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The Editor's Corner

SADNESS IN GEORGETOWN

This is one of those weeks when being an editor is difficult. A good friend and one of Georgetown's best citizens, Dave Saxe, died suddenly Friday after being rushed to hospital in Toronto. Then on Monday came more sad news with word that another fine young man, Gordon McDonald had lost his life in a jet plane crash in England.

Death to anyone brings its sadness, and it is not often that we make editorial comment at such times, but there is a particular sense of loss when young people die who have so much of their life ahead of them.

Both Dave and Gordon leave widows and young families. Both were successful in their chosen careers, the one as a garage operator who had the respect and friendship of his competitors; the other as a member of the Royal Air Force, who had won rapid promotion and was counted as among the top young men in the service.

There is little that one can say publicly or privately to the families, except to tell them what they already know — that their grief is shared by a wide circle of friends, and that the names of their loved ones will be long remembered.

A GROWING INDUSTRY

While we often assiduously chase much smaller news items, it occurred to us one day recently that we had ignored the really big news story of the year.

This is that Smith & Stone has got "too big for their breeches" which necessitated a large addition on the rear of their No. 1 plant. A continued expansion in both volume and variety of products has been solved for the present by building an addition which gives more than 10,000 square feet, as well as a huge, long storage shed farther back on the property.

No new departments have been added, and the extra space is being used by existing departments. The Special Products division, which had heretofore been scattered at various places in the three buildings owned by the company, has all been moved to the Academy Road location. These include cup vending machines such as Coffee Bar and Colespa, electro-medical and similar instruments, and Fiberglass resin laminates.

Stores are all located in the main plant now, while the King Street building houses the bakelite and moulding departments.

The Smith & Stone growth has been phenomenal. Since its inception in town a quarter century ago, and particularly since its purchase a few years ago by a company whose president is Colonel W. E. Phillips, it has gradually assumed a position as the town's first industry. There are some six hundred employees on the payroll, many of them commuters who come to work each day by car and bus from communities as far away as Brampton and Cheltenham.

One plant has had several additions made, and two other plants have been added in recent years, as well as a Toronto sales office.

A favourable factor is, too, that Smith & Stone has not had a mushroom growth, but has grown sensibly, slowly and surely, adding new products from time to time, adding more employees when the need arises.

POT POURRI

District young baseball hopefuls have an excellent opportunity for a try-out with a big league outfit when the Cleveland Indians hold a baseball school in Oakville next week. On Monday and Tuesday there are instruction periods for all age groups from 12 up. Wednesday and Thursday there will be try-outs for players 16 and over. Chief instructors Hank Goudy and Joe Vosnick are in charge of the school. More ads than ever in our vacation guide this week. See it when planning your vacation. Local merchants are at present answering a questionnaire aimed at getting a consensus of opinion on closing hours. There are some who favour a 9 p.m. Saturday closing, others who would consider closing a full day Monday instead of the Thursday half holiday, and others who are satisfied with the present system. Results will be tabulated for discussion at future meetings of the Retail Merchants association. Main Street has a swimming pool this week. The water system has sprung a leak under the roadway in front of MacCormack's which will require some excavating by the town men. Holiday time is coming at the Herald and advertisers and those contributing news items are asked to make a special effort to get copy in early. With one man short most of the summer it helps us turn out an early paper.

ASHGROVE

Farewell Presentation To the Thomas Birds

A very pleasant evening was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Graham, on Friday, June 15th when friends and neighbours gathered there to honour Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bird and daughter Elsie who have moved to Georgetown. Mr. Bob Cunningham was chairman for a programme consisting of songs by four girls, Bernice Wilson, Joan Drake, Barbara Cunningham, and Marion Bird. Piano solo by Mrs. Bob Alexander, solo, Mrs. Hartley Anderson and a reading by Mr. Wm. Corley who also read an address while Mr. Russell Hepburn and Mrs. Thos. Giffen presented a trilight lamp and matching table lamp to Mr. and Mrs. Bird and a bedroom chair to Elsie. Mr. Bird and Elsie replied with thanks. Short speeches were made by Walter Lawson, M. T. McNabb, Arthur Ruddell, and Sam Mileham. The evening closed with refreshments.

The WMS meeting was held Tuesday afternoon, June 12th at the home of Mrs. John Bellbody. President Mrs. Hector Bird opened with a hymn and prayer. Roll Call was answered with a verse containing the word "Pare." Mrs. C. B. Dick had charge of the Devotional. As this was the Associate Helpers meeting Mrs. Nurse had charge at this time and presented a dialogue on work camps in Europe. She was assisted in different parts by Mrs. J. H. Hunter, Mrs. J. Carney, Mrs. R. Cunningham, Mrs. Charles Austin and Mrs. J. Drake. Mrs. Bellbody gave the report of the morning session of the Presbyterial held in Georgetown in April and Mrs. Frank Wilson the afternoon session. The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Fred Ainsworth and a social hour followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Millgate of Aurora were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Giffen and David.

Mr. Cecil Wilson was up in a Guelph Hospital with an appendix operation but has returned home. We are sorry to report that Mrs.

Clayton Wilson is now in Guelph having undergone an operation, but is doing nicely and we all hope she will soon be home.

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Robin Hood Cooking School at Ballinafad

The Robin Hood cooking school attracted a good crowd of ladies to Ballinafad Hall, Wednesday. Mrs. Ballantine, home economics director for the company was in charge and explained that up till recently the schools had only been held in the cities, but that the company was now branching out to take in the smaller communities. While she felt short country women are good cooks to start with, she hoped they would still receive helpful ideas

from the demonstrations. She introduced the demonstrator, Mrs. Schriver, who had a capable and entertaining manner of explaining her cookery. Each lady present received a recipe book, and was treated to cookies, baked by Mrs. Schriver. Mrs. William Gibb spoke for the W.A. of Ballinafad United Church, in thanking the ladies for the evening.

Mrs. Robert McNery, Mrs. Wilfred Burt and Mrs. Frank Smith attended the Robin Hood cooking school. W.A. picnic Saturday at Cedarvale School.