

Writer Urges Preservation Of Chapel Street School



CHAPEL STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL FROM VICTORIA AVENUE.

Willowbank, 35 Park Street, Georgetown, Ont. Mr. W. Blehn, Editor, The Georgetown Herald, Main St. Georgetown. Dear Mr. Blehn, I was pleased to find mention in last week's Herald of my letter to council concerning the preservation of older buildings. I would like to take this opportunity to explain my proposal in greater detail. My suggestion to council was that they adopt the following general policy. Whenever one of the Town's departments has outgrown its existing facilities, every attempt should be made to find new facilities in an existing older building, rather than erecting a new building. In this way the Town could help sub-

stantially to preserve our local heritage and identity, yet without simply buying old buildings for which it would have no use. I believe that if the Town sets the pace in historical preservation, private enterprise may be willing to follow. I gave council some examples of buildings that might in the past have been used in this way - the old post office with its clock tower proclaiming that in Georgetown time stands still! - and examples of buildings that will be available in the future - the present Royal Bank building and Chapel St. school. I am particularly anxious to see Chapel St. school preserved since it is the only school building that remains in Georgetown, and because it is located in such

pleasant surroundings. I can imagine it in a variety of future uses: municipal complex, library, community centre, police headquarters and even (why not?) a school! Communities such as Streetsville and Orangeville demonstrate that this approach is feasible. It requires flexibility on the part of Town personnel in adapting to facilities designed originally for some different purpose, but it may have the added feature of conserving the municipal budget. I am pleased to report that council has directed my suggestions to its various committees. Yours truly, Roger Frost.

Ashgrove Shows Brass Rubbings Made on English Visit

Tuesday afternoon, January 16, the educational and cultural activities meeting of Ashgrove Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Wilfrid Bird. Twenty-five members and a visitor attended. President Mrs. Cliff Hunter opened the meeting in the usual way. Secretary Mrs. J. McPhail read minutes and called the roll, which was answered by 'A craft I'd like to learn.' A donation of \$10 was voted to the Hutton Association for the Performing and Creative Arts. Committees were appointed to arrange for a euchre and the Spring Fling in the near future.

Mrs. Clayton Wilson reported on and read thank you notes from elderly people and shut-ins who had been remembered at Christmas. Mrs. W. Bird told of a safety meeting she had attended, and gave some helpful ideas on how to prevent accidents and fires. The program was then turned over to Mrs. Vern Pickett, who called on Mrs. Clayton Wilson for the motto: 'When we stop listening, we stop learning.' Mrs. Bruce McClure had an interesting contest, naming Ontario counties, with Mrs. Fred Nurse and Mrs. George Wilson, winning.

Mrs. Tom Beer, a member of the Arts and Crafts of Georgetown, was guest speaker. She is very interested in brass rubbings. During a year in England, she and her husband visited ancient churches, where there are memorial brasses of people from the 12th to 17th centuries in the floors. By using a brush and duster, and shoemaker's wax, she made copies, putting black on a gold background. They make excellent wall hangings. Mrs. Hector Bird gave the courtesies and the meeting closed with a social hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cunningham of the 8th Line, have returned from a two week holiday in California and Nevada. We all say Happy Birthday to Mr. Arthur Ruddell, who will celebrate his 90th birthday February 6. May he enjoy many more. —Mrs. J. Bellbody.

Hope to Eventually Link Silver Creek Terra Cotta Areas

Credit Valley Conservation Report of 1956 recommended a dam and reservoir site in the Silver Creek area North of Georgetown. The purpose of this dam and reservoir was to augment the summer flow of water for the Credit River. Since the 1956 report several studies have been completed on this particular area by engineers and biologists and the conservation authority is now having second thoughts as to the feasibility of constructing a dam in this location. This decision will be made in the near future, but not until after the inaugural meeting of the Authority in February. Meanwhile the Authority, whether a dam and reservoir is to be constructed, plans to develop a large multiple-use conservation area in this location. Acquisition of some of the property has been completed and eventually will comprise upwards of some 1000 acres and attract visitors from all of the local municipalities as well as thousands from other large urbanized areas. It is proposed to leave a large portion of the conservation area in its natural state and construct nature trails throughout this attractive area. Eventually it is intended that the Silver Creek Conservation Area be linked to the Authority's Terra Cotta Conservation Area which is already being used to capacity.

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Royal Gala Properties Limited is pleased to announce that their construction of the Royal Bank's new downtown branch at the intersection of Main and Mill Streets in Georgetown is very near completion. The bank will receive the keys mid-March and should be ready for business shortly thereafter.

The new building is fully air-conditioned, free of visible external wires, fire-proofed, and will have a pleasant interior decor. The entrance is at

sidewalk level and thus will eliminate the present fear of slipping on ice-laden steps.

The owner-builder of the new bank is Royal Gala Properties Limited, a company proud of its new developments in Georgetown. Its first construction project was the Main Street branch of Simpsons-Sears. Wherever possible Royal Gala Properties has hired local sub-traders and suppliers in the course of their construction.

Royal Gala's treasurer, Lawrence Gladman, is the project manager for the new

bank. His recent background in the teaching of geography and history tends to have left a marked effect on his thinking of future building projects.

He states that a city, town or village "must have a C.B.D. (Central Business District) Georgetown just such a place."

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Farmed in Union Area for 46 Years

George Alfred Garbutt of 22 Woodward Avenue, Brampton, died January 9 at the home of his daughter at RR2, Brampton.

Born in Albion Township 81 years ago, he was the son of George and Mary Allan Garbutt.

He was married to the late Beatrice Denison and farmed at RR4, Georgetown for 46 years. In 1964 he retired to live in Brampton and married Jean Taylor Shaw, who predeceased him in 1968.

He leaves three sons, Ross of RR 4, Georgetown, Don of Norval and Bill of Georgetown, two daughters, Mrs. J. Dickenson (Betty) of Stewartown and Mrs. W. Heid (Mary) RR 2, Brampton; eight grandchildren, Linda, Brenda,

Ken, Robin, Jimmy and Keith Garbutt, Jamie and Luanne Heid; two sisters, Mrs. F. Phillips (Mabel) of Brampton and Mrs. George Shaw (Edith), Bolton, and a brother, Levi of Dundalk.

A brother John James predeceased him in 1928.

Funeral service at the McClure Chapel, Brampton, was conducted by Rev. Gordon Williams January 11, with interment in Brampton Cemetery. Pallbearers were Oliver Raine, Jim Parker, John Medeiros, Eric Leslie, Jim Doane and Owens MacDonald.

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