

THE GEORGETOWN HERALD

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Acton, Esquering Talk Reunions

With Nassagaweya Centennial a pleasant memory of the past, the reunion idea seems to have caught on. Acton, which is planning to change from village to town status next year is talking of a reunion to mark the event and Esquering, which had also been incorporated 100 years as a municipality may mark the occasion next summer in similar fashion to Nassagaweya.

Months of planning and cooperation by all groups in the township resulted in the three day event being held without a hitch. The township hall at Brookville was the centre of activity, with a cement platform erected in the front and two wooden platforms at the side. Saturday features included a parade with floats, an exhibit of old farm machinery, ball games and a platform program at which Agricultural Representative J. E. White-lock was master of ceremonies. Guest speaker was Col. the Hon. Thomas Kennedy, Ontario Minister of Agriculture and Member for Peel. Others introduced from the platform included Reeve William Vansickle and Councillors George Stokes, Max Storey, Edgar Ellen-ton and Stan Norrish, Reeve Jack Armstrong of Georgetown, Deputy Reeve George Leslie of Esquering, and Mrs. Mary Pettit, Warden of Halton. An old fashioned fashion parade, square dancing contests, fiddlers' contests and selections by Public School choirs provided entertainment.

A huge dance Friday evening and a garden party Saturday drew crowds to Brookville. Capt. the Rev. D. C. Smith, M.C. was guest speaker at a church service on Sunday with the Acton Boys and Girls Band provided a sacred concert. The Lorne Scots Band played during Saturday afternoon's entertainment.

J. N. O'Neill One Of Town's Oldest Merchants

One of Georgetown's veteran businessmen, John Nicholas O'Neill died in Toronto on Wednesday, August 10th. Mr. O'Neill had been in failing health after suffering a stroke some time ago.

Born in Port Hope on July 4th, 1869, he purchased a business in Alton, Chinguacousy Township in 1890. Two years later he married Elizabeth Jane Coventry and in January, 1899, they moved to Georgetown when Mr. O'Neill purchased the carriage shop of Culp and McKenzie. This was later expanded to include an automobile agency and garage. Fire destroyed the original building in 1922, and a new building was erected which is still one of Main Street's best buildings. Mr. O'Neill continued to operate his business in this location until his retirement in 1947, when he sold the building to Mr. Victor Diggins.

In his years in business, he gained the reputation of being a good craftsman and an honest dealer and he enjoyed a wide circle of friends throughout the district. He was a member of Credit Lodge, A.F. & M.

Surviving are his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Earle D. Sheley (Melrose) of Birmingham, Michigan, one son, Arol John O'Neill of Toronto and four grandchildren, John D. Sheley of Hamilton, Ohio, Richard E. Sheley of Vero Beach, Florida, June and John O'Neill of Toronto.

Rev. John M. Smith conducted the funeral service on Saturday from the McClure Funeral Home, with Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson assisting. Pallbearers were Walter T. Evans, J. D. Godfrey, Thomas Bird, Lt.-Col. Gordon Cousens, Howard Kentner and William G. Marshall. Interment was made in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown.

SCOTCH BLOCK NATIVE DIES IN WEST

A native of the Scotch Block, where he was born 73 years ago, Robert Sinclair, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Sinclair of Acton, died suddenly at his home in Fort William. He went west before the turn of the century and in 1905 he was married at Rainy River. Surviving are his wife and five sons.

WILL TEACH IN BRAMPTON

Miss Margaret Alexander of Georgetown is one of four new teachers hired by Brampton Public School Board for the coming term. Miss Alexander will succeed Miss Grace Wilson, former kindergarten teacher at Central School.

New Lighting for High School Rooms

At a meeting of the Board of Education in the Public School on Wednesday evening, it was decided to install new lighting in the two downstairs classrooms at the school. The lighting changes have been recommended by Halton Health Unit which says that lighting throughout the school is bad. Tenders will be asked from local electricians for the installation of fluorescent lights. Another new feature at the school will be the placing of an outside drinking fountain at the rear of the school. A new portable radio-phonograph will be purchased to replace the old one which is worn out.

No action was taken on other recommendations in the Health Unit report which said sanitary facilities at both public and high schools were inadequate. The report said that more drinking fountains and more wash basins were needed in both schools.

A request by Mr. and Mrs. Agar Ostrander who live near town that their five-year old daughter, Donna May be allowed to attend public school here was granted subject to the approval of the principal. She will be charged the regular rate for non-resident students.

Ross Duncan, a member of the board was appointed to the property and supply committee. It was decided to eliminate the frosted glass in the windows at the high school and replace it with clear glass which would give better light and improve the appearance of the building.

Members of the Fire Brigade have recently painted the flag pole at the public school and a donation of \$25 was made to the brigade for their work. A balance of \$130 owing on typewriters purchased for the commercial class at high school was paid. A tender for eaves-troughing at the high school from Thompson's Hardware was accepted, the work to cost \$275.

Certain salary adjustments were made for the high school teachers to bring them in line with salaries paid in the high school district.

Barber - Frost Wedding at Hart House Chapel

On Friday evening, August 12th, at 8 p.m., the marriage was solemnized in Hart House chapel, Toronto, of Sybil M. Frost of London, England and Lt.-Col. John R. Barber of Georgetown. Rev. Ross K. Cameron was the officiating minister. The bride was given in marriage by Brigadier M. B. K. Gordon of Ottawa. Mrs. Gordon was matron-of-honour and Major J. Arnott Early of Georgetown was groomsmen.

A reception was held after the wedding at the Royal York Hotel and the couple left for a honeymoon trip in the United States. They will reside in the groom's home on Market Street, Georgetown.

MONARCH GIRLS WILL TEAM WITH FORT CREDIT

The Monarchs, local entry in the Intermediate Ladies softball league, will probably be teamed with Fort Credit in the playoffs for the league championship. The Monarchs have two games left in the regular schedule, playing at Brampton Combines Friday and with Brampton Taxi here tomorrow night. Playoffs will start next week.

Brampton Combines defeated Fort Credit in a playoff to decide who would enter the Ontario playdowns, and will not compete in the league playoffs.

Last night the Monarchs won 19-3 against Brampton Taxi.

POLICE CRUISER DAMAGED IN THURSDAY ACCIDENT

During a heavy rainstorm last Thursday afternoon, an American car proceeding towards town on No. 7 Highway missed the turn at Wildwood and crashed into a provincial police cruiser driven by Constable Jim McEwen. No one was injured, although the police car was damaged considerably and the American car was also damaged.

Constable McEwen, who was driving towards Acton saw the oncoming car and pulled to the side of the road at Hyde's lane, and was spared the full impact of the crash which could have had much more serious results.

Social and Personal

Donald Cleave has been visiting in Guelph with Ronnie and Kenneth Cave.

John DeBeaulieu is spending three weeks at Percé, Quebec, on the Gaspe coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield McGilvray and family spent last week at Wasaga Beach.

Miss Irene Shaw of Shawville, Quebec is visiting in town with Dr. and Mrs. A. McAllister.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Clark last week end were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rydall, of Guelph.

Miss Maryann Day of Woodbridge is visiting in town with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williamson and daughter Marjion enjoyed a motor trip last week to the Ottawa district.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGilvray are visiting in Dunnville this week with Mr. and Mrs. Walter McGilvray.

Miss Margaret Russell of Norval attended the funeral service in Toronto last Friday for the late Howard Orm.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hurley have returned from a vacation which they spent at Paudash, Lake near Bancroft.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Girard and son Teddy of Brantford spent a few days in town this week with her mother, Mrs. E. Loud.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheldon Emmerson and Mrs. Thomas E. Hewson motored to Montreal where they spent a few days last week.

Miss Grace Brooks of Caledon East is visiting in town this week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William Roney.

Mrs. Jack Rush, Marilyn and Gary of Toronto are visiting this week in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stockford.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Marshall have returned from a vacation trip to Ottville, where they visited with their son, W. E. Marshall, and to Kincardine.

Mrs. Stafford Groat, Mrs. Balfe Bradley, Brock, Gretchen, Claire and Sandra are vacationing at Glenwood Beach, Lake Simcoe.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Chevin and son Jack of Chatham spent the week-end in town with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Norrie.

Mr. and Mrs. George Leslie and Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Lindsay spent the week-end visiting friends in Ingersoll and Dorchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chapman and children are vacationing at their summer cottage at Victoria Harbour for the remainder of this month.

Visitors last week with Mr. and Mrs. A. G. M. Bruyns at their home on Charles Street were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Flanders of Canesville, Illinois.

Dr. and Mrs. David Waterhouse are spending two weeks at Flushing, Long Island, with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Keen.

Mrs. Grover Norton and daughter Karen have returned from a visit in Sheldon Springs, Vermont, with Mr. and Mrs. George Sweet, former residents of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hamilton have returned from a vacation trip north. They made their headquarters at Orr Lake and from there motored to several parts of Muskoka.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fraser, Donna Lee and Billy of Washington, D.C. were in town last week visiting with friends and relatives. Both are former residents of town.

Mrs. F. P. Brown and Miss Beverly Brown of Akron, Ohio and Miss Ethel Potter of Toronto were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Collier, Ewing St., this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Alcott, Barbara and Bobby and Mrs. Frank King, Elaine and Linda are vacationing this week at Stanley Park, Erin.

Mr. W. C. McGuire and Mrs. Jean Shoebright, who have been visiting for some time in Norval with Mrs. I. Webster and Miss Prairie Maguire left today on their return trip to Regina, Saskatchewan.

Misses Edith and Mary Bianchi entertained last Friday for the ladies of the Norval Town Line at a miscellaneous shower in honour of Miss Alma May Hunter, whose marriage to Jim Doane will take place this month.

On Thursday afternoon on the lawn at Norval Presbyterian Church, the ladies of the church feted Miss Joan Davis, whose marriage to Mr. Robert Carl Nowack of Watertown, Wisconsin, will take place later this month. About fifty ladies attended the miscellaneous shower and enjoyed a picnic lunch.

Visitors last week with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Young at their farm near town included, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Raines of Montreal, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutchinson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffin of Belle River.

Mrs. David Saxe, Stephen and Catharine, returned home this week from their summer cottage at Mary Lake. Mr. Morris Saxe, Miss Ethel Bridger and Mrs. M. Fleishman and son Danny of Toronto are at the cottage for the next two weeks.

Miss Edna Hamilton of Winnipeg, Manitoba, was a visitor last week with her cousin, Mr. Walter T. Evans and Miss Ruth Evans at their home on Edith Street. Miss Hamilton who flew from Winnipeg to Bermuda for a vacation trip was en route home.

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GET READY FOR THE FAIR SEPT. 16 - 17 AT GEORGETOWN

THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor:
This week's summary certainly shows consistently hot; every day shows both Max. and Min. away above the month's normal average. Even at that, with a high of 84, it was two degrees below the monthly record high of 86 which was reached on two days in August of last year. Good holiday weather, though, isn't it.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
Aug. 8	92	64	
Aug. 9	94	70	
Aug. 10	84	71	
Aug. 11	84	70	.11
Aug. 12	84	68	
Aug. 13	85	58	
Aug. 14	84	57	
Average	88.14	64.85	.11

Burned in Explosion Fred Humphreys Dies

John Frederick Humphrey, popular young district farmer, died in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, on Wednesday, August 10th as the result of burns which he had suffered in an accident at his farm on the Town Line the previous Friday. He had been loading grain from a combine into a truck and while putting gasoline in the combine the machine caught fire. He tried to save the tractor and was driving it away when the combine exploded and Mr. Humphrey was badly burned.

Born on the home farm, he was a member of one of the pioneer families in the district. During the war he served as a civilian pilot with Canadian Pacific Airways stationed near Quebec and later with the RCAF. After the war he returned to farming. He was a member of Norval Presbyterian Church and of the Norval Servicemen's Club.

Surviving are his wife, formerly Lois Orme, two children, John and Lynda, his father, John F. Humphrey and three sisters, Mrs. Hugh McCullum (Louise), Mrs. Clure Dolson (Enid) and Mrs. James Montgomery (Marion).

The funeral was held on Friday from the Brampton Funeral Service, with Rev. J. L. Self conducting the service. Pallbearers were Frank Early, Hamilton McLaughlin, Spencer Wilson, Goldie Gilles, Harry Hookway and John Smith. Interment was made in Hillcrest Cemetery, Norval.

SUMMER WEDDING IN BETHEL CHURCH

Baskets of gladioli and snapdragons formed the setting for a pretty wedding on Saturday afternoon, August 6th in Bethel United Church, when Ella Ruth, youngest daughter of Mr. Norman Lawrence and the late Mrs. Lawrence was united in marriage to William Thomas Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey of Hornby. Rev. Fred Ainsworth was the officiating clergyman.

Mrs. Robt. Anderson, Milton, played the wedding music and also accompanied the soloist, Mrs. Harold Michie, aunt of the groom, who sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "Because."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a smart street length white silk jersey gown with shoulder length veil and wreath of orange blossoms. She wore the gift of the groom, a gold locket and her corsage was of red roses. Miss Audrey Lawrence, sister of the bride was maid of honour, wearing a powder blue silk jersey. Both had white lace halo hats with ribbon trim and corsages of roses. The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. Elmer Bailey.

The ushers were Mr. Edward Bailey of Hornby and Mr. Ralph Hornby of Toronto. After the ceremony, a reception was held for the immediate families at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peacock, sister of the bride. The hostess received her guests in a smart floral crepe gown with white accessories and corsage of yellow roses. The luncheon was served on the lawn by Mrs. John Bradley, Miss Lorna Lawrence, Mrs. Douglas Leslie and Miss Phyllis Hornby.

The happy couple left for a short motor trip to points north, the bride travelling in a slate blue gabardine suit with white accessories. They will make their home on the Seventh Line.

ILL HEALTH CAUSES REEVE'S RESIGNATION

On account of ill health, Reeve J. W. Higgins of Milton tendered his resignation from that office at a recent council meeting in the county town.

Plans are almost completed for another big fall show at Georgetown on Sept. 16-17. The prize list has been almost compiled and is now in the hands of the printer. Anyone desiring to make donations to the special list should get in touch with the secretary at once.

The horse show will be usual to the major attraction, interspersed with harness races and jumping classes. It is expected that a considerable number of saddle horses will be at Georgetown Fair this year, due to a change in the prize list.

A good showing of local dairy cattle is also looked for as this section has been confined to Halton County only. The Easton bacon hog special is another feature for the farmer, and brings in a little extra revenue from the porkers.

The school children's section has been planned for some months, and is aimed at hitting a new record in school work. The ladies prize list is now completed and will appear either this week or next in this paper.

The Society has asked Mr. E. H. Buck of Paris, president of the Ontario Fairs Association to officially open the show, and a new wrinkle may be injected into the show — that of having a lady judge for the horse show.

It is hoped that a large quota of exhibitors will be on hand for all sections. Georgetown Fair is making a name for itself as one of the better shows, and only by the support of all citizens can this be obtained. Get your name in now for a prize list — they are free — and do your part by showing something at Georgetown Fair.

HOWARD ORAM WAS OLD GHS GRADUATE

Well known to Herald readers through his writing from time to time of articles of district history, Howard Francis Oram died suddenly in Toronto East General Hospital after suffering a heart attack on Wednesday, August 10. Mr. Oram, who made his home in Toronto at 433 Kingswood Road, was a native of this district and lived in Norval while attending Georgetown High School. He had lived for many years in Toronto where he was an accountant, lately being employed with the Ontario Temperance Union.

Surviving are his wife, formerly Annie Lamont of Mount Forest, and a sister, Miss Harriett Oram of Toronto. An only daughter, Helen, predeceased him several years ago. The funeral service was held on Friday in the chapel of the Wm. Sherrin Funeral Home, interment following in St. John's Cemetery, Norway.

Raiders Win Second Game With Fergus

Georgetown took the lead in the Intermediate B baseball playoffs on Saturday when they visited Fergus and came home with a 12-5 win under their belts. The teams had played a tie game here the previous Wednesday. Harvey Chappel on the mound for Georgetown pitched excellent ball and was credited with twelve strike-outs. Scotty Patterson and Ken Nash were also standouts for the locals. The scorekeeper chalked up eight errors against the Fergus team.

The teams meet here tonight for the third game and a win for Georgetown will put them well in front in the series.

BALLINAFAD

The funeral of the late Mrs. P. Ferguson took place Monday afternoon from the home. Mrs. Ferguson passed away suddenly after a short illness. We extend our sympathy to those bereaved.

A miscellaneous shower was held for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Klatt, nee Eleanor McDowell last Thursday evening in the Hall. Many lovely and useful gifts were presented to the recent bride and groom who will make their home in Streetsville.

Margaret Early of Edén Mills is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Ernie McEwen.

Ballinafad and Mimosa met Wednesday evening in the first game of their final series. The game was played at Hillsburgh under the floodlights and was most exciting. The final score was 11-16 in favour of Ballinafad. Mercer Jackson and James Kirkwood were the umpires. The dread disease of poliomyelitis has entered our community. Mr. Cliff Kenny was taken to Riverside Hospital last Friday. We are glad to report he is recovering nicely.

STEWARTTOWN

Betty Jane Henderson underwent a tonsil operation last week in Toronto Sick Children's Hospital. Her mother, Mrs. John Henderson, visited in the city with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Patterson while Betty Jane was in the hospital.