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The Editor's Corner

THE CHANGING SCENE

As was bound to happen, a few names were missed from last week's Changing Scene column. We neglected to mention the purchase by Ray Whitmee of his father's taxi business which is now operated from a building erected on Jack McGibbon's vacant lot on Mill Street. Ernie's Radio, operated by Ernie Rawson is housed in the premises where Lyla Francis, now Mrs. Harry Savings, had a beauty shop for several years.

Lack of space kept us from mentioning the garages, where as in Main Street businesses there has been a considerable turnover. The Ford agency, held by Alger Cripps ten years ago now belongs to Lorne Peters and Cecil Hardie who came here from Toronto after they purchased the building across the road which had been used by Art Scott and now use both locations. Art build a beautiful new garage on the site of the old B.A. Service Station at Queen and Guelph Streets, which had been operated at one time or another by Jack Squires, Bruce MacKenzie, Bert Simpson, Harry Graham and Danny Banks. He has the General Motors agency. Art Speight sold his Chrysler-Plymouth agency to Ray Bowers. Gordon Harley built a new garage on John Street, and Gordon Bouskill opened a garage on King Street.

Also on John Street, Frank Murfin bought the storage shed beside the shoe factory and converted it into a smart shop for his sheet metal and tinsmithing works. The Georgetown Creamery changed hands when Mr. Morris Saxe sold it to his son, David, who also runs the adjoining Saxe Motors. We neglected to mention, too, that the hydro purchased the Brooke Building on Main Street, untenanted since K.M. Langdon moved his law office to Mill Street. The hydro up to that time had maintained an office in the Old Town Hall. S. M. Faibish of Toronto uses part of Simmons Jewellers for his weekly visits as an optician.

INDUSTRIAL & PROFESSIONAL CHANGES

Industry and the professions have seen changes too in the past ten years. Dr. J. H. Chamberlain came to town and opened a medical office on Mill Street. Dr. Walter Harding opened an office about the same time but later moved to Preston. Dr. J. B. Milne moved from Main Street to a handsome new dental office in

the Mackenzie business block on Mill Street and there is an apartment in his former location. Dr. Clifford Reid opened a dental office in the former office of the late Dr. Ben Gollop. Dr. Frank Watson closed his downtown dental office but still practices from his home on Edith Street.

Many local industries have had major changes, one of the most important being the sale of Smith and Stone, Ltd., which became one of a series of companies operated by Lt.-Col. W. E. Phillips with Brigadier F. C. Wallace as managing director. The company has rapidly expanded to a point where it is Georgetown's leading employer, and a substantial addition has been made to the building. With regret the closing of the town's oldest industry, the "power mill" of Provincial Paper, Ltd. was recorded. Retirement has taken its toll of management at both the Provincial and Alliance coating mills. B. B. Foylis and Ray Kercher have both retired and death has claimed W. V. Grant of the Provincial staff, with W. C. Reynolds and Ross Duncan new faces in management. L. E. Fleck, John Bingham and D. P. Crichton retired from the Alliance management and Joseph Gillis died shortly after coming to town as mill manager. Cliff Boutelle is a new man at this mill.

Georgetown lost another old industry when the shoe factory closed down. It was sold after many years in the Dayfoot family to Ed Johnston who later moved the business to Campbellford, and two or three other companies operated here for short times before the final closing. Leonard Bell has recently purchased the building and will manufacture boats under the company name of Kippin-Ker. Wilfrid Lavoie and Son and the Lavoie Knitting Company occupy the factory across from the post office where William Schenk and David Brill were partners in the Bell Knitting Company. The Harley-Kay firm was also sold by W. E. Nodwell to a Kitchener firm and is known now as Harley-Kay-Marsland. Sam Mackenzie is carrying on the lumber, coal and contracting firm founded by his father, the late J. B. Mackenzie, who died a few years ago. A new contracting firm, McNally and Lane, Ltd. was formed by Bill McNally who started in business manufacturing toys and Bob Lane who had a trucking and ice business. They have a factory built on the old Seed House site near the station. Mr. Lane sold his ice business to Bob Baigent at the time of the amalgamation. Meadowglen Growers, who raise mushrooms on a large scale are a new addition to town and have their factory behind the Smith and Stone plant. Ken MacDonald moved his knitting machine repair business from the rear of the Legion Hall to a new building erected behind his home on Market Street. The Credit Valley Bottling Works, owned by William Schenk moved up from the Glen to a new building just outside town limits. Vic Diggins opened Federal Sales and Engineering in a plant once tenanted by Whitey Porritt, then by Richmond Knitting Mills on King Street, sold this to Smith and Stone and moved downtown where he purchased the O'Neill block when Mr. O'Neill retired from the carriage and implement business, then moved his plant to Port Credit. This building is now occupied by a new industry, Henry Davis Wood Products. Mr. Diggins also built a new plant on Academy Road which was later purchased by Smith and Stone. The new firm of Triplett Instruments, as we have mentioned is located in the Cordaro Building. Another industrial closing was that of the Glen Textile Industries in the Glen, the building being vacant at the present time.

POT POURRI

Pot Pourri is back again after an absence of two weeks. The first issue of the year we took a holiday from editorial writing and last week the review of Main Street took all available space and there was no room for these random notes. In answer to a request by one resident of the park district that the mail box in front of Charlie Parker's house be moved to a more central location, another resident says it suits her fine where it is. Perhaps the best thing would be for anyone interested in having it moved to petition the neighbourhood and see whether people are satisfied or whether the majority want it moved. The petition could then be presented to one of the ward councillors for action by the town council. Another fine new display sign, designed by Mr. Adams of Norval has been erected on Ken McMillan's implement agency. Mr. Adams is responsible for many of the town's display signs including those of Licat's Fruit Market, Richardson's Hardware and Farnell's. A lady objects to a recent "horror" program as Saturday afternoon fare for children at the local theatre. We can't get too excited about remembering our childhood days; we saw a great variety of "entertainment" which ranged from Gloria Swanson's "torrid" love scenes to Lon Chaney in "Phantom of the Opera" and it didn't seem to harm us. Everything doesn't register in a child's mind the way it does with an adult. Besides, it is a parent's privilege to keep children home from any show of which they do not approve. Unusually mild weather, coupled with the odd-cold spell is playing havoc with the country roads. The county road which branches off at Stewarttown around Lawson's pond has been particularly hard hit and is a sea of potholes. Seems that when money is saved in snow plowing it must be spent later on for road repairs. Confusion in dates added several more grey hairs to the editor's head last issue. As if it wasn't bad enough to have a fox drive advertised on Saturday with Sunday's date, we also had the Lions Carnival on the 17th instead of the 27th and the IODE dance on February 20th instead of the 10th. We had double trouble because we had to

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spend the evening with the regent of the IODE and with each call from a member her indignation kept mounting. Dates always seem harder to remember in January for some reason. Streetsville's town clerk, J. M. Tindale, died last week from injuries received in a Christmas day motor accident in which his wife was killed. Peel Memorial Hospital's most generous benefactor, J. H. C. Waite, died suddenly in Toronto early this year. Mr. Waite donated his beautiful Brampton residence to the hospital last year when he moved to the city. He was a prominent mining engineer. The property will be sold and the money used to construct a nurse's residence on the hospital property. Another seasonal oddity is the budding of pussy willows, reported by Mrs. Gordon King of Churchill Crest. Robb's beautiful new store is even nicer since new linoleum was laid on the floor last week-end.

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