

Gold dust scales capture Esquesing Historical Society's attention

A set of scales used for weighing gold dust and nuggets and the blade of a sword unearthed during stumping were shown to those attending the Esquesing Historical Society meeting Monday evening as part of a discussion on early days around the Stewarttown area.

George Burt, owner of the two articles, told the group that his family brought the scales with them from Scotland when they came to Canada in 1828. He has no idea how long they were in use prior to that time.

The sword, Mr. Burt said, was found on his grandfather's farm in Erin around 1900 while the family was in the process of pulling up stumps. The handle is gone but a brass weld remains to show where the steel blade was joined to the iron handle. It was made by a blacksmith, Mr. Burt said.

Mr. Burt was among panelists who shared recollections of events and family stories passed down from previous generations in the first of the society's new format meetings. The group hopes to hold meetings in various parts of Esquesing and hear stories of the area from residents able to provide information on specific parts of the former township.

Mr. Burt said that his family arrived in Burlington in 1828. The original Burt taught school in Dundas for a short time, then moved to Erin. The family stopped in Ballinacree to rent a stone boat and oxen to take them to the rest of the way to Comings where they settled a 200-acre farm. A church, school and post office were all built on the property and are still standing although they are no longer in use.

A son of the original Burt came to Georgetown to work in Kennedy's saw mill and married one of Kennedy's daughters. He helped to saw the four-inch planks used in building the plank road to Oakville. He was hurt at the mill and turned to surveying land with his brother when he was no longer able to do heavy work. The brothers did quite a bit of surveying in Esquesing and Erin townships. In 1873 Mr. Burt's uncle bought the farm on which Mr. and Mrs. Burt now live on the Seventh Line.

The farm was taken from the Crown in 1832 and land was sold to the Toronto and Guelph Railway Company in 1853 for the building of its line. The Toronto Suburban Railway began laying tracks on the farm on Aug. 4, 1914, the day the First World War began, Mr. Burt said.

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GEORGETOWN ARTS AND CRAFTS
Melanja Bray of Elizabeth Drive in Acton was among the area artists and craftsmen who displayed their wares at the Georgetown Arts and Crafts exhibition at the North Halton Golf and Country Club Saturday. Mrs. Bray's unique glass-encased flower arrangements drew much attention from the many visitors to the show, who marvelled at her ability to preserve the delicate flowers, and in some instances butterflies, indefinitely within the pressurized confines of exquisitely formed glass vases.

New bylaw may win BIA's chance at loan

The chairman of the boards of directors for Halton Hills' two Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) hope to learn within the week if and when they can address officials at Queen's Park about a problem in the province's legislation that would otherwise preclude them from qualifying for government loans.

Henry Siachyra and Bob Gougeon of the Acton and Georgetown BIAs, respectively, hope to persuade the province to consider the two communities as separate municipalities so that each can apply for a portion of the \$5 million the government has set aside for improvements to business districts in municipalities across Ontario.

approved official plans for any BIA area in question, the support of local council and members of the public, and compliance with specific provincial policies for the improvement of business cores.

Coun. Booth told The Herald this week that he has asked town staff to investigate the property maintenance bylaw, as well as an alternative bylaw that he believes might not pose the same problems in terms of enforcement.

REJECTED BYLAW
Council rejected the property maintenance bylaw several years ago because it seemed too harsh and would have been virtually impossible to implement, Coun. Booth recalled. Property owners who allowed their homes and land to become dilapidated could have been forced to make improvements, he said, but obvious financing problems and difficulties in policing the bylaw made its adoption impractical, he explained.

House league lineups

- MINOR ATOM**
A.V. Tennant Const. No. 5
Coach: Steve Graszby
Manager: Tim Scarrow, Guy Bulwell, Brian Selby, Tim Hillock, Ian Fudge, Chuck Peebles, Todd Norton, Mark Lamb, Yousuf Elie, Scott Webb, Tim McGowan, Paul Taylor, Jim Manning, Bruce Juby, Mark Dykan, Mark Zander.
- Team No. 6**
Coach: Gerry Knight, Manager: Ken Drouffler, Sean Milton, Wayne McNiven, Geoff Goodfellow, Rick Jenkins, Michael Bray, Alison Irvine, Jim Clark, Tim Bennett, Brian Cowling, Robin Cocks, Ken Duncan, Terry Grievson, Yvonne Letanica, David Barrow.
- Team No. 1**
Coach: Rob Pemberton, Manager: Rob Pemberton, Greg Baird, Caroline Graszby, Jamie Warnock, Ron McNiven, Michael Flynn, Scott Taylor, Neil Munro, Kurt Urbatz, Chris LeBlanc, Mike Treffrey, Gordon Nokes, Joseph MacNeil, Scott Shynal, Phillip Miller, Brad Davies.
- Team No. 2**
Coach: Pat Coulson, Manager: Don Smith, Craig Nicolucci, Mike Ross, Bobby Heiderman, Jeff Mills, Paul Smith, Alan Shields, Brian Hayward, Roger Moore, Scott Schreier, Mark Hillier, Chris Gillard, Greg Clarke, Kent Burke, Chris Grossman, Joe Belson.
- Team No. 3**
Coach: Sean McQuarrie, Manager: Martin Warner, Steven Longbottom, Mike Webster, John Lorito, Brett Serleantson, Paul Domingos, Jeff Amato, Rodney Baker, Randy Dowdall, Ray Richter, David Fisher, Pat Thompson, Chris McMurray, Rob Veitman, Lorne Allen.

- Team No. 8**
Coach: Bill Maveal, Manager: Rick Quimby, Claude Gallant, Michael Cole, Rod DeForest, James Erskine, Eric Mack, Mark Millere, Steven Dwyer, Steven Jay, Mike Gossill, David Allen, Tom Davies, Carl Bourassa, Hal Martin, Robert French, Kevin Stein, Alan Fringie.
- Team No. 7**
Coach: Dan Gustin, Manager: Mike Dockery, Mike Lorio, Gary Slavin, Doug Reid, Paul Kelman, Ken Tooby, Andy Jones, Danny Martin, Brian Stone, Paul Pressault, Glen Puckering, Paul Basha, Eric Hopkins, Craig Lucas, Andrew Thunlich, Steven Pascoe, Gord Portelli.
- Team No. 4**
Coach: Jim Taylor, Coach: Mike Landry, Paul Eros, Craig Lawrence, Kevin Powers, David Eros, Tim Fleming, Nico Euteneier, Wade Kirkpatrick, Jeff Talbot, Gord Savage, Doug Richardson, Todd Collins, Glenn VanZuuren, Richard Harden, Chris Styles, Paul Goudie, David Klassen, Dennis McKenzie.
- Team No. 1**
Coach: Scott McLaughlin, Continued on Page 31

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First tax

Mr. Burt also showed the first tax bill his uncle received on his farm. It was for \$10.88. The tax bill on the same farm 73 years later was \$1,050. Mr. Burt said.

Jim Fisher, a Fifth Line resident for many years, said that Boston Church was the first Presbyterian church built in Halton. It opened in June 1820, on Lot 6, Con. 4 and his family walked to church through the bush. Each family owned their own pew in the church. The two English families who settled on the Scotch Block area were the only exceptions in a Scottish immigrant community.

The first plowing match in Halton was held in 1891, Mr. Fisher said.

Mr. Fisher recalled his days in S.S.S., Waterloo school. J.M. Denyes was his first school inspector. There was no electricity, of course, and water had to be carried from a

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NOTICE TO ELECTORS POSTING OF PRELIMINARY LIST OF ELECTORS

The Assessment Office for the Province of Ontario has submitted the Preliminary List of Electors and it has been posted on October 20th, 1978, in the Office of the Clerk Administrator, Municipal Administration Building, Seventh Line, (Halton Road No. 3) for inspection.

A copy of the Preliminary List of Electors has also been posted at the following locations:

WARD 1 (former Town of Acton)

- Municipal Office, 40 Mill Street East, Acton, Ontario.
- Post Office, 53 Bower Avenue, Acton, Ontario.
- Public Library, 17 River Street, Acton, Ontario.

WARD 2 (former Township of Esquesing)

- Hornby Post Office.
- Limehouse Post Office.
- Narval Post Office.

WARDS 3 and 4 (former Town of Georgetown)

- Post Office, 112 Guelph Street, Georgetown, Ontario.
- Public Library, 9 Church Street, Georgetown, Ontario.

Electors are requested to examine the List to ensure that their names and the relevant information are correctly shown therein.

Attention is drawn to the necessity to complete the required form, available at the Office of the Clerk Administrator and Revising Officer respecting an Application for correction or alteration to the List.

All requests for additions, corrections or deletions from the List will be received by the Clerk Administrator and Revising Officer at the Municipal Administration Building, Seventh Line, (Halton Road No. 3) commencing on Friday, October 20th, 1978, through to Friday, October 27th, 1978, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. excluding Saturdays and Sundays.

The last day for filing forms requesting additions, or corrections to, or deletions from the List, will be Friday, October 27th, 1978 at 4:30 p.m.

K.R. RICHARDSON,
CLERK ADMINISTRATOR
AND REVISING OFFICER

DATED THIS 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1978.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND TENANTS CORRECTIONS TO THE SCHOOL SUPPORT LIST

The Assessment Office for the Province of Ontario has submitted the Annual School Support List and it has been posted on October 20th, 1978, in the Office of the Clerk Administrator, Municipal Administration Building, Seventh Line (Halton Road No. 3) for inspection.

Property owners and tenants are requested to examine this List to ensure that their names and relevant information are correctly shown therein.

Attention is drawn to the necessity to complete the required FORM ONE, available at the Office of the Clerk Administrator respecting an Application for Alteration of School Support Entry.

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Dated this 17th Day of October, 1978.

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