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The Editor's Column

THE CHANGING SCENE

As we said last week, Main Street (and by Main Street, we mean the merchant fraternity, wherever it may be located) has seen almost a complete turnover since your editor took over the job of the late J. M. Moore early in 1940. Starting at Main Street South, where Sammie Fong has replaced Harry Chu as proprietor of the Golden Gate Cafe we'll take you on a tour just to prove the point. Next door, in what was formerly part of the cafe, Simmons Jewellers are getting ready for their official opening this week. A vacant building has been renovated to house Stan Grabb's Georgetown Furniture Sales. Harold McClure has added the Simpson Order Office to his home furnishings business. Bill King's meat and grocery store now is operated by Roy Bradley with whom was associated his brother, the late Clayton Bradley, and during the war, another brother Clifford, who left town to run his own business in Erin and has since sold that and bought a business in Acton. Jack Cotton kept Brill's Dep't. Store name when he purchased the business from David Brill, who now makes his home in Toronto. Death removed a well-known citizen in 1940 in the person of hotelkeeper Sam McGibbon and Jack and Gladys continue to operate the McGibbon House. The adjoining bakeshop has been twice sold, by Norm Brown to Fred Baird and more recently to Fred Webb. Mr. Baird moved to Brampton where he purchased Scarlett Bros. grocery store. Dominion Store has had several managers, the latest of whom is Norm Smith. The Misses Claridge, who operated a millinery shop above the Herald Office have retired and the premises has been converted into an apartment for insurance agent W. A. McCarvell. Long's Confectionery and the Gray Coach Depot is still operated by the family since death suddenly removed this popular merchant. After Howard Lillico's death, Mrs. Lillico sold the beauty parlour to Mrs. Donna Ryan of Toronto, and works with Mrs. Ryan in the business. The Lee Sing laundry ceased operation with the death of the proprietor and the building was next tenanted by Cal Clark's electrical shop which he sold to Jesse Wardlaw and now jointly houses the Wardlaw Electric and the Georgetown Taxi in which Mr. Wardlaw is associated with Jim Ross. An extension to Silver's Dep't. Store has doubled the floor space of the business from which Mr. H. Silver has retired from the active management, his place being taken by his son, Sid. The old Creelman building at the time we came to town had Mrs. Katherine (Preston) Cordaro operating the Empire Lunch. Mrs. Cordaro sold out to her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Penson, who later bought a building across the street and now the building is partly industrial (Electrical Indicators) while Ernie's Radio run by Ernie Rawson takes part of the frontage and Cordaro Candies will soon be confectioned in the basement. Riley Brethour purchased Tyers Milk Products from E. B. Tyers and calls it now the Georgetown Dairy, while Mr. Tyers has taken up farming on Cedarvale Farm which he purchased from the United Church which ran it in conjunction with the girls' school. Farm manager Harvey Clarke bought a trucking business and moved to Brampton.

The house and shop from which Norm Brown transferred his bakeshop downtown has reverted to a private dwelling. When A. E. Cripps sold his Ford agency at the top of Main Street Hill to Lorne Peters and Cece Hardie, they named the business Georgetown Motors. Across the highway, Art Scott acquired the Chevrolet - Oldsmobile agency this year and changed the firm name to Scott Motor Sales. At present he is building a new garage further down the highway where the B.A. Station was located and run in our time by Bruce MacKenzie, Harry Graham and Danny Banks, Neil Ellison and Bert Simpson. Art Speight sold his Plymouth agency to Ray Bowers of Toronto and up the highway to service a rapidly growing district are two new grocery stores established by Cal Clark and Jim Schofield.

The feed mill on the highway has seen several proprietors, including Cal Clark, the late Hedley Shaw, Cal Clark again, William Bryden and presently Upshall and Maltby. Mrs. Maynard's store on the north end of the highway is now operated by Mrs. E. Loud. Returning to Main Street, we find even more changes on the opposite side of the street. The Municipal Office will soon be back at its former location in the Waterworks Building when renovations are complete. Penson's Fish and Chip now occupies the premises of Kirby's Specialty Shop, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kirby having meanwhile opened a similar business in Brampton. The southern half of this store was occupied by Hugh Lindsay's radio store until he closed it early in the

war. George Chong's smiling face is missing at the Georgetown Cafe, with Albert Woo the new proprietor. Next door, where A. E. Wright and Son operated a meat market, Jack Thompson established Phoenix House gift shop, selling it to Paul and Ruth Barber. Jack Roughley of Limehouse conducted Jack's Watch Repair in part of this premises for a few years. Vogue Hairdressing, established by a Brampton firm in the vacant corner store in the Lane Block is operated by Ivan Hay. Around the corner Don Barrager bought out Rachlin Cleaners and has added a dry cleaning plant which he built behind Long's Store. The O'Neill Block has seen a great many changes, Mr. O'Neill, retiring from the garage and farm implement business and selling the building to Vic Diggins, who operated Federal Sales and the Georgetown Manufacturing Company there, then moved his factory to College View and leased that part of the building to the Henry Davis furniture company. Walter Rigg's flower shop now has Eaton's Order Office as tenants. A new business, Doran's Shoe Store, recently opened in the location which first housed O'Neill's Garage, then Russell Thompson's Taxi, which he sold to Jim Ross and Tom Clapham who operated it as Georgetown Taxi, then moved across the street to the present location. Carroll's, too, has seen a number of managers, no new appointment having yet been made since Jim Bingham left for Tillsonburg last week. M. Malina closed up his jewelry store and the premises was remodelled by Mr. Diggins of Duffy's Restaurant which is now run by Don Wilson. Saxe Chapman sold his drug business just a few months ago to Frank Kentner. One of Georgetown's oldest businessmen, Walter Anthony, passed away and the business is now operated by Ray Thompson, who was associated with Mr. Anthony for several years. Above Robb's Drug Store, Dr. Clifford Reid has his dental office in Dr. Jackson's former location.

The Bank of Montreal closed in 1941 and manager Ab Welk went from here to Fenelon Falls, Tilbury and Aurora. The town bought the building, used it as municipal and police office until this year when it was sold to the Royal Bank who appointed Frank Benner to manage the new branch. At the Bank of Commerce, veteran manager, G. McIntock retired last year and moved to Toronto and R. H. Ireland came here from Windsor as the new manager. Jim Goodlet purchased J. P. Reid's hardware store, renovated and added to the building for his hardware and furniture store. The Budget Groceries which he operated next door was purchased by Bob Caldwell who came here from Brampton and runs the store under his own name. W. F. Smith sold his shoe store to Ross Thompson and Jim Cummins opened a shoe repair business in the back of the store. When the Hydr Commission purchased the corner building at Main and Church, the offices were moved downtown from the old Municipal Building.

Branching off Main Street, we find Mill Street has had its share of new faces too. In a new building beside Hume's Implement Agency is Snyder's Cartage and Les Tomlinson's Excelo Manufacturing Co. Dr. J. H. Chamberlain has opened an office in a vacant portion of the Muckart Building and A. L. Bouck is using part of Elmer Thompson's office for his accounting business. Ken McMillan has moved his implement agency to the old Arnold factory on the highway corner, and the building which was used for a time by Hedley Shaw Feeds was purchased by Tom Hewson for his real estate and garage business. The renovated Legion Hall has been expanded to take in premises formerly occupied by Dean Harley's Fire Escape Shop and Ed Holmes' shoe repair shop. Extensive changes are also in evidence at the end of Wesleyan Street where Al Zeravlev has his Lincoln Auto Body in the former O'Neill Blacksmith Shop and the Oddfellows Hall is located in the original Gregory Theatre Building.

On lower Mill Street, a familiar face is missing, that of the late Clarence Buck whose grocery and meat store is being conducted by his wife. Death has also removed Norm Reid who ran a refreshment booth in the store where his grandfather, Mr. R. Marchmont ran as a grocery store until a few years ago. Two new business buildings have made their appearance on Mill Street, the Mackenzie Block which houses the Georgetown 5c to \$1 Store, Kemshead's Bakery (located across from the Arena when we first came here and closed during the war while the boys were in the navy), and the Lucky Strike Bowling Club — and across the street, the log cabin real estate and insurance agency of Walter T. Evans and Co. R. L. Gregory sold his theatre chain this year to Odeon Theatres and Jack Polly is now the local manager. When Lyla Francis became Mrs. Harry Savings she sold her beauty parlour in the Gregory Building to Mrs. Elsie Grimwood, who operates it as Elsie's Beauty Parlour. Ray Whitmee has erected a taxi stand on the vacant lot next to the Mackenzie Building, and Clarence Kennedy runs his Arrow Taxi from his home at the highway corner. Dr. J. B. Milne has moved his dental office from its upstairs location in the Lane Block to the new Mackenzie Building. On King Street, Gord Bouskill has established a garage and Gord Harley is building one at present on John Street.

A HUNTER'S ENDURANCE

Hunting is one of the sports that develop people's powers of endurance. Their physical ability grows as the tramp through the field and woodlands. The exercise makes them hungry, and they consume the food with good appetites.

Some elderly hunters may be invited by the pleasure of this sport to keep going when they should stop and rest. A moderate amount of this exercise will be beneficial, but they may need to remember that their powers are limited. If they exercise such self restraint, they will benefit with the rest.

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