

The Gallagher family were among the first growers to raise cantelope and discovered an early variety of the salmon flesh melon which later was adopted by most growers in the district. During the 1930's melon growing in this district reached its peak. It is recalled by the Gallagher family that in August 1931 they picked, packed and shipped two thousand and twenty quart baskets of melons every day for a full week. Car-load shipments were sent to Winnipeg, Montreal and Toronto and the whole family worked day and night to handle this crop.

About this time Percy decided to go into the construction business and has since built many fine modern homes in the rapidly expanding community of Aldershot.

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The Gallagher family have been faithful adherents of St. Matthew's Anglican church since the early days. John and Mary sitting in the 2nd pew on the left hand side of the church and all their descendants taking pride in sitting in the same seat. The very handsome pulpit in the church has been given in their memory. Mrs. Geo. Gallagher was president of St. Matthew's W.A. for twenty-five years and all her family have taken their places as officers of various church organizations.

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The old Indian trail from Waterdown to Indian Point on Burlington Bay used by Chief Brant runs through this farm-land. About 40 acres are in

wood-land and many of the community children hike thru the woods enjoying its natural beauty. The Aldershot scout troop made a council fire there.

One Sunday evening in December, 1939, fire destroyed the large barn belonging to Gallagher Farms. As it was filled with baskets, straw etc. it made a very fine blaze, and many people came from miles around to watch the fire and to help where possible.

A storage basement was built on the stone foundation of the old barn and in 1946 a modern refrigeration plant was put in this storage building enabling the Gallagher brothers to store and keep their apples all thru the winter.

About 1958 Percy Gallagher purchased about 20 acres of the farm fronting on No. 2 Highway (Now known as East Plains Road). Percy proceeded to survey this land creating a very fine subdivision which he named "White Oak Manor". Many fine homes have been built here and the owners enjoy "living on a farm", in a modern survey.

At this date (1961) plans are drawing to completion for Highway No. 403 (Chedoke Expressway) thru Gallagher farms and the provincial highway have purchased about 13 acres of land. Unfortunately this highway will go thru one of the orchards thus destroying about 600 fine apple trees. (The high cost of progress!)