



GLEN HAS A NEW BEAVER COLONY

Glen Williams became the home of a new Beaver colony last Thursday night at a special ceremony held in the St. Alban's church basement. Beavers have grown in popularity to such an extent that a new colony in the Georgetown area was formed with some of the members of the original Georgetown group. Pictured are (front row, left to right) Jeffrey Vandenhoeck, Steven Truistum, Blair Moffat, Cameron Sproule, Steven Van Klink.

Mark Coe. (Second row) Ian Sinclair, Alex Bertrand, Jeremy Valeriole, Stuart Little, Johann Kron, Paul Gogan, Chris Dowds, Mark Walraven, Jamie Harris. (Third row) Richard Griffin, Andrew Morris, Robert Elmstie, Andrew West, David Shrifts, Ted Vandenhoeck, Jim Ashenburst, William Fry and David Willms. Leaders are Luc Bertrand, Ted Fry, Joanne Vandenhoeck, Art Dowds and Susan Fry.

Acton's library began in old town hall

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stairs in the building, a popular meeting place for youngsters and civic leaders alike.

Also in the Watson Room can be found the official chair of the Mayor of Acton, a post lost to history with the coming of regional government. Fittingly, the chair is one of several historically significant symbols currently in use in the Acton town hall restoration campaign, a movement aimed at renovating the public library's first home.

A history of the Georgetown public library was once compiled by former chief librarian Marjorie Nazer. Following is an excerpt:

"The earliest record I can find of the Georgetown Library is in a minute book of the board meetings. The date is October 30, 1899, and the meeting was held over H.W. Kennedy's store—it was in this room that the library was housed.

The chairman of the board at that time was Mr. Coutts. They had met to appoint a librarian and Miss Berta Glass became, as far as I have been able to find out, the first salaried librarian of Georgetown. This fabulous salary was \$8.33 per month.

Her tenure of office lasted six months and Miss C. McDonald took over the position and kept it until 1907. During her time, the library really began to grow and the board began to consider moving to bigger premises. Between Miss McDonald leaving and 1911, there were several librarians, none of them lasting very long.

Mr. Willoughby had become a fairy godfather to Georgetown by now, giving the land to the Halton Golf Club, amongst other things. In 1911, he offered a lot on Maple Avenue to the Library Board providing they could collect sufficient funds to put up a building suitable for a library. However, in spite of a petition being issued throughout the town for funds, not enough money was collected to build anything. So Mr. Willoughby agreed to sell the land and give the money to the board for future use.

In 1912 the Congregational Church was decided to the town for use as a library forever."

The Halton Hills public libraries are now part of the South Central Regional Library System, set up to assist circulation, security and resource management. After many appeals to council during the mid-1970s, the town's public library board had designs prepared for a new Georgetown library in Cedarvale Park, but plans had to be scrapped following a taxpayer's outcry regarding what was considered the inappropriate use of parkland.

As outlined in The Herald's recent newscast on the arts complex, library and theatre needs finally came together two years ago in the form of a joint project that would utilize the present library site, adding a theatre and an art gallery to an expanded library.



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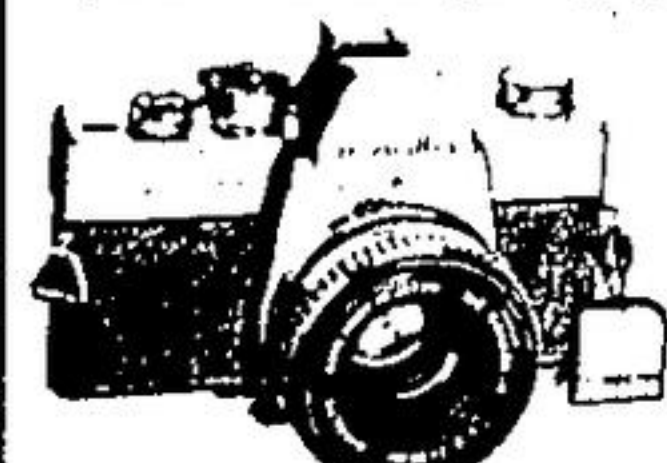
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