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The Changing Scene

Continuing a review of changes on Main Street during the past twelve years, this week we take the block starting at the McGibbon Hotel.

Since our arrival in town Mr Sam McGibbon has died and the hotel business continues in the family with his son Jack and daughter Gladys operating it. A few years ago extensive changes were made in the building. The main entranceway was changed from the front to Mill Street, beverage rooms and dining room modernized. The bake shop in the building has changed hands several times. Norman Brown, who is now a real estate agent for David McLean, Ltd. sold out to Fred Baird. Mr. Baird moved to Brampton, where he works in the post office and the business was run until recently by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welby, who closed the shop this summer. H. J. Sienko's shoe repair shop, Jack Williamson's barber shop and MacCormack's Drugs have had no changes, and the Bell Telephone office is still there, although it will be changing location next year. When the Herald office moved to the new location its premises were taken over by Henry Helfant, a newcomer to town, who operates Henry's Clothing Store.

Next door, Dominion Stores closed down this year after many years in business here. Jack Watson, now of Silver's staff, was manager when we came to town. Later managers included Miss Ethel Ellis, Roy Barker and Norman Smith, the latter now working at Avro. Harry Goldham moved his butcher shop to this location. Joseph Gibbons retired from barbering when he was appointed town assessor and Mervyn Cook took over the shop from him. The Goldham location was rented by Joe McClintock for a new business, Joe's Tuck Shop. The Goldham business was a partnership until Mr. Goldham's father-in-law Robert Erwin retired a few years back. Dr. Frank Watson closed his dental office over the Bell Telephone and last summer Dr. Jack Kerby started practice there. The Misses Claridge, both since deceased, closed their millinery shop over the Herald office and that part of the building was converted into an apartment dwelling. Dick Licata sold his fruit business to the Caruso family of Brampton and the store is now operated by brothers Enrico and Len. A. M. Nielsen still has his chiropractic office upstairs.

What was Long's Restaurant twelve years ago is now the Corner Cupboard, with Harry Holmes as proprietor. After Bill Long's death the business was carried on by Mrs. Long and Margaret (Mrs. Joe McClintock.) Later prop-

rietor's included Bob Caldwell, now owner of Fairview Inn on the highway, Wheldon Emerson who called it Steamer's Inn, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Coleman, who called the business the Rose Bar Restaurant. A change in the last week has been made in the barber and beauty shop next door. After Howard Lillo's death the beauty shop was purchased by Bruno Schizzi of Milton who has continued it under the Lillo name. He has now taken over the whole building and Bill Huffman has moved his barber shop farther down the street to the Cordaro building. Lee Sing's laundry went out of existence when the owner was found dead in bed during the early war years. The building was remodelled for an electric shop for Col Clark who is now manager of the Co-Op at Waukegan. The shop was later run by Jesse Wardlaw, then was converted into Simpson's Order Office.

Since Hyman Silver's death, this large clothing store is run under the management of his son Sid. The store has been doubled in size with the erection of an addition, and the basement has been converted into a huge shoe department. The old Creelman factory was empty when we moved to Georgetown, then was purchased by Mrs. John Cordaro who moved the Empire Lunch from across the road. Mrs. Cordaro sold the business to her sister, Mrs. Frank Penson, who moved it back to the old location. Triplett Instruments had their factory in the main part of the building for some time. Ernie Rawson started Ernie's Radio there, then moved to the Roxy Building and Henry started his clothing business in the same location. Georgetown Taxi had an office in the other part of the building until going out of business recently. The small building erected by Mr. Cordaro for a candy store was later used by McGowan's Specialty Shop and is now tenanted by Livingstone's Bakery. K's Grill in the Cordaro Building basement is operated at present by Mrs. Cordaro's son-in-law Mike Smith.

The Georgetown Dairy was known as Tyers Milk Products twelve years ago, operated by Ed Tyers, now a salesman with Tom Hewson. Toronto real estate salesman Riley Brethour bought the business, selling it to the present owner, Irwin Noble. What is now the Norton Building was Brown's Bakery when we moved to town, Mr. Brown moved farther down street shortly afterwards. Al Norton has converted this building into apartments, with two offices downstairs tenanted by a new lawyer, Jim McNab, and a chartered accountant Jack Crandell.

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A note from Toronto architect Sullio Venchiarutti, who attended high school here, tells us of a double increase in the family. Martha, 4½ and Catherine, 2½ now have twin sisters Pierrette and Paulette, born June 3rd. It has been an eventful year for Mr. Venchiarutti. He is in process of building a new house off No. 10 Highway between the Queen Elizabeth Way and Port Credit, and the firm in which he is a partner with his cousin has built a new office building at 2941 Bathurst St., moving from their former Bay Street location. . . . When Mrs. Sid MacKenzie moved to Ancaster last week, it recalled an unusual story we heard some time ago. Mrs. MacKenzie and Mrs. S. Groat were delegates to the Rebekah Assembly in Toronto this spring, and shared a room at the Royal York Hotel. There was some confusion in room calls for the ladies when it was found that Mrs. MacKenzie and Mrs. Groat from Brantford, also convention delegates were sharing a room on the floor above. Neither pair of ladies were related. It's like moving back home for Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smellie who have returned to Norval recently. They had been living in Shelburne until Mr. Smellie replaced Karl Parr as manager of Helton Co-Operative Services at Milton. Mr. and Mrs. Smellie, daughter Jane, and son Edward

are living on the town line in the house formerly occupied by the late W. H. Clegg and his wife until they moved to Huttonville. . . . C. W. Trickey, piano tuner, who does considerable business in town, won \$100 recently in a White Rose Motor oil contest. The \$5,000 first prize went to an Ingersoll man. . . . A lady complains of being almost run down by a tricycle on the post office hill. Children should be warned of the danger of riding trikes and bikes down this busy thoroughfare. . . . Newcomers to town, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gudgeon are living in the upstairs apartment in Miss Ruth Evans' home on Maple Avenue. Mr. Gudgeon replaces Wilf Hillis as Prudential Insurance agent for a section of town. He was formerly with A&P Stores in Hamilton, Burlington, Kitchener, and for several years in Guelph. They have two children, Jack who will be in Grade 2 at school and Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Gudgeon are both natives of Hamilton. . . . Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Couling, who bought a house, built by Jim Lyons on the highway on the Norval side of town, have moved in. Mr. Couling, a native of Manor, Sask. has retired from his position with the Toronto police force. He served 31 years with the force, and has been chief turnkey at the city hall cells. . . .

FAMILY PARTY MARKS McDONALD WEDDING

On Saturday evening a pleasant time was spent at the home of Mrs. Emily McDonald, R. R. 4, Acton at a surprise party in honour of Mr. and Mrs. William McDonald, Maple Avenue, Georgetown, on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell McDonald and Mr. Robert Uyse of Acton supplied music for dancing. Mr. H. G. Arnold made an appropriate speech and the happy couple were presented with a number of beautiful gifts. "Bill" made a suitable reply on behalf of his wife and himself. Guests attended from Guelph, Toronto, Milton, Limehouse, Acton, and Georgetown.

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