# 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

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.

FAMILY STORIES

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 town-

Mr. Burt said that his family arrive in Burlington in 1828. original Burt taught school in Dundas for a short time, then moved to Erin. The

Stephen Smith, Rod Shewell,

Paul Watts, Jay Anderson,

Kenny Ruff, Larry Taylor, David

Rumsey, Brian Thorn, Jeff

Smith, Brian Krafczek, Doug

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Michael Cote. Rod DeForest,

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Klassen, Dennis McKenzle.

Chris Styles, Paul Goudie, David

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Neil's Music Centre

Coach: Scatt McLaughlin,

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Paul Kelman, Ken Tooby, Andy

Dan Guistini.

Coach: Bill Maveal, Manager:

family stopped in Ballinafad to rent a stone boat and oxen to take them the rest of the way to Conningsby 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 carre 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 famr 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.

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.

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.5, Waterloo school, J.M. Denyes was his first school inspector. There was no electricity, of course, and water had to be carried from a

neighboring well since the water in the school well was unfit to drink.

Each school had a fair each fall, Mr. Fisher said, and the Department of Agriculture supplied the students with seeds to grow vegelable and grain for the fair. The students also displayed seed, weed and leaf collections. LISTED ORIGINS

Long time Stewarttown resident Betty Grant listed the origins of a number of community buildings. There is a record of Esquesing council meeting in 1848, she said. The meeting hall was a clapboard building which has now been converted into a home. In 1925 council moved into a corner of the brick building still known as the old Esquesing hall. At that point it was a three storey affair and had a verandah and an outside stair. Mrs. Grant can recall being in the upperstorey of the building only once when she was very young. It was considered unsafe for many years and when council took over the entire building in 1948 the two upper stories were

removed. There was a drill shed for the 20th regiment on the corner of the Seventh Line and 15 Sideroad but it went in the early 1900s, she says.

The village's first Anglicar church was a little log building on the corner of Trafalgar Road and 15 Sideroad opposite the site of the present senior school The land was donated by William Appelbe.

The Melhodist church was originally located a mile down Trafalgor Road but moved to a site near the drill shed in 1860. When the Methodists closed it in 1880 the Anglicans bought it and moved it to its present location. The building was raised in 1958 to add a base-

The area's first Baptist church was Farlion Church, located on the reforestation plot beside Halton MP Jim Snow's property. It was built in 1850 and moved to Hornby for a storehouse. I burned in 1911, says long time Hornby resident Jim Cunningham.



# GEORGETOWN ARTS AND CRAFTS

Melanija Bray of Elizabeth Drive In Acton was among the area artists and craftsmen who displayed their wares at the Georgelown 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.

## Move to prevent computer error

Town treasurer Ray King will be taking steps to ensure that the residents of Ann and Ontario Streets in Georgetown, as well as some Acton homeowners, will not be incorrectly billed for sever services when Halton Region's new water and sewer rates are impleme-

med next year. Coun Rev Rooth pointed out the need for a special exemption to be made for specific ratepayers at last Tuesday's finance and administration committee meeting. He expl-

ained that Ann and Ontario hilled again. He asked that Street residents were billed for they be taken off the sewer sewer services they do not receive last time around becobeginning of the year. ause of a malfunction in the town's billing computer.

Now that regional council has set June 1, 1979, as the tentative date for a new sewer surcharge to be mailed out to all urban residents, Coun. Booth said, care must be taken to ensure that the homeowners on Ann and Ontario Streets, who do receive municipal water services, are not wrongly

surcharge tax rolls as of the "I don't want that damn

computer spitting out tax bills to these people and then hearing there's nothing we can do because that's the way it's been programmed", Coun. Booth asserted.

Mr. King was directed to examine the problem and report back to the committee on alternative ways of handling the situation.

BIA's chance at loan approved official plans for any BlA area in question, the support of local council and members of the public, and compliance with specific pro-

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

Henry Stachyra and Bob Gougeon of the Acton and Georgetown BIA's, 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.

New bylaw may win

YEAR RATE Applications for loans, which are reparable at a one per cent a year rate, must be finalized

The chairman of the boards

of directors for Halton Hills'

Areas (BIA's) 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 go-

vernment loans.

two Business Improvement

by Jan. 31. Officials of both Halton Hills BIA's learned recently, however, that the loans are to be allocated to municipalities less than 30,000 in population. Halton Hills' total population exceeds 32,000, but its two urban centres qualify individually for

the loans. The BIA boards also discovered that Halton Hills must mentation. have an up-to-date property maintenance and occupancy standards bylaw on the books, a legislation which town Coun. Roy Booth informed the officials the town attempted to

without must success. To qualify for loans, the province has also stipulated that municipalities must have

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REJECTED BYLAW Council rejected the propery 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 diffi-

culties in policing the bylaw

made its adoption impractical,

he explained.

A similar bylaw Coun. Booth has since come across could solve the BIA's problems, he speculated. The alternative is a more lenient bylaw with a broader scope that would not be as dictatorial in its imple-

Coun. Booth expressed doubt that the bylaw ultimately chosen for presentation to council will be ready before the current council's term of office is completed. He is confident, implement several years ago 'though, that such a bylaw could be adopted in time for the BIA's to make their submissions to Queen's Park before Jan. 31.

#### House league lineups Dobson, Ian Huffman, Paul Larose, Scott Martin, Tim MINDR ATOM McNamara, Alan Presley.

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Coach:

A.V. Tennant Const. No. 5 Sleve Grashy. Manager: Tim Scarrow, Gary Bulwell, Darrin Selby, Guy lan Fudge, Chuck Todd Norton, Mark Youn Gravelle, Scott Webb, Tim McGowan, Paul Taylor, 11m Manning, Bruce Juby, Mark Dykan, Mark Zander.

Team No. 6 Master Feeds

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Joe's Gulf Coach: Doug Pembleton,

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Gord MacLeish, Manager: Dave Parent, Scott Ewins, Michael Sabo, Randy Donovan, David Tate, Taylor, Paul McLeod, Terry Dryden, Donald Fullum, Peter Stabins, Peter Ramsay, Richard Percival, Paul Simmons, Chris Gill, Gerard David, Michael Team No. 3

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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 MIII Street East, Acton, Ontario.

- Post Office, Acton, Ontario.

 Public Library, 17 River Street. Acton, Ontario.

(former Township of Esquesing)

53 Bower Avenue,

WARDS 3 nd 4 (former Town of Georgetown)

. Hornby Post Office.

 Limehouse Post Office. Norval Post Office.

- Public Library,

.9 Church Street.

: Post Office, 112 Guelph Street, Georgetown, Ontario

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 r. 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 eo ensure that their names and relevant information are correctly shown

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. All requests for additions, corrections or deletions from the List

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