Enter" going to jail. \$900 in fines were paid and four motorists will be without a driver's licence for the next three months as part of their penalty for bad driving habits.

Motorists! Now that old man winter is fast approaching are you wondering when you're allowed to put studded tires on your car? Studded tires are permitted in the Province of Ontario from October 1 to April 30. I would like to remind all motorists that it is ILLEGAL to operate a motor vehicle equipped with studded tires on the front wheels only. Studded tires must be mounted on the rear wheels, or on all four wheels.

Prov. Const. Roy Wood.

Oldest resident dies at 104

Georgetown's oldest and one of the country's oldest residents, Joseph Martin died at the Georgetown hospital Sunday, in his 104th year.

Mr. Martin has lived in Georgetown for the past 30 years after retiring from farming in Caledon East Tuesday after the funeral service in Georgetown Tuesday morning.

Monday crash

On Monday shortly after 5 p.m. two cars were in collision at the corner of Main St. and Church St. Drivers were Howard Deforest, R. R. 2, Erin, whose car had an estimated \$250 damage and James Mullen, with \$450 damage to his car. Cons. Kressler investigated.

Urge more planning, follow-ups on students' educational trips

A program council on Outdoor Education and Field Trips told the Halton County Board of Education trips should have more pre-planning and more comprehensive follow-up, when they presented their report to the board Thursday.

The council recommended an in-service training to promote the aims and procedures of field trips to develop an awareness of the resources in the community library centres.

A second recommendation suggesting setting up a library resource centre dealing with field trips was tabled. Materials including color slides, student guide sheets, tapes, pictures etc. would be kept there and cards noting the articles available could be circulated to the schools.

Appoint co-ordinator The committee also recommended a staff member in each school be responsible for co-ordinating education which takes place outside the school.

Their report noted the average number of field trips taken in elementary schools was nine while some only took one and some as many as 26. Cost involved averaged 77 cents per person per trip but ranged from \$3.35 to 12 cents.

Following questioning by Trustee Jim Price, committee chairman Keith Black of Acton District High School agreed there was a lack of pre-planning and lack of supervision on some trips, noting some were loosely organized. He said a guidebook for teachers which his group had already started to work on might help teachers make better use of field trips.

A strong supporter of field trips, Trustee Liberty Pense said he was often disappointed to learn of teachers taking children on field trips because they didn't know what else to do with the children that afternoon. "This often happens in May or June," he said, noting that it put an unfortunate cloud over field trips and pointed out the need for restraint and supervision.

Committee members suggested in-service training and a guide book dealing with field trips would help solve the problem.

Trustee George Pelletier described field trips as "a darn good thing". He told of groups of children visiting his farm. He said there were some carefully organized groups which came off the bus in rows and were numbered. "This is ridiculous," he said, noting the procedure would have to be a little fun for the children to enjoy it.

He said there were many things they could learn on simple trips that weren't costly. Recalling letters to "the farmer" he received from visitors, he noted it even gave them exercise in sentence structure.

Collision

Two cars were in collision Saturday on Main St. S., when roads were slippery.

Drivers involved were Zenith Neils, R. R. 2, Rockwood, whose car received an estimated \$600 damage, and Peter Kroes, Victoria St., whose car had \$75 damage. Cons. Kressler investigated.

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