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Good News Industrially

Announcement this week that Smith & Stone, Ltd. will be building a large addition to their main plant in Georgetown, and that an Oshawa branch of the company will occupy the new part of the building is welcome news for Georgetown.

When the addition is completed, there will be employment in town for up to one hundred more men and women, which will mean a larger payroll and more residents in town. This, of course, will lead to more houses being built, with more people to share the tax burden and will have a marked beneficial effect on town economy.

The history of Smith & Stone has been one of steady progress since the original small

company was formed here by Mr. Ben Stone and the late Mr. Smith. "The Glass Gardens" as it is still known by many people prospered under Mr. Stone's direction, and since its acquisition by a larger corporation in 1945, it has continued to grow and grow until it could now be called Georgetown's leading industry.

The new plant will mark a forward step in Georgetown's industrial development. For several years we have been standing still industrially, or even going behind with firms like the old lower paper mill, the shoe factory and Triplett Implements closing their doors. It is hoped that this is the beginning of a new cycle which will see other small sized industries adding to Georgetown's prosperity.

District Folk Good Plowmen

The success of Halton and Peel plowmen at the 'International' at Ottawa last week proves again the superior brand of farming which is carried on in this part of Ontario.

Doug Reid of Brampton was the third district farmer in four years to win the coveted overseas trip as Canada's champion tractor plowman. In November he starts out on the trip which was enjoyed in 1949 by Jim Eccles and in 1950 by Hugh Leslie.

But Doug was not the only one from this district who acquitted himself well at the International. John Cunningham, Arnold

Howden, Stan May, (runner-up to the overseas trip winner for horse plowing), Spencer Wilson, Barry Archer, Claude Pickett were others who stood well up in the various competitions. Perhaps future years will see some of these names in the big time, winning the overseas trek.

With the wide interest shown by district farmers in such competitions, there is proof that Halton and Peel farmers are among the best men in the business and their success will make Halton's name known far and wide as a top farming district.

How About a "Little Theatre"

As one who enjoys stage presentations, we ask, as we have before — "Why can't Georgetown have a 'Little Theatre'?"

A few years back there was a good start made when Jack Thompson started Apprentice Productions which was affiliated with the now-disbanded Recreation Commission. The group staged two or three plays which were well done and reflected credit on the performers and production staff. The group fell apart when Mr. Thompson and other key members of the group left home.

There is good dramatic talent in any town and Georgetown has its fair share. It takes then, only someone to spark the forma-

tion of a group to get things going again. Perhaps there is no one at present with the combination of ability, willingness and time to give proper direction, but it is not impossible for a director to be "imported" to put the finishing touches on a production.

Much smaller communities than Georgetown have successful amateur groups in operation. Elora is an outstanding example. And they do not stick to the ordinary run of the mill plays either. Last year the Elora Players did two Broadway shows, Noel Coward's Blithe Spirit and Arsenic and Old Lace, and they are rehearsing another well-known play "Angel Street"

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We seem to be hopelessly behind in reporting "moving" news this fall. When you stop to realize it, there is certainly a lot of coming and going in Georgetown. Just in case you haven't heard, here are some of the changes in recent months. . . . The house on Guelph Street owned by Cecil Hardie was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Black. Mr. and Mrs. Hardie moved briefly into a house on Church Street which was purchased from Mrs. Edgar Eyres by William Dwyer, then moved from town when Cece sold his garage business. The Dwyers have now moved into that house and Mrs. Dwyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Boyle are living with them at present. Into the Boyle house on Chapel Street East have moved Mr. and Mrs. Bert Palmer and their daughters Lena and Ellen, who formerly lived at the George Cleave farm. Mr. Palmer is working at the Alliance Paper Mill. The Dwyer apartment in Miss Mamie Campbell's house at the park entrance is now tenanted by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jenner, who had been living in an apartment in V. A. Stein's home. . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor and small son Stephen, who had lived for some time on Queen Street, moved in September to St. Andrew's, N.B. where Mr. Taylor will be a fisherman. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hodder and daughter, Pamela, who formerly lived in town, moved in from Limehouse to replace them as tenants. Mr. Hodder works at Provincial Paper, Ltd. . . . The Harry Malone's apartment in the Grandview Apartments was taken by Miss Ann Hickey when the Malones moved to Oakville. Miss Hickey, of the Provincial office staff, formerly lived with Miss May Langan. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Whitlan purchased the Nor-

mandy Blvd. home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hopper when Mr. Hopper moved to Malton to be closer to his work at Avro. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brandford and son Walter now live in the former J. D. Godfrey home on the Queen-McNabb corner. They formerly made their home with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eason. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hayward moved from Berwick Hall to the Main Street apartment vacated by the Albert Tennants when they moved into their newly-built house near Glen Williams. . . . We'll save the rest of the moving news for a future edition. . . . What a pleasure it is to drive on some of Georgetown's new streets. New sidewalks too, will be a grand addition to town, particularly in the wartime housing subdivisions which have had neither pavement nor sidewalks since the houses were built. . . . The usual rush of fall activity is on. Bazaars, church suppers, dances, and the swing back into activity of social and fraternal organizations makes it a busy time for everyone from now till Christmas. . . . Summer weather ended suddenly Sunday with the season's first snow, and most of us were caught short before the leaves were raked up and burned. . . . Bound to have a few good days yet for this end-season task, though. . . . Another edition of High Tales in this issue. The high school students will continue to issue their paper twice monthly. . . . Meant to mention a few weeks ago about the novel way Joe Carter helped decorate St. George's Church for the harvest festival. Mr. Carter scratched some appropriate phrases on some young squash early in the season and when the fruit reached maturity, the lettering grew with them and made a nice addition to the church decorations.

Harrop Farm was Murray Crown Land



No. 24 in the recently concluded series of Lucky Farmer Photo Quiz in the Herald was the Cedric Harrop farm, R. R. 5, Milton.

The deed for this farm was obtained from the Crown by Robert Murray in 1818 upon his arrival from Scotland. He chose this land, with its rolling terrain because of its similarity to the land farmed by the Murrays in Scotland. The original deed comprised 100 acres in Lot 6, concession 4 as well as the west 100 acre pine bush in Lot 5.

In 1892, James son of Robert Murray purchased the 100 acres at the rear of the home 100 from James Laidlaw. The original barn was destroyed by fire. The buildings shown in the photo were erected in 1893.

The first permanent residence was erected about 1852 and consisted of a 4 room stone dwelling. In 1882 an additional eight room brick structure was erected adjoining the older stone dwelling. It is interesting to note that spring water is still being piped to the buildings from a distance of one third of a mile from the farm now operated

by Frank Peddie. Water rights were obtained in 1892 for \$100 from George Joyce, a former owner.

In 1927 Russell Higburn purchased the 150 acres of the Murray farm, including the home buildings, and Stewart Murray, son of James, and his family moved to the 50

acres at the rear of the home 150. A year and a half later, Cyril Middlebrook assumed operation of the farm for a period of five years. The property was then purchased by William Tolton who resided there until 1947 when the present occupant, Cedric Harrop took over.

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