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The Editor's Column

MAIN STREET'S CHANGING SCENE

Last year about this time we devoted much of this column to changes on Main Street in our six years of residence in Georgetown — Main Street being used as a term for the business picture rather than the street proper. Another year has gone by and still we find the scene changing. Starting at the north we find Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kirby have moved their dress shop to Brampton, and Penson's Fish and Chip Store has moved across from their former location. That building, empty for some months, is now ready for occupancy by a manufacturing company and Mr. Ernie Rawson, who announces the opening of his radio shop in this issue.

Jack Thompson, back at his first love, radio, sold his Phoenix Gift Shop to Paul and Ruth Barber, and around the corner Don Barrager has taken over Rachlin's Cleaning and Pressing and will soon be doing his own dry cleaning in a plant under construction on J. J. Gibbens' property behind Long's. A Hespeler native, Riley Brethour has taken over Tyers Milk Products, now known as the Georgetown Dairy, and Mr. Tyers is trying his hand at farming on the Cedarvale property on lower Main Street. Calvin Clark sold his electrical shop to Jesse Wardlaw, farmed for most of the year at Limehouse, then sold his farm and is building a grocery store on the highway near the Veterans' Housing development. Russell Thompson sold the taxi and auto accessory business which he established, to Jim Ross and Tom Clapham and went into chicken farming at Limehouse, and still another merchant, Jack Roughley closed out his watch repair business to live the rural life out there (Limehouse certainly has an attraction for our Main Streeters.)

Continuing on, we find Roy Barker now managing Dominion Store, Jack Watson having accepted a position with Silver's Dep't. Store, while his friendly rival at Carroll's across the street is now Jim Bingham, who took over when Al Goodlett moved to Tillsonburg. The O'Neill Block, owned by one of Georgetown's oldest businessmen, John O'Neill, was sold this year to Victor Diggins, who has two companies, Federal Sales and Georgetown Manufacturing in full production where Mr. O'Neill formerly had his garage and carriage works. Up beside the Oddfellows' Hall, Harold Barnes and A. Zeravlev are in partnership in the Lincoln Auto Body.

The familiar face of Dave Brill is missing at the four corners, he having sold his clothing business to Jack Cotton who still retains the Brill store name. Dave and G. W. McLintock who retired from management of the Bank of Commerce, have both moved to Toronto. Bob Ireland, from Windsor, is the new bank manager.

W. F. Smith sold his shoe business to Ross Thompson and Jim Cummins opened a shoe repairing business in connection with the store. Simmons Jewellers, slated to move into part of the Golden Gate Cafe premises, are at present using one window of the cafe for display and sales two days a week. Next door, Stan Grabb's Furniture Sales has added an attractive store in what had been a vacant building for many years. The three Richardson brothers, Walt, Ken and Harold are all now associated with their father in operating the hardware store, Harold having sold his meat store in Toronto to come to Georgetown.

On Mill Street too, we see changes. Tom Hewson has taken over the former Hedley Shaw Feed Mill for his farm implements, automobile and real estate agency. Mrs. Shaw sold out to the Georgetown Feed Mill and moved back to Toronto. Across the street, Dr. J. H. Chamberlain is about to open a medical practice in part of the Muckart Building which W. E. Nodwell is vacating. The Georgetown Laundry, a new business in 1946, has just moved from the Clark Building on John Street to its new location in part of the building erected by Norman Snyder on Mill Street. Mr. Snyder will use the rest of his building for garage space for his trucking business.

On lower Mill Street, the Mackenzie Building beside the Gregory Theatre is being completed and Al Norton is getting anxious to set up his bowling alley in the basement, while two retail firms will occupy the main floor. Norm Reid's refreshment booth, which had to be moved to make way for the building is now in the place which his grandfather, R. Marchmont used to operate. Another recent change was the sale by A. R. of his garage and Chrysler agency to Ray...

Surprising when you tally these up how many changes occur in a year, and we wonder what changes will bring.

J. A. Willoughby, Realtor, Enlarges Organization



JACK WILLOUGHBY

John A. Willoughby, past-president of the Toronto Real Estate Board, has announced the appointment of his sons, Messrs. Jack and Bert Willoughby, to partnership in the firm of J. A. Willoughby, real estate.

With the addition of his two sons, Mr. Willoughby is further increasing the efficiency of a real estate firm which has grown from a tiny county business to become one of the largest agencies in Canada.

At 33, Mr. Jack Willoughby, the eldest, is not new to the real estate business. With his father's agency for several years, he resigned in 1943 to enlist in the armed forces. Receiving a rejection, he went into military investigation work, subsequently rejoining his father's firm this year.

Following his graduation from the Ontario Agricultural College with the degree of B.S.A., Mr. Bert Willoughby, 29, spent five years during World War II in the chemical division of Canadian Industries at Shawinigan Falls. He entered his father's office last May. While at College he was President of the Student body and also an ardent supporter of all athletics.



BERT WILLOUGHBY

PENSION PLAN INAUGURATED BY ALLIANCE PAPER MILLS, LTD.

The latest addition to the list of benefits made available to employees of Alliance Paper Mills, Ltd. is a Pension Plan with a guarantee of a minimum of sixty monthly payments, recently announced by Mr. A. E. H. Fair, President, and to be effective as of 31st December, 1946.

For some time now it has been the Company's policy to share its success with its employees. Salaries and wages have been increased from time to time, and for several years the Company has contributed to the cost of a Group Life Insurance Plan for its employees. Annual holidays, with full rate of pay, are now an accepted practice, and certain statutory holidays are paid for as if worked. For many years the Company has been making a Voluntary Retirement Allowance to employees of continuous long service who have reached the retirement age.

The new Pension Plan provides for joint contribution by the member and the Company to ensure an annuity based on 1 1/2% of members earnings for each year of service from the time of joining the plan until retirement.

In recognition of the faithful service already rendered by the older long service employees, the plan provides for the granting of a pension for past service for each member with more than five years of continuous service at effective date, and who joins the plan within six months of the effective date; the full cost of his part of the pension, applicable to past service, is born by the Company.

The Company has made application for contracts with the Dominion Government Annuities Branch with respect to the basic plan, and with the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada with respect to the Supplementary Plan, and all contributions to be made by members and by the Company, on the member's behalf, will be deposited with the Government and the Assurance Company, for the benefit of the members only.

Summed up, the Company's policy is to continue an intelligent and as generous a labour and welfare policy as conditions will permit.

SAMOAN POLICE COMMISSIONER, A. L. BRAISBY DIES IN NEW ZEALAND

A native of Kettering, England, and High Commissioner of the Samoan Police since 1924, Arthur Leslie Braisby died recently while on a visit to New Zealand. He was 64 years of age. Mr. Braisby will be remembered in Georgetown where he visited seven years ago with his brother, Mr. Fred Braisby.

In 1904, Mr. Braisby went to New Zealand after service with the British Army in the South African war, and he served in the first World War with the New Zealand forces. He was a member of the guard over Count Von Luckner at Motuwhi Island. After the war he transferred to the Samoan Armed Constabulary. Later the force was disbanded but he remained with the Samoan police and in 1924 became inspector in charge of police and prisons in Apia. He took a prominent part in the suppression of the Mau uprising.

Mr. Braisby acted as bodyguard to the King and Queen when, as Duke and Duchess of York, they visited New Zealand. He accompanied the Prince of Wales in a similar capacity on a visit in 1921.

He is survived by his wife and daughter, and besides his brother in Georgetown he leaves a brother, Alfred and two sisters, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Austin in England.

WINS GRAIN PRIZES AT CHICAGO SHOW

W. O. Brownridge, prominent grain exhibitor at district fairs, won three prizes at the recent Chicago International Livestock and Grain Show. Mr. Brownridge placed fourth with Chancellor peas, 5th with Urban late oats and 7th with Ajax early oats.

In everyday life there are many people whose vision of a bright and happy future for themselves and their families fades into thin air because they neglected to buy sufficient life insurance.

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