

**DISTRICT NEWS**

**Council Buys Ambulance  
Councillor Quits Position**

GEORGETOWN — Georgetown's volunteer ambulance service was advanced to the starting stage last week when council purchased the McClure ambulance after receiving an offer to sell from the owner for \$900 less \$100 discount.

The stormy question was settled by a 6-3 vote with Reeve Allen and Crs. Sykes and Harrison maintaining the opposition they had expressed on several previous occasions.

All three reiterated their reasons for opposition—that the vehicle is, in their opinion, not worth the price, and that the new service should demand a new machine and new equipment.

Reeve Allen spoke at some length, saying that council is saving pennies on an essential service. He said \$19,000 had been spent on a fire pumper last year with one-tenth of the present debate, that this and the new fire hall contribute to the efficiency of Georgetown's top fire department, and that the same reasoning should hold for the ambulance service.

After the vote, Reeve Allen said that it would be difficult for him to continue chairing the council ambulance committee which apparently was going to work on a shoe string and asked to be relieved of the position.

"Council has shown that dollars are the important thing," he said, "and I feel that someone who goes farther in economy than I, can do a better job."

The reeve said that if he continued as chairman, he wouldn't want to bring every financial dispute to council and feels that he can serve the ambulance service better as a private councillor.

"I'm surprised that the reeve can't take defeat in a debate," said Cr. McGillivray. "If I can't try to save money on a committee, I don't want to sit on it."

"I've been defeated in debate more times than I've won," replied the reeve. "My only reason for giving up the chairmanship is that I don't want to have to bring every purchase to council for debate."

**Acton Buys Ambulance Service  
Free Rides for All Ratepayers**

ACTON — Council has accepted the offer of Acton Motors for operation of the municipal ambulance service for a period of three months, when the offer will be subject to revision.

Councillor Goy reported interviewing two interested groups on the operation of the town equipment. Cost of the service was estimated by the committee at \$2,500 yearly on the basis of 50 calls.

Members approved the contract of Acton Motors but considerable debate resulted on charges to be levied on patients for ambulance trips. Deputy-reeve Wilson suggested he would like to see the

complete cost incorporated in the budget and the service offered free.

Councillor Cook pointed out if the taxpayers were paying for it, they should be able to ride in it free.

Councillor Lowe argued in favor of a "nominal charge" to avoid having people take advantage of the plan.

A resolution setting charges at \$10 for trips to Guelph and \$20 for trips to Toronto and Hamilton, was defeated.

A second resolution that the cost of ambulance service be free to all ratepayers and tenants was approved with five supporting votes.

**Town to Honor  
Skating Champs**

OAKVILLE — Oakville Council decided to co-operate with Bronte in honoring Otto and Maria Jelinek, Bronte's brother and sister combination which placed third in the World Figure Skating Championships in Colorado Springs last week.

Otto and Maria, at 16 and 14 respectively, were the youngest competitors in the championships and were judged only one decimal point behind the second place German pairs team, which was third in last year's Olympics.

Mayor William Anderson suggested to Council that the two Jelineks, who finished second in both the North American and Canadian championships, had brought a great deal of credit to the area.

"Bronte might feel slighted if Oakville takes credit for the Jelineks," said Councillor Fred Tilley.

"We don't want to overlook Bronte," said Mayor Anderson. "I suggest that a member of Council get in touch with the Oakville Figure Skating club and Bronte to work out some means of recognition."

"I'd write to Bronte and suggest we do something together," said Reeve William Card. "I've heard some Brontonian say they're sick and tired of hearing Oakville take all the credit for the famous skating pair."

Councillor Tilley was appointed Oakville's representative to work on some means of recognition.

**Debentures Valued  
At \$763,000 Sold**

NELSON — Nelson council heard, through its financial agent, that a total of \$763,000 worth of debentures has been sold.

These debentures will cover sewage treatment plant, school, sidewalks, local improvements, waterworks and pavement projects.

Council followed the advice of its agent, Mr. John Mills and approved debentures for the new sewage plant, a project which was being delayed pending the arrival of bonds from the contractor, Halco Construction.

Mr. Mills said he had received notification from council to sell debentures on the sewage plant and it would embarrass relations between himself, the council and his client if they were to be withdrawn.

Councillor Warren McNeven assured council that the bonds covering the sewage plant would be in their hands within a few days. Only Councillor John McCormick objected to passing the by-law authorizing sale of the debentures. "It's too risky," he said.

**Suggest Club Name  
As Roll Call Reply**

The second meeting of the Omagh 4-H Club was held Saturday at the home of Heatheranne Hayward. The meeting opened with the singing of O Canada. The girls answered the roll call by showing their record books and giving a suggested name for club.

Topics this week were Food for All the Family and Safety in the Home and on the Road. For the next meeting, they were invited to attend the Hornby Girls' Club to see a film on Safety.

Lunch was served by the hostess after which the meeting adjourned.

**Eight Grocery Stores  
Start New Closing Hours**

GEORGETOWN — Eight local grocery stores and meat markets will commence new store hours this week.

Council established the new hours by an amendment to the store closing by-law, after receiving a petition asking this from seven of the nine businesses involved.

A recorded vote was asked by Cr. McGillivray and the mayor and other six council members acceded to the request of the merchants.

The stores will be closed every Monday. While other stores close for the weekly half holiday Thursday at noon, food merchants will remain open on that day. Otherwise, store hours will be uniform.

Cr. Hyde pleaded with council to give the matter more thought before a decision. He pointed out that council is endorsing a minority merchants group although the proper majority exists within the group itself.

"I am not opposed to what they are trying to achieve, but I am opposed to what is going to happen to business by splitting store hours," he said.

Mr. Hyde said that council's job is to decide what is best for the town as a whole and that shoppers must be considered also. Monday closing has some merit, he said, but he would feel more secure in a decision if all merchants were in favor.

Reeve Stan Allen said that while he is sorry all merchants are not in favor, the public will get accustomed to new hours and regulate their buying accordingly.

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**Nelson Wonders if  
Speculators Pricing  
Out New Enterprise**

NELSON — Members of Nelson township council believe land speculators are pricing prospective new enterprises out of the township's industrial zone. Two large U.S. concerns are already attempting to open plants in an area now classed as agricultural.

Council heard requests from two realtors representing the unnamed U.S. companies who have selected sites north of the Queen Elizabeth Way and east of Walker's Line.

Robert Snively said his client had taken an option on 100 acres, registered as lot no. 10. Refusing to name the company, the realtor said special services would not be needed and that septic tanks would be installed. He asked for the lot to be re-zoned to industrial use.

W. A. Logan of H. Dunham and Co. Ltd., spoke for a Detroit manufacturer of automation valves which, he said, would be assembled at the proposed plant. His client has made a firm offer for 20 acres outside the present industrial zone.

Objecting to being in the dark, Councillor John McCormick said council should know the nature of the proposed industries. "We cannot zone it willy nilly, we want to know what they are going to do when they get there," he said.

Councillor Walter McNeven asked why the firms were moving into an agricultural area.

His answer came from Councillor McCormick. He said, "Because speculators are jacking the price up to \$6,000 an acre."

Councillor Lew Dawson told council that the planning board was considering revising the existing zones. He said present industrial zones might be changed.

Council made no decision on the request for their approval of rezoning the lots. Area planning board opinion is being sought.

**Suggest Added  
Car Equipment**

A memorandum to all O.P.P. stations in District Three, comprising the counties of Halton, Wentworth, Brant and Norfolk, from District Inspector I. R. Robbie outlines three suggestions which, if followed out, could help in saving lives, particularly during periods of anxious waiting for ambulances and skilled medical attention after a traffic accident.

1. If every motor vehicle was equipped with a first-aid kit, a considerable amount of assistance could be rendered on the spot by those who know how to use such a kit—for example, by those trained in St. John work or by a policeman.
2. Every motor vehicle should be equipped with a small, easy to handle fire extinguisher, which might help in two ways: in the event of an accident causing a fire, it might be possible to extinguish it at once and prevent an explosion that might cause considerable harm. To, if a driver spotted a residential fire, he would have a means at hand to help keep it under control and might in so doing save a life or lives.
3. It should be compulsory for every vehicle to carry a dependable flashlight. This would help the driver if his engine stalls, to signal other cars out of the way or gain assistance from passing motorists.

Although this could not be compulsory, the Attorney-General is of the opinion that such suggestions would be helpful in many cases.

**Weather Balloon Found  
By Georgetown Farmer**

GEORGETOWN — A weather balloon, sent up by the U.S. Weather Bureau at Flint, Michigan, was recovered in a district farm field by John Rudell, who noticed the unusual object in a neighbor's field.

The equipment, known as Radiosonde, was described on the container which housed a radio transmitter, and instructions were given to return it to the weather bureau headquarters at Joliet, Illinois.

The radio transmitted details of temperature, pressure and moisture of air through which the equipment had passed. It had been attached to a balloon which burst at a height of 16 miles and was carried to earth by a parachute.

It was found eight days after it was sent out.

**Trafalgar Dogs  
Sport New Tags**

TRAFALGAR — About 70 per cent of fees for this year's Trafalgar township dog licenses have been paid, township clerk Sheldon Featherstone estimated.

"That is fairly good," said Mr. Featherstone. "It is difficult to make a comparison with last year as we employed a different method of collection. The deadline this year was March 1. In a week or two we will go over the lists and send out notices to dog owners who have not paid."

Police chief Leonard Brown of Oakville said 115 town dog owners had taken out 1957 licenses for their pets to date, while 550 had still to contribute to the town coffers.

"This is about average," he said. "Our deadline is May 1. We wish people would renew their dogs' licenses as early as possible so we can close our books."

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John L. Meadows, Marcel Guertin and Kenneth Walsh will each receive "class 20" gold buttons from the Accident Association of Ontario. Each driver has completed 10 years of accident-free driving as of January 1, 1957.

Two other drivers, Andrew Dempsey and Charles Hall, will be presented with bronze buttons for completing three years of driving without a mishap.

Oakville Taxi reports that two of their drivers, Miss Merle Dixon and Newton Cossitt, have been driving six and five accident-free years respectively.

**Joint Services Committee Sees  
Amalgamated Police, Fire Forces**

OAKVILLE — Appointment of two sub-committees to work out a scheme for amalgamating the police and fire departments of Oakville, Trafalgar and Bronte was suggested by Deputy-reeve Alec Phillips at a meeting of the Joint Services Committee at Trafalgar township hall.

"There should be one central dispatching point for firemen," said Deputy-reeve Phillips. At present there was considerable overlapping in the work of both the firemen and the policemen.

It was decided to ask each municipality to appoint a representative, who is not a member of a police force, as member of a joint

police committee, and to make a similar request in regard to a fire committee. A meeting will also be called on the question of a joint sanitation service.

At present the three municipalities employ 33 people to enforce the law, 17 officers in Trafalgar, 13 officers and two civilians in Oakville and Bronte's lone chief of police.

Flowerpot Island National Park in Georgian Bay covers an area of only 300 acres. The name derives from a group of tiny islands, some of them 50 feet high, that the waves have eroded into the shape of flowerpots.

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