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The Editor's Corner

THE CHANGING SCENE

Last year at this time, as is customary, in this column, a review appeared of the Changing Scene on Georgetown's Main Street. The merchant-fraternity here is by no means static and every year sees a generous quota of changes, so again we bring readers up to date for 1948.

Starting at Main Street South, we find that Sammie Fong sold his Golden Gate Cafe to Fred Lee, who came here from Port Hope. Sammie, who was in town the other day renewing old acquaintances, now operates the Hollywood Cafe in Simcoe. Next door, Stan Grabb is planning an official opening early in the new year for his greatly-enlarged Georgetown Furniture Sales. An addition has been built on the back which will more than triple the floor space. Further down the street, Roy Magloughlin sold his billiard room and barber shop to Harold "Hutch" Hutchinson, who with his wife and family is occupying the apartment above. "Hutch" operated the shop for a time with Bob Richardson as barber, then turned the barber shop over to Mervyn Cook, who returned to barbering in the shop where he learned his trade. Bob is meanwhile with Jack Williamson in his barber shop at this end of Main Street.

Bob Caldwell, who for the past five years operated the former Budget Groceteria sold his business to Roy Barker and Charlie Brown and moved to the other end of the street when he purchased Long's Confectionery. Bob also operates the Gray Coach terminal. Next door, Donna Ryan, after her marriage to Bert Marchmont, sold the Lillie Beauty Shop to Bruno Scissizzi of Milton, who has joined Georgetown's hockey team. Two new buildings made their appearance on this side of the street, Cordaro Candies, operated by Mr. and Mrs. John Cordaro, and Stew Simpson's taxi stand. At the rear of the Georgetown Dairy building, Gordon Knight, an English immigrant opened the Georgetown Laundry, and the Emerson brothers, Johnny and Jim, established their tool and die business which they purchased from Bill Hiller.

The old Waterworks Building across the street had a face-lifting and with a considerable addition became the new municipal building early in the spring. It houses the Provincial Police offices as well. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Penson, who have just opened up a service station and lunchroom on the highway across from the Limehouse turn, sold their fish and chip business to David Bowman and Harry McMurtry, the former taking over sole ownership recently. The Georgetown Cafe also changed hands, Albert Woo selling to Tom Wong. Ken Atkinson came from Acton to manage Carroll's Store and when Neil McClennan left Robb's and purchased his own drug store at Islington another familiar face returned to town, when Stewart Young returned to Robb's as manager. Stewart, who used to be a clerk there, graduated from the College of Pharmacy on his return from overseas service with the RCAF and managed a drug store in Harrow before returning to Georgetown. At the hydro office, Miss K. Ryan retired after many years and Mrs. J. P. Reid was given the position of office manager.

Branching off Main Street, we find Jim Taylor, another English immigrant, as the new owner of the Massey Harris agency which he purchased from Alex Hume. The building is located across from the Brewers' Warehouse. On the Post Office hill, an office was established in the building below Buck's and it is jointly tenanted by Howard Graff, insurance man and business broker, and Mrs. Ethel Brown, who conducts a bookkeeping and auditing service. The Kemshead bakery was sold to the Pries Brothers who came here from Walkerton. At the Roxy Theatre we find Ernie Crawford the new manager, taking over from Jack Polly who is now employed with Smith & Stone. In his home up the hill from the Maple Leaf Dairy, Jack Ballantine has opened a shoe repair shop. Farther down John Street, Gord Harley has opened his new garage which he calls Harley Motors.

Another change in the garage picture, saw the opening of a fine new building by Art Scott on the site of the old B.A. Service Station. Scott Motor Sales became the local General Motors representatives and moved to this location from their former spot at the top of Main Street. The Ford and Monarch dealers, Cecil Hardie and Lorne Peters, who operate as Georgetown Motors, meanwhile purchased that building and now have a "corner" on that end of the highway, using both their old and new buildings.

And so it goes on Main Street, each year seeing new faces and new names. Even as we write this column another change is pending which will become public early in the new year.

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POT POURRI

Don't forget to stock up the larder for a three-day holiday this week-end. Boxing Day will see stores closed in town on Monday. . . . Many of the younger generation will have their first taste of margarine soon when this butter substitute goes on sale in Canada for the first time since the 1914 war years. The Supreme Court ruled last week that the ban on its sale was illegal and it will be on the market before the year end. . . . A new signboard on Richardson's Hardware with gold lettering on a purple background is an attractive addition to the store. . . . St. George's Church had a "face-lifting" for the Christmas season when it was redecorated. The new colour scheme is mushroom with light blue around the window casements in the church proper and the reverse colours in the chancel. . . . The musical part of the Sunday morning service at the United Church was broadcast over the church loudspeaker system and the morning air was filled with Christmas carols. . . . The beautiful midnight choral communion will again draw worshippers to St. George's on Christmas Eve. Everyone is welcomed at this service. . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. Waking have moved from town and are now making their home at Windsor Mills, Quebec. Another local couple also moved to that province some time ago, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Young, who are living in Verdun.

THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor:
 The most fitting remark I could make with this week's summary would be to say:
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
 Ern Batkin.

Date	Max.	Min.	Snow
Dec. 13	45	31	
Dec. 14	37	24	
Dec. 15	28	22	2"
Dec. 16	37	22	Flurries
Dec. 17	27	21	Flurries
Dec. 18	30	19	Flurries
Dec. 19	27	11	1"
Average	33	21.42	3"

DOUBLE BEREAVEMENT FOR LOCAL LADIES

Mrs. John Kennedy and Mrs. Robert McPherson suffered a double bereavement this month when a brother and a sister died. Their sister, Mrs. Leo Givens of Arthur died suddenly of a heart attack on December 7th. She had lived in Arthur for a month, since her husband's retirement from farming near that town. Mr. Hugh Mitchell who died in Oakville after an illness was a retired railwayman and had moved to Oakville a month ago from North Bay.

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