

Empty Glass Bottles Make for Full Treasury

Three tons of no-deposit-no-return bottles and a large quantity of other glass is missing from basements and garages in east Georgetown and Norval homes this week following a bottle drive by 2nd Norval Brownies, Saturday.

Knocking on hundreds of doors and lugging boxes and bags of the glass refuse to the roadside to be transported to collection centres paid off for the Pack in \$115. That's how much Dominion Glass in Bramalea paid for the glass which would otherwise have ended up on the dump. Now it will be recycled. The collection centres were at the McCormick home, 31 Chelvin Drive, and at the home of Brown Owl Mrs. H. Neuman on the Town Line south of Norval.

"It was a good drive, but not as successful as the first two", Mrs. Neuman told The Herald. But it was successful enough to keep the entire Pack, five leaders and several parents busy from early morning through most of the day.



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Select Committees at Last Council Inaugural

Impending regional government was the focus for remarks by Mayor Wm. R. Smith at Monday's inaugural council meeting.

"We will have to work hard, cooperatively and establish priorities," he told the new council. "It is a normal human trait to resist change, and we will have some unpopular decisions to make in the coming months."

He expects regional government to be in force later this year or early in 1974. Queen's Park will be making an announcement on January 21.

Serving with Mayor Smith

this year are Reeve Ric Morrow, Deputy Reeve Ernest Sykes, Ward 1 councillors Roy Booth and Ernest Hyde, Ward 2 councillors Michael Armstrong and Wm. F. Hunter, and Ward 3 councillors Harry Levy and Phil Siddall.

COMMITTEE CHANGES

Some committee changes have been made this year to even the work load, the mayor said, and council accepted his recommendations.

1973 committees, first named as chairman, second, vice chairman are:

Finance: Morrow, Armstrong, Booth, Sykes.

Works: Sykes, Hyde, Arm-

strong, Morrow.

General: Hyde, Hunter, Siddall, Levy.

Legislation: Siddall, Booth, Hunter, Levy.

Regional Government: Levy, Morrow, Sykes, Booth, Siddall.

FIRST TONIGHT

Regular council meetings will be on the first and third Mondays each month, except for January, when the first meeting is scheduled tonight.

Finance and General committees meet January 29, then the fourth Monday each month. The Regional committee will meet as necessary.

Rev. Kelvin Johnston of St. Andrew's United Church gave an invocation prior to the start of the council meeting.

PROMOTE

Councillors and other guests adjourned to North Halton Golf & Country Club later for dinner, at which Paul Armstrong was chairman. Mr. Armstrong reviewed the town's history under a series of mayors, three of whom were present, John T. Armstrong, Ernest Hyde and Douglas Sargent.

Replying to a toast to council by John T. Armstrong, Mayor Smith said that while far fields may look greener, Georgetown's grass is green and can be greener if each person tries to make his town a little better.

"Promote, don't condemn," was his advice.

Flowers were presented to the mayor's wife by Deputy Reeve Sykes and to his mother by Reeve Morrow.

Christian Reformed Minister Leaving



REV. A. J. VANDENBERG

Georgetown Christian Reformed Church minister Rev. A. J. Vandenberg will preach his farewell sermon this Sunday. Rev. Vandenberg, his wife Harriet and four of his children, Gerald 16, Clair 14, Iwayne 11, and Peter 7, will move next Tuesday to Cobourg where he will be minister at a longer established but smaller charge there. One of the Vandenberg children, Harriet, is a Sturidan College student and will continue to board here.

Rev. Vandenberg came here five years ago from the Christian Reformed Church at Dunnville succeeding Rev. J. Joosse. Prior to that he was at Sarnia, Brantford and Alberta.

The Georgetown charge has grown from over 100 to well over 800 under Rev. Vandenberg's ministry.

"I'll miss Georgetown. My five years represent the longest time I have spent in any charge," he told The Herald.

The Vandenbergs live at 4 Flamingo Court.

Surprise Revolt Fails to Reverse Warden Vote

News Comes Jan. 23

Regional Countdown 12 Days Till 'R' Day

The long awaited announcement of what shape Halton will take under regional government will be made at a public meeting in Hamilton on Tuesday, January 23.

The date of the announcement was released last Wednesday by the Ministry of Treasury, Economic and Intergovernmental Affairs.

The meeting will also reveal the regional future of municipalities in Peel, Wentworth and Hamilton.

Treasurer Charles McNaughton said he is sending individual invitations to local officials to attend the evening meeting in Mohawk college.

The proposals culminate an extensive review by the government of representations from municipalities in the area west of Metro.

WILL DISCUSS

MacNaughton said his

parliamentary assistant Arthur K. Meen will discuss the proposals with representatives of individual municipalities in the coming months before any final decisions are made.

The big question mark for the Halton communities is whether or not they will lose Burlington. There is a possibility that it will be taken from Halton and lumped with Hamilton.

Both Hamilton and Wentworth favour having Burlington in their region, but Burlington residents have indicated by ballot that they prefer to stand with Halton County.

Halton officials argue that without Burlington the county would suffer a serious economic setback.

When the regional setup takes effect, Georgetown will disappear as a municipality, and become part of the new regional city.

Reeve Anne McArthur of Nassagaweya, weathered a threatened upset Tuesday afternoon, and was officially elected warden of Halton county, confirming the unofficial election December 23.

In the two-way race with Reeve Ric Morrow of Georgetown, Warden McArthur won by a two vote margin, 8 for McArthur and 6 for Morrow.

The surprise revolt against the unofficial election two weeks ago was headed by Reeve Morrow who found support from his nominators Reeve Tom Hill of Esquesing and deputy-reeve Peter Marks of Acton, and Reeve G. McKenzie of Acton, deputy-reeve Ernie Sykes of Georgetown, and Reeve Al Masson of Oakville. Morrow's own vote was the sixth.

Mrs. McArthur was nominated by Burlington reeve Leslie Preston and her own deputy J. Watson.

In nominating Mrs. McArthur, Reeve Preston said she had the necessary experience, and was the senior member of council.

In the tense atmosphere Reeve Morrow said he stood there with mixed emotions but said he felt compelled to force the issue to a vote. He claimed he had three or four calls from ratepayers asking how a full time school teacher can serve as warden.

"One ratepayer said he was paying taxes to run Halton County School Board who pay the teachers, and demanded to know how we were justified in paying another \$10,000 to a person who should be able to give a full two or three days a week to the job, but won't be able to," Morrow asked who would suffer, the school children, the county, or the taxpayer.

Morrow repeatedly said he had the greatest respect for Mrs. McArthur and was attacking the policy which did not give equal opportunity to all to run for any office. Looking over at the Hon. George Kerr who was in the gallery, Reeve Morrow suggested there be legislation reimbursing employers so anyone could run for any office without affecting their financial position. "This

does not exist now", he added.

TWO FULL DAYS

Morrow pointed out last year's warden found it necessary to spend two full days a week on the job, and reminded council this year the task would be more onerous.

Morrow concluded by saying (Continued on Page 12)

Spectacular Stranger was Likely Parrot

A lot of winter birds in the Limchouse area are nursing an inferiority complex this week.

C. W. Hayes of Riki Limchouse told The Herald that the sparrows, wrens and chickadees and all the other regulars at his bird feeder were overwhelmed Friday morning by a spectacular stranger — a parrot.

"It must have been a parrot," he told The Herald. "It had all the bright plumage of a tropical bird, but was much bigger than a budgie."

The over-dressed visitor likely escaped from a house or pet shop in the district.



Reeve Ric Morrow presented flowers to Mrs. Kathleen Smith, mother of Mayor Bill Smith, at the inaugural dinner at North Halton Golf and Country Club. Mrs. Smith is a north Toronto resident.

Smoke Eaters Answered 126 Alarms in '72

Last year the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department answered 90 calls in Georgetown and 36 in Esquesing Township, for a total of 126 calls. The year before, 95 calls were made, 55 in Georgetown and 40 in Esquesing Township.

December 72 claims seven of the above mentioned calls two caused by negligence, three maintenance and two other, resulting in an estimated damage of \$700. Four were building fires, two accidents, and one other.

December 71 had six alarms, five in Georgetown and one in Esquesing Township. Last December's alarms were five in Georgetown and two in Esquesing Township.

RAIDERS REBUILD

Georgetown Raiders are doing some mid-season rebuilding. See story and picture on Page 4.

ANOTHER ELECTION

Georgetown will have another local election this year. Regional government will mean elections in October of '73 Halton East MPP Jim Snow said this week.

Esquesing Body Will Keep Eye on Hydro Route Plans

The usual appointments to various boards made at inaugural meetings of Esquesing council in the past, were not made, January 3. Council decided to advertise the boards to give citizens a chance to apply if they would like to serve on any of them.

Only council members were appointed at Wednesday's meeting: Reeve Tom Hill to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, Deputy-reeve Len Cox to the Halton Region Conservation Authority, Cr. Wilfrid Leslie, Deputy-reeve Len Cox and Reeve Tom Hill to Georgetown Fire Area, Cr. George Maltby, and Reeve Tom

Hill to the Acton Fire Area, Cr. Dick Howitt to the Milton Fire Area, and Cr. George Maltby to Ballinacraig Community Hall, George Maltby to Ballinacraig Community Hall.

HYDRO ROUTE

Endorsing a recommendation from Planning Board, council will also advertise for concerned citizens, probably a committee of three, to investigate and research the proposed hydro route through the township and keep council informed.

The committee members would attend meetings and hearings on the hydro route to keep the residents aware of plans.

Three Pets Die in \$7,000 House Fire

Two dogs and a canary dead, and an estimated \$7,000 damage are the result of fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry (Buster) Hale, 3 College Street, January 3 at 7:40 p.m.

Extensive smoke damage was done to the whole house and fire damage to floor under the living room. The floor will have to be replaced.

Fire Chief Ken Buikema said

the fire probably started from gas vapours from a snowmobile being fixed in the basement.

Wednesday afternoon, January 3, a car fire at 10 Water Street was quickly extinguished by the owner before firemen arrived.

Thursday afternoon at 11 o'clock, a fire in an electrical outlet in a barn at the 8th Line and No. 10 Sideroad, called

firemen to the scene. Quick action put it out, before the hay all round was ignited.

Children playing in a shack on Park Street in Glen Williams are thought to have started a fire, which gutted the inside of the small one room building. It had been vacant for about a year. The fire was reported at four o'clock Friday afternoon.

Priestner Succeeds Bodnar As School Bd. Chairman

William Priestner, separate school representative on the Halton County Board of Education will preside over the board meetings in 1973. He was acclaimed chairman at the board's inaugural session last Thursday night, succeeding Georgetown's trustee Ernest Bodnar.

Elected vice-chairman for the year was Acton and Nassagaweya trustee Tom Watson. He defeated Oakville Ward Two trustee Len Crosier in a secret ballot. Watson nominated Priestner for chairman.

Priestner ran for board chairman in 1971 and lost out to Douglas Wood. The issue of a separate school representative being a board chairman blocked Priestner's election at that time.

HIGH SCHOOL ISSUES

Because there are no separate high schools in Halton, separate school electors have been given two representatives on the public board but they can vote only on high school issues.

Priestner was chairman of finance in 1972 and is a former vice-chairman of the board. He has worked on several board committees.

An engineer at Stelco, he is the father of five children, and is a Burlington resident.

"I have a very large pair of shoes to fill", Priestner commented. "Mr. Armitage, first

chairman of the board in 1970, made a cohesive unit of all the elements of the county during his term. Later, under Doug

Wood and Ernie Bodnar, the emphasis changed as it must to people, problems and cost control."

Classroom Excellence Should Be Aim: Bodnar

Georgetown's trustee on the Halton Board of Education, Ernest Bodnar, outlined some of the highlights of his year as chairman and offered some directives at the board's inaugural meeting, Thursday.

Bodnar declined to seek a second term and is succeeded by William Priestner.

"The tabling of the priorities and expenditures committee, which had a great deal of public input and consumed many hours of work, was our most important move recently", said Bodnar.

"It illustrated the board's conviction that the formative years of a child's life, from kindergarten to grade three, are the most important ones. We are going to spend over a million dollars over the next four years to develop a primary program and to train our teachers to handle that program."

"In 1973 we ought to dedicate ourselves to establishing excellence in the classroom. We

can have the finest facilities, but if we don't have the teachers then we're just not the best board."

CONTROL COSTS

"In view of provincial ceilings on spending we will have to control costs. We're going to have to resist efforts to reduce the pupil-teacher ratio in Halton County."

"When regional government comes into effect, we will have to look at building a new central administration office assuming this board remains intact."

FALLING DOWN

"We must make the public more aware of what we're doing", he said. "We're just not getting our message across. We have to get the press to put the emphasis more on the truly important issues, not just the newsworthy ones."

"The press jealously protects its freedom, but it tends to forget that with freedom comes responsibility, and the press seems to be falling down in that respect."



FIRE, FRIDAY, GUTTED TWIN GLEN WILLIAMS SHACK.



Mayor Bill Smith embraces his two best girls, wife Marianne and his mother Mrs. Kathleen Smith, at the inaugural dinner Monday night. The mayor's mother was a north Toronto resident.