

EBENEZER

Memorial service held to honor George Thomas

(Intended for last week)
By Mrs. L. Thomas
Ebenezer Church, Nassagaweya, was filled Sunday evening, Sept. 28, with friends, neighbors and relatives, for the dedication and memorial service, in memory of R. George Thomas, when an Oak flower stand, brass altar vase and wall case for the Communion Chalice, were unveiled by Mrs. L. Thomas.

Among the guests were Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Kelly, of Toronto, who married George and Lillian. Rev. W. Leeman of Palgrave, a former pastor was guest speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Foster, nephew and niece of the deceased, rendered special music along with Ebenezer Choir. Mr. and Mrs. William Early are enjoying a holiday by train and boat to the West coast and along British Columbia shore to the Yukon.

A crokinole social was held in the basement of the church on

Friday evening Oct. 3 in honor of Art Diamond, who broke his ankle, while working on church property.

Mrs. Isobel McLean's many friends wish her a speedy recovery. She is with relatives in Thorold, recovering from pneumonia.

We are pleased to learn that David Ward has replaced the cast on his leg and graduated to crutches after six weeks of inconvenience.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry and John Simpson enjoyed the autumn scenery, while on a trip to Ottawa and Algonquin Park recently.

A surprise party was called on the newly weds, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Price, last Friday night. All were made welcome. Congratulations, Bill and welcome to the community, Jean.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fatt of Aldergrove, British Columbia are visiting relatives and friends in the district.



A RELAXED ATMOSPHERE at the Milton Chamber of Commerce's fall course for businessmen is carried on by instructor Fred Irwin. This small group is among the 20 who signed up for the course which is designed to help local businessmen on their marketing procedure and their approach to marketing in general. Mr.

Irwin, sitting on the table, is part of a two-man firm which specializes in helping newly organized firms and helping them to market their products. He was hired by the Ontario Department of Education to conduct the 10-week course—(Staff Photo)

Urban board hopes to continue with fewer meetings, townships

North Halton urban board will make another effort to keep in existence, although most Milton and Georgetown council members have declared they think the group might as well fold up.

For 16 years, councils of Acton, Milton and Georgetown have been asked to attend the monthly meeting of the urban board, and for all of the 16 years, Esquesing and Nassagaweya councils have been asked in vain to join the group. The aim was to discuss mutual problems and co-operate on solutions.

Attendance has always been the main problem, reviewed the representatives in attendance recently in the Acton council chamber — chairman Sandy Mackenzie of Georgetown; Acton mayor Les Doby; Acton; councillors Earl Masales, Bill Coats, Orval Chapman and Peter Marks; Milton deputy-reeve Ron Harris, councillors Gord Krantz and Percy Barr, and secretary Jack McGeachie.

Milton councillors and the chairman from Georgetown both reported the feeling of their own councils that the usefulness of the board had dwindled and it might as well fold. Acton council had not yet discussed the problem.

However, after briefly reviewing the benefits over the years, all agreed to a motion to recommend to their respective councils that consideration be given to continuing with the urban board, possibly under a new name. The group would meet four times a year rather than monthly to discuss mutual problems. Esquesing and Nassagaweya will again be invited to join and send representatives.

Secretary Jack McGeachie recalled the board's formation in June, 1954. At first, an engineer had been employed between the three towns. Subsequent plans (such as the recent thought of a joint plumbing inspector) had fallen through.

With regional government, need for joint action seems less vital. "We're being legislated out of business," Mayor Doby thought. "The urban board has been a useful tool of government. Esquesing and Nassagaweya have missed the boat by not participating."

"If we can't co-operate on a simple thing like plumbing inspection what can we do?" mused Mr. Mackenzie.

Mr. Doby countered that even discussions are worth while.

The value of the annual meeting—a dinner and dance with guests—was reviewed by Mayor Doby and initial plans were made to hold it next month at Georgetown. Mayor Doby pointed out Acton council had not recently had a social night of its own, because of the success of the urban board affair. Members of parliament were guests, there was always a good turnout of councillors and wives, and much was gained despite the informality.

With the meeting beginning at eight and regular curfew set for 10 p.m., councillors first exchanged opinions on green belt planning for half an hour, the plumbing inspections for 20 minutes or so, then open Sundays and loitering bylaws.

Last discussion, running to over curfew time, was on their

own existence. Although one of the items was the difficulty of assembling an agenda, just before the meeting adjourned Mayor Doby asked what other towns were going to do about burning leaves, and Mr. Harris mentioned a county incinerator. Neither of these was discussed.

The question of green belt legislation was introduced by Acton councillor Coats, who particularly had in mind the subdivision planned for the east of Acton which will encircle the creek bed. He wondered if the contractors could be required to do remedial work there, in cleaning up the land around the creek. The land, unusable for the builder, covers about 11 per cent, rather than the required 5 per cent.

Chairman Mackenzie reported Georgetown's "sad experience" in their eastern end, and recommended Acton "demand they do something." Mayor Doby countered that the town has a degree of responsibility; "maybe we should subsidize some of it ourselves." An open water course would mean maintenance.

Mr. Krantz explained Milton hasn't had new subdivisions lately, but in most cases they took cash in lieu of land.

Mr. McGeachie suggested the town should have its plans for the creek bed all ready before building starts.

Latest official recommendations, he added, are that allocated parkland should be beside schools, to add to the area there for the use of the general public.

Despite the board's previous discussions on joint plumbing inspections, all three towns are left with their own arrangements, each reported in turn. Georgetown has a retired plumber, Acton the works

superintendent, and Milton a new inspector on the works staff.

The consensus was that a plumbing inspection fee should be \$20 to cover costs. The present county fee is \$10 plus 50 cents a fixture. "A ridiculous price," commented Mr. McGeachie.

Open Sunday discussion brought out the fact more places are open in Milton than in Georgetown or Acton. Milton has an open theatre and bowling alley, but council had just rejected open billiard parlors despite a petition.

Milton councillors reviewed their position and the feeling open billiard parlors would increase the loitering problem. Two representatives admitted they were not in agreement with the Milton council decision.

Topic changed to the loitering bylaw and in what cases it's used.

"There's no justification for saying these young people have nothing to do," felt Mayor Doby.

Mused Mr. Marks, "We're failing some place. Maybe we should try something different."

Snapped Mr. Krantz: "There should be more of the woodshed, not more for the children."

Former Hornby girl runner-up in Miss Muskoka competition

A former Hornby girl who holds the title of Miss Port Sydney 1969 was first runner-up in the Miss Muskoka contest held at Port Carling recently.

She is Marjorie Eleanor (Mardi) Wood, age 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd W. Wood of Port Sydney. They formerly lived at Hornby and Georgetown. Among the 7,000 people watching the 1969 Cavalcade of Color parade at Port Carling Oct. 5 were her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Vano Maura, Raymond and Elizabeth of R.R. 3 Georgetown.

Linda MacDonald, 17, Miss Bracebridge 1969, was chosen Miss Muskoka and she will be a candidate in the Miss Dominion of Canada pageant in July at Niagara Falls. There were four other girls in Sunday's competition.

Mardi will be in the spotlight

again on Saturday, Nov. 1, only this time it will be a parade down a church aisle. She will go to the altar of Christ Church, Port Sydney to become the bride of Vaughn Sturgess, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Sturgess of Barrie.

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Presents official plan expects joint hearing

Milton's new official plan was presented to the Minister of Municipal Affairs by Mayor Brian Best last week and the Minister agreed to have the plan referred to the Ontario Municipal Board.

with the Minister who is giving serious consideration to the request for five units in Halton. The Mayor promised to provide a map of the Milton area indicating existing services and the area that can be served by the town with its new trunk sewer.

Reference of the plan to the board will permit them to act jointly on the plan and on the implementing zoning by-law.

The Minister also agreed to look into the Burlington withdrawal from the Milton Fire Area in the light of anticipated regional government changes, Mayor Best reported.

Mayor Best told Milton Council last Monday he had also discussed regional government

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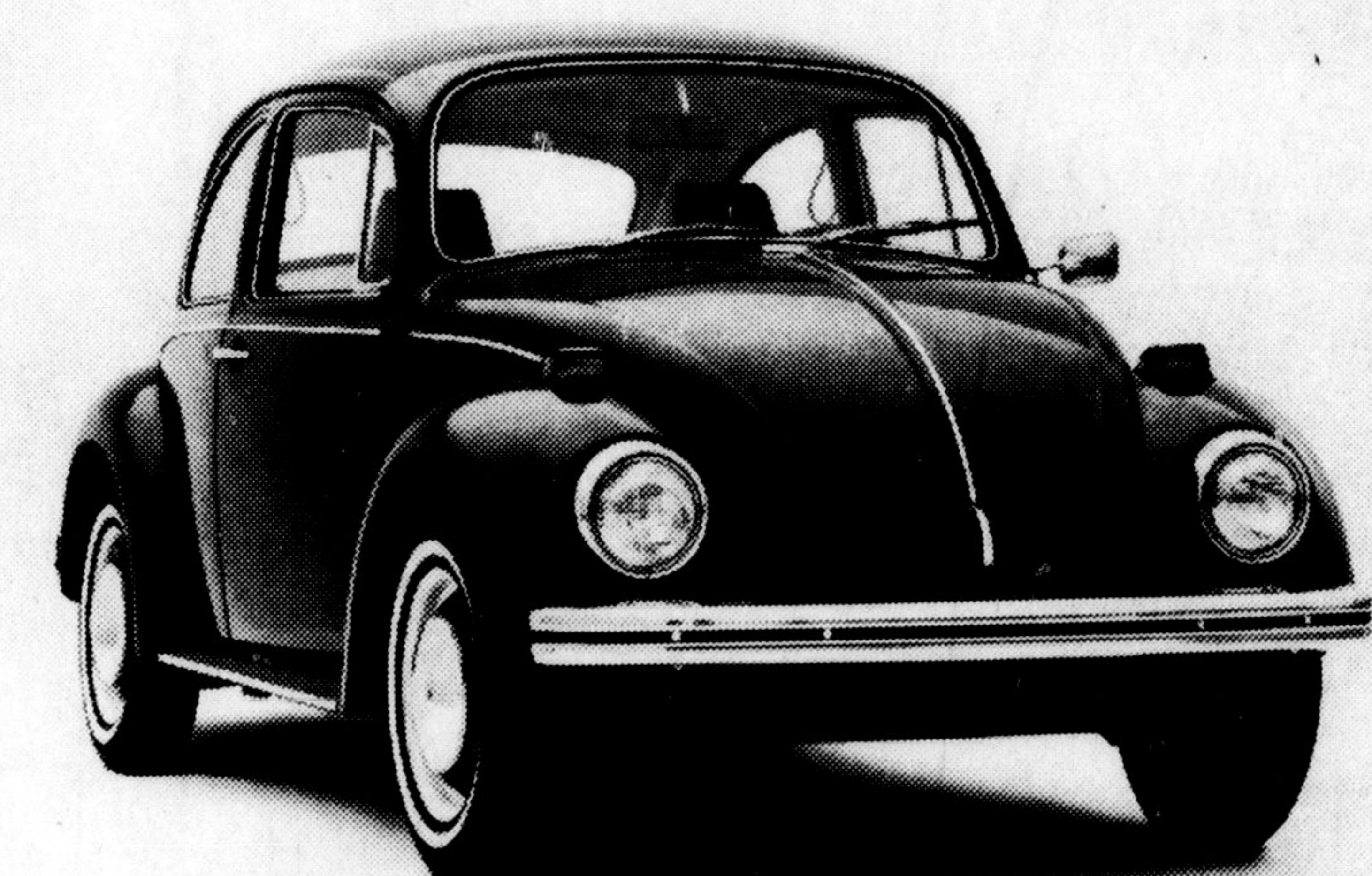
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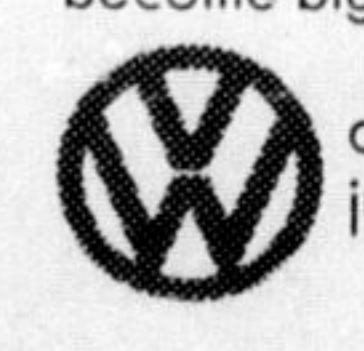
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