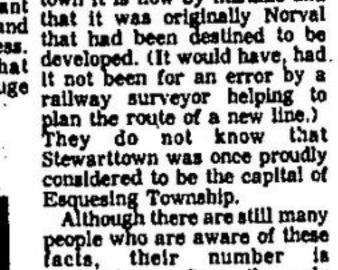
the interesting and significant historical past Georgetown and the surrounding area possess. They are unaware that Georgetown became the huge



lacis, their number is decreasing. Soon the only surviving witnesses to the past of Georgetown and its surrounding area will be the scraps of information that local historians have been lucky enough to salvage, and the buildings which were born of historical times. With the "progress" of today's world, those witnesses may not sur-

town it is now by mistake and vive to testify to the glorious history of the area. STEWARTTOWN HALL One such building is the

Community Hall of Esquesing situated in that township's capital, Stewarttown. One hundred years ago this building was entirely different in its appearance and twenty-five years before that it was just being built.

On February 20, 1849 when Richard Tracy, the first township clerk was in office, a poster appeared in Esquesing calling the ratepayers to a meeting to discuss the building of a much needed township half (This poster hung on the office wall of John Tracy when he succeeded his father as town clerk then was lost for a number of years. In the 1950's

can now be seen displayed in a frame on the wall of the building of the Halton Hills municipal offices.)

At that meeting, on Saturday March 10, it was moved that the decision about building the hall be left over until the next nomination day.

It was a rather controversial issue as to whether the town hall should be built in Georgetown or Stewarttown and this resulted in the matter being shelved and left in abeyance for several years. During that time David

Cross, a tanner, and Messrs. Nevin and Jones, cabinet makers built a store with living quarters and a hall over head. They built this two story building with double decker

verandah and an outside staircase with the intention of selling it to council.

by council when its south side was rented for a council

chamber. The other side was

used as a store with living

quarters at the back and the top

floor was used for dances and

In 1948 the Esquesing

Community Hall was entirely

other community events.

FIRST MEETING 1849

remodelled. An extension was later added to the rear, thus The building, which later which so changed the hall's forgotten past. came to be known as the original appearance. Community Hall, was first used

The first ratepayer's meeting was held in the building in 1849 with Reeve John McNaughton, Deputy Reeve Ninian Lindsay, Councillors James Young, Robert Hall, William Thompson and Richard Tracy and township Clerk Isaac Bennett in

attendance.

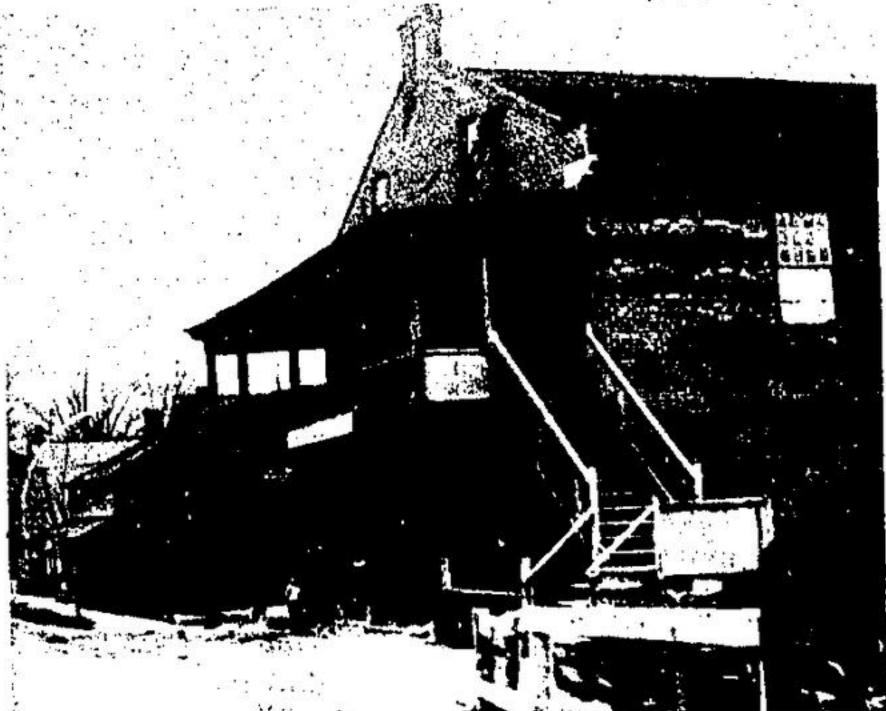
others like it in the area of Georgetown bear silent completing the alterations testimony to the soon to be

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If you would like to find out more about the fascinating past of where you live ask at the public library for books on the subject or ask at the Herald. We will gladly tell you where to

The real name of the American humorist Bil Nye This old building and many was Edgar Wilson.

look to find more information.



brick structure and originally had a two-storey verandah and an outside staircase. Unfortunately the

terests of safety. The hall built as a store with living quarters in the back and a hall upstairs. Later when part of the building was

(Photo courtesy of John McDonald) only the north side remained to be used as a store. The last storekeeper who was also town clerk for over 10 years, was Isaac Bennett.



IN 1948 the Community Hall was entirely remodelled to include council chambers and an office for township

clerk. After an extension was added to the rear !! looked much as it does today. the building now houses a

library and the upstairs half is still used for community

MOORE PARK PLAZA STORE FRESH MEAT DEPARTMENT

MOORE PARK PLAZA STORE

# Blade Steaks 89<sup>th</sup> Bulk Wieners 49<sup>c</sup>

MAPLE LEAF

Values on Sale July 18-19-20

of the Freeholders residing within this Township, for the of taking into consideration the propriety of erecting anation or subscription) and determining the site of a Javing been forwarded

consideration the subject above stated.

Stewart-Town, Bognesing, 24th February, 1849.

TORN AND darkening, this original poster of 1849 still proclaims its message after

office as town clerk and had this poster hanging on his office wall for a time. The poster was lost for a number

the 1950's. It now hangs, as seen here, in a committee room of the Halton Hills municipal building. (Herald Photo)

### 125 years. Richard Tracy's son John took over Richard's Georgetown

Site Readies Halton region municipality hopes to make the sanitary land fill site self-supporting beginning in September by charging 13 per ton and hiring a

contractor to supervise the site.

Wm. Menary Contractors

Ltd., of Brampton had the
lowest tender bid for the job of operating and supervising the site. They bid 16 cents per capita per month based on a population of 50,000 which includes Milton and Halton Hills.

Regional director of public works, Bob Bailie noted that Milton was included because their garbage would be taken to the Georgetown site beginning in September, when the con-tractors take over.

"It works out to approximately \$8,000 per month, and hopefully the \$3 per ton charge will cover all of the expenses," he said. "However, there will be no charge for cars with trailers which bring garbage to the site."

Mr. Bailie explained that the idea behind the charge was to make contractos pay for using the site, which is owned by the taxpayers. He said that the money will be charged to trucks using the site.

"For half ton pick ups, there will be no charge on the first 300 pounds," Mr. Baille added.

HERALD CIRCULATION TELEPHONE 9 a.m. jo 5 p.m.

of years then found again in

KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN So Torder So Tarry

We fix Sunday dinner seven days a week

Colonel Harland Sanders fixes Kentucky Fried Chicken for about a million folks every day. His chicken goes home with more people more often than any other chicken in the world.

Must be pretty good? It is. Take some home tonight.

Take it from the Colonel ... "it's finger lickin' good".

COLONEL SANDERS' RECIPE

116A GUELPH STREET

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FIRST ANNUAL

# FOUNDERS'

NO ADMISSION FEE

PARADE AT NOON

Grounds Open 1 to 6 p.m.

MASS PIPE BAND CONCERT

Highland and Old Tyme Dancers

# CONTESTS

**Amusements** 

**Barbequed Chicken** 

**Antique Cars Picnic Tables** 

# FLEA MARKET

Pioneer & Historical Exhibits

**Arts & Crafts** 

FREE PARKING

## AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT

Gala Ball — 9 p.m. — Show & Dance

Fun for the whole family

"Join us in our community effort in recalling a good old fashioned family day"

# AGRICULTURAL FAIRGROUNDS

