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by M.H.B.

Summer's over for auro, when the kiddies troupe back to school, isn't it. Mothers have been busy, the past couple of weeks between bouts with the preserving kettle, that is — getting the school clothes in readiness. Can't remember a summer when our two ever had more wear out of their little sunsuits. There was hardly a day when they needed anything with more coverage. And that's really something when we think back over the past five or six years and remember how much overalls and sweaters had to be worn during the so-called warm weather. The sunshine's been wonderful, and the youngsters are all tanned. If lots of sunlight really does help prevent winter colds, the coming season should be an exceptional healthy one throughout Ontario. Here's hoping, anyway.

Do you remember Dick Beaumont, son of William Beaumont, Glen Williams? He used to be on the local Bank of Commerce staff, and we hadn't heard of him for years. Ran into a mutual friend the other day, however, and learned that Dick has left the bank, and is now with the accounting firm of Arthur A. Crawley & Company, Toronto office located at 352 Bay St. He's doing very well there, and has only a year to go before he receives his Accountant's Degree. Dick married a nurse, from Midland, and they have an apartment near Wellesley Hospital, Toronto.

Another Georgetown boy, Bruce Kennedy, who is associated with a plastics company in Toronto, has moved, with his wife (formerly Noreen Palmer) and small daughter, Cheryl, to a new home located near St. Andrew's Golf Course, Toronto.

They're good signs, the local Business Men's Association have erected on the right hand side of No. 7 Highway, coming into town from Acton and at the intersection of John St. and the Highway. In large bold lettering they clearly point the way to the business section of town. It's not very often a highway doesn't go smack through the centre of a small town, and doubtless the location of Georgetown's main business thoroughfare has often puzzled tourists. So now they will know. Signs like that have been needed for a good many years.

Say, Moira Kelly the other day, home from her summer with the Ontario Farm Service Force at Theford.

The Bill Kelly's have moved from near Inverhuron Beach, and Bill's present position as instructor at Dorset, Haliburton, brought them a pleasant surprise a couple of weeks ago, when they met Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hillock, Dianne and Glenwright, who were vacationing at Hillcrest Lodge, Hill's Lake, Haliburton. Dorothy tells us the scenery there is simply beautiful. They had a bit of the wrong kind of excitement, tho, while holidaying at the lodge, when a small forest fire started quite nearby. The Fire Dept. from the Department of Lands and Forests soon had it under control, however, due to the tremendous water pressure they were able to get with their motors. They drew water to fight the fire from a creek, and it was really amazing to see them obtain such an enormous volume of water from such a small source of supply.

The Detroit Times recently carried an excellent full length photo of Mrs. "Scotty" Patterson, in full Scottish regalia, piping a Highland tune which was taken when the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band were present at the St. Andrew Society bagpipe contest at the University of Detroit. Could just distinguish Helen McGill in the photo, beside Mary. The Pipe Band have certainly travelled over a lot of country and wherever they go they bring a great deal of credit in themselves and to Georgetown.

Seems this is an ideal place to offer our congratulations to the Lorne Scots Band. Winning first place at the Toronto Exhibition last week, they confirmed the conviction of everyone in town — even before the competitions that for fine brass music, they're tops. And we all appreciate that the winning laurels' crown many weeks of diligent practicing.

Having just completed an eighteen month business course in Toronto, Miss Jean Beckett has taken a position in the office of Mr. K. M. Langdon, and commenced her duties on Tuesday.

This is the time of year when a good many (we hope) ladies of town are completing articles to be displayed in the Georgetown Fair. Glad to hear several district ladies, compete in the bigger Fair at Toronto, as well, and it was nice to learn that Mrs. J. L. Robinson, Milton, won third prize for an appliqued quilt shown at the C.N.E.

Mrs. Robinson is Mrs. Ceell Davidson's mother.

Noted that Georgetown's former Public Health Nurse, Mrs. Ellen Weedmark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Weedmark of Port Colborne, was married last Saturday in Port Colborne to Mr. Calvin Robert Cupp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Legender Ains Cupp of Toronto. To date, there has been no replacement obtained for Miss Weedmark, and until such time as the services of another public health nurse can be secured, the Superintendent of the Halton Health Unit, Miss Gillespie, of Milton, will undertake the duties of Georgetown's Public Nurse.

Fire is a horrible thing, and is no respecter of people or places. It was with regret we read of flames destroying the home — instead of the Lillies, the late Howard Lillies of town being a member of that family. The home was built about 1893 and was a landmark in the rich farming district near Peterboro. Many of the farmers around this district are still farming on the original Crown Land tilled by their forefathers, and can appreciate what a sad loss such destruction by fire would be.

We have at hand, a very old picture of Georgetown Main Street brought to us by Mrs. William Carney. How old it is, we have no idea, except that in it the street wasn't paved, there were no street lights, and several ladies shown walking across the thoroughfare are wearing long, full skirted costumes and plumed hats. In the foreground is a building we had almost forgotten. The little frame Post Office. Hm-m-m-m.

Now we know we won't even hazard a guess as to the post-card's vintage. Living in a town, it's rather hard to visualize it as it was so many years ago. Knowing what beautiful work she does, we were not at all surprised, to hear of an honour that recently came to Mrs. Ern Batkin, Wildwood. Mrs. Batkin received a very handsome sterling silver spoon with the Federated Women's Institutes crest on the handle, which was awarded in their Dominion-Knitting-Bag contest.

There is quite a little history to winning the competition, we found it quite interesting to learn how these contests are conducted so that a country's finest handwork can come to the fore and be judged. In 1947 there was a 50th Anniversary Celebration in Guelph, of the Federated Women's Institutes. They have competitions and it was announced that Limehouse W. I. (and a real live wire organization it is, too), of which Mrs. Batkin is a member, had won the knitting bag contest for Ontario. The knitting-bag was then eligible for the Dominion of Canada competition, and Limehouse was very happy and proud to become runner-up. The winner of the competition, incidentally, was an Institute in New Brunswick, and that Institute was presented with a silver cup. The ladies of the Limehouse Institute decided that the spoon should be given on behalf of the Institute, to the person who made the knitting bag. Mrs. Ern Batkin. The prize-winning bag was hand-woven and even the handles were hand-made, these latter by the man-of-the-house, and the Herald "weather-man", Mr. Batkin.

Speaking of the weather — that was quite a little sale we had last week. It even blew down a tree in the yard behind Mr. Elmer Thompson's house on South Main Street. It also brought down the first fall of autumn leaves.

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