

60-Year Light Bulb Quits

Here is one for "Believe it or not". The round silver coated light bulb displayed by Gertrude Burtwistle in the above photo, had been in use daily, since hydro was installed in 1925 in the Burtwistle home at R.R. 3, Lambeth. It ceased to function on June 14, 1985.

This bulb and fixtures were purchased and installed by William Bowley, whose store was located at 306 Dundas Street, London, across from the Armouries. His son, Peter, operated the business after him. At the present time, a third generation, Peter Bowley operates Bowley's London Limited, as a furniture and auction business in Hyde Park.

Apparently, manufacturers knew how to make long-lasting bulbs 60 years ago, why not now?