



**BEST CAMPAIGNERS IN WAR ON CAVITIES**

Halton County Health Unit announced the winners of the annual dental poster contest this week. Standing are first prize winner Chris Sweetman (left) of Robert Little School, Acton; and second prize winner Martin Young of Norval Public School. Kneeling is third prize winner Jimmy Leslie of Pineview Public School. Choosing of the contest winners coincided with Dental Health Week.

**IN THE MAIL BAG**

## Supports Deputy, Wants A Full-Time Fire Chief

69 Moore Park Cres.  
Dear Sir:  
Re: 4th February 1971 article—Front Page: "Recommend Full Time Chief For Town Fire-Fighters."  
Congratulations to deputy reeve Arthur Speight on his recommendation, let's hope council does not shoot it down as they did last year.

Councillor Hyde is forgetting that this town has grown considerably in the last few years and that with its present population and assessment it could well afford a full time paid fire chief.

It is my opinion that the Georgetown Fire Department need not take a back seat to any other fire department paid or otherwise. However it should be evident to most everyone that there is considerable work involved in providing fire protection and its administration to a town and township the size of Georgetown and that part of Exquising being covered by the Georgetown fire department.

I am not a member of the fire department however, I know from experience that the appointment of a paid fire chief need not spell trouble as expressed by Cr. Hyde. My background in the fire protection field involves 33 years.

A paid fire chief at this stage of the fire department's function can only improve its position. Volunteers and paid fire fighters are in general dedicated men. This is most evident with the volunteer when you

look at the risk he takes and inconvenience, with little or no financial return.

It is becoming harder each day to recruit volunteers as many employers are faced with increased wages, etc. cannot or are reluctant to allow their employees to leave his place of employment to answer a fire call and this could well be the problem that Exquising has run into on their attempt to recruit interested volunteers. Also the pace and way of life we lead today is making the volunteer scarce.

With reference to the reported remark that Reeve Morrow made about leaving the town without fire protection while answering a township fire call, I understand that this is wrong as the fire department does not deplete the town of fire protection. They respond to the fire hall where the chief or man in charge dispatches a number of men and the remainder stand-by in the fire hall, in radio contact with the dispatched crew and vehicle. If anything, other than the reduced number of vehicles available to the town, the personnel situation is better in that there are men in the hall on standby should a second alarm be received, this makes them immediately available and if County mutual aid is required they are better able to assess the requirement.

In any case there is always a calculated risk involved in providing fire protection. Agree with the volunteer when you

protection being provided by the fire department to town and township is better to both municipalities rather than the town.

ship trying to set up their own protection and I'm sure that a paid full time chief would benefit both municipalities. The present fire chief is self-employed and I am sure that the amount of time and effort he gives to the fire department is not reflected in his annual remuneration.

A fire chief has to make out a report on each fire and investigate its cause. This report is to be submitted to the Ontario Fire Marshal. He is expected to keep himself and his men current in all aspects of fire protection, conduct training and to work closely with other county fire departments. These responsibilities besides answering fire calls takes considerable time.

I for one Georgetown taxpayer say by all means hire a full time fire chief and give the fire department and added lift in protecting lives and properties. Should the day come where there are insufficient volunteers to respond to an alarm then start pointing out the need for more paid men. A paid full time chief could better assess the availability of his volunteers as he would be completely involved in his job as chief.

In closing may I say to all members of the Georgetown Fire Department, keep up your good work.  
W. Sinclair

**IN THE MAIL BAG**

## Prefers Natural Parkland To Brick and Concrete

Dear Sir:  
Would you please include this letter, which I have written to Mayor Wm R. Smith in your Herald Mail Bag.

113 Mountainview Rd N.

Dear Sir:  
In the February 4th issue of The Georgetown Herald, there is an article dealing with Warren Wright's movie of Hungry Hollow and his concern for its present condition and its probable future. The item ends "... his letter got a sympathetic response and it was suggested that copies be sent to the schools."

Good. But how concerned are the people of Georgetown and in particular our town council with preserving our natural surroundings?

Contrast the above-quoted reaction and the headline on the front page of the same issue concerning the proposed disposal of eight (or is it eighteen) acres of town land to developers. This property is mainly a cedar swamp — apparently use-

less in the eyes of council members — and in all sincerity they believe that it is better sold off for 'x' number of dollars for building lots or commercial buildings etc., all adding to the progress of the town.

If 'progress' is a collection of brick and concrete structures and asphalt streets, then the sale of the land will make a contribution to it. However, this action will mean destruction of trees and vegetation which form a natural parkland, provide cooling shade, fresh air to breathe, protection for many forms of wildlife, and last but not least, a catch-basin for ground water which feeds several town streams and probably is a natural reservoir for the town well water supply.

We don't need developers eager to cash in on our natural resources. We want a sound planning policy by the town which will look further ahead than an immediate fast buck and which will really take the area's future in consideration.

Yours very truly,  
Ralph Ursel

**THE MAIL BAG**

## Objects to Separations Ontario Street Housing

Georgetown, Ontario

Dear Sir:

On February 2nd, I attended a hearing before the Committee of Adjustment concerning applications from William John Hunter and Jean Hunter of Terra Cotta and Pitutti and Partner of Port Credit for relief from the Planning Act (Bill 162). Each applicant desires to separate land bounded by Ontario Street into lots for residential construction. Mr. Pitutti proposes 12 fifty foot lots for possible town house construction on part of the west half of Lot 20, Concession 9, near the Smith and Stone property. Mr. Hunter proposes dividing a portion of his property Lots 72 and 73, Plan 69, fronting Ontario St. into nine lots. This property is in the Silver Creek Valley section of the Street.

On behalf of Smith & Stone I asked the Committee of Adjustment not to approve the requests, on the grounds that water supply, storm sewers and access roads in the area are inadequate. In the summer of 1968 our factory had to be shut down for half a day due to inadequate water supply. While the water situation has improved since then, pressure is still inadequate. Whenever there is a heavy rain storm we experience flooding in some of our buildings because the existing storm sewers are inadequate. Truck routes to our plant are unsatisfactory to both us and the residents of the area. In other words Messrs. Hunter and Pitutti are requesting permission to subdivide their land into lots for residential construction before adequate service and road improvements have been provided for or to our knowledge even adequately planned.

It is surprising that the representatives of the Ontario St. home owners who were present at the meeting did not take a firmer stand against the proposals of Messrs. Hunter and Pitutti. One got the impression that they half supported the requests hoping that this would bring them water and sewer service. One member of this group spoke of the beauty of the area as an argument for supporting Pitutti. It is a beautiful area but it will not be for long if it is cut up and built up with row houses as proposed. Surely there is no area of Georgetown more suited to parkland than the Silver Creek valley. Should this not be considered in the overall planning for the area. We maintain that until some long range plan is presented for the area including proposals for services, parkland, etc. that the Committee of Adjustment should not grant relief to the Planning Act (Bill 62) in these cases, at this time. We fully support the present residents on the street on their need for water and sewer services and street improvement but we suggest they too demand to know what the long range plans and the alternative for the area are and oppose relief to Messrs. Hunter and Pitutti until they do.

— T. W. Creaghan,  
Smith & Stone Ltd.

## Teacher, Six Pupils On Sunday TV Show

A number of Georgetown people will appear on a Sunday morning television show this week.

Hamilton's Channel 11 telecasts a religious program each Sunday at 11:30 a.m. conducted by a Roman Catholic priest, Father Meighan and the Georgetown segment is one of the series.

### EIGHT STUDENTS

It was taped a week ago when Miss Alice Allard and eight students of her Grade 8 class at Holy Cross school, with Mr. and Mrs. George Mehm, went to the Channel 11 studios.

Pupils chosen to appear are Ronald Bonawit, Thomas Clancy, Paul McAuley, Judy Ann Michm, Marianne Neimeth Susan Pringle, Sheila Rafferty and Paul Sargent.

The program is an approach to religious instruction through a child's eyes.

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## Double Funeral Service For Businessman, Wife

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Norman Young at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home on January 28 for Mr. and Mrs. George Muckart, 14 Young Street, who lost their lives in a motor accident northwest of Alliston the previous Sunday.

The Muckarts were leaving a winter resort where they had spent the day with their family when their car was in collision with a bus on the Mansfield road.

Mr. Muckart had been a Georgetown businessman since 1928 when he started the G. R. Muckart and Co. plumbing and heating business, now operated by his son Jack.

Born in Bishop Mill, Scotland in 1906, he came to Canada as a boy of 12, lived at Union and Glen Williams for a few years, then at Brampton, where he enlisted and served overseas in World War I. He obtained his schooling in Scotland, Union and the Glen and a Toronto technical school. He had been a member and chairman of Georgetown Cemetery Board, and as an outdoor enthusiast was particularly fond of hunting and fishing.

Mrs. Muckart, the former Eva Irwin, was born in 1909 at Mulner Hills, lived in Dufferin County and then in Brampton before coming to Georgetown. She attended school in Dufferin County and at Brampton's Centre Street school.

She was a member of the Park Circle women's group of Knox Presbyterian Church and with her husband was a member of Georgetown lawn bowling club.

They leave four children, John and Shirley, Mrs. James Cleave of town, Jean, Mrs. Bill McEnery, Squamish, B. C. and Helen, Mrs. Glen Dance of Milton; and seven grandchildren, Christine Cleave, John and Brenda Muckart, Carole and Correen McEnery, Gary and Denise Dance. Mr. Muckart has three sisters, Mrs. R. Millington and Mrs. W. Bain, Toronto and Mrs. H. Meredith, Brampton, and was predeceased by a

**IN THE MAIL BAG**

## Seek Catering Helpers For Hockey Tourney

Georgetown, Ont.

Dear Georgetown Friends:

Again it is almost that time of year when Georgetown will host the International Bantam Hockey Tournament, from March 19th until March 27th. The town will open its doors, and I mean that literally, and hearts to the thousands of young men, their coaches and supporters from 44 centers in Ontario and two in the U.S.A. As in past years the people of the town will turn to by the hundreds to help make them welcome for the week they are here. Many homes will have them as guests for the week, and, although the arena will be the centre of all the activities, you will see them in almost every corner of town in their colourful jackets. Let us do, as we have done in the past, send them home with the knowledge that Georgetown is the friendliest town in Canada.

The one other place that is almost as enthusiastically visited as is the arena, is the dining room at the Royal Canadian Legion. That is where the youngsters and visitors are treated to the variety of meals so enjoyed by all.

As catering supervisor for the International Bantam Hockey Tournament it is my pleasure every year to work with member volunteers from almost all of the ladies' organizations of town to make this seemingly mountainous task not only possible but enjoyable and smoothly carried out.

Although there are many willing hands extended to make the load light, there are many in town who are not attached to any organization and would like to be a part of the team. If you are one of these and have a couple of hours to spare on any day of the week of March 19th to March 27th do not hesitate to give us a call at 877-8414, and we can arrange a time that will be convenient to the gentlemen as well. My thanks in advance to all the ladies that have been and will be the backbone of the catering. I am looking forward to working with you in harmony and enjoyment.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Jessie Hayes,  
Catering Supervisor

P.S. — Further to the open door theme, if anyone has a spare col in their home for one or more days during the week, please phone Mrs. Donna Diegel, 877-3454. You will be helping greatly and will have no reason to regret it. For these young fellows are real young gentlemen.

Thank you,  
Jessie Hayes.

brother and sister.

Pallbearers for Mr. Muckart were William Hyde, Harry Savings, Sam Spencer, Charles Gibbs, Art Scott and Wheldon Emmerson; for Mrs. Muckart, Bob Burns, Harry Beecham, John Evans, Clint Freeman, Bob Allen and Russ Taggart. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

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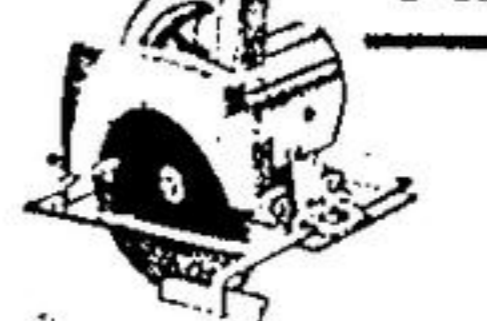


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