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Fire Brigade Memories  
Recall Early Georgetown

Charlotte, North Carolina,  
March, 1955

Dear Mr. Editor:

Dr. Watson sent me the Herald, issue of February 9th, which told of the death of Bob Erwin. Bob was a very good friend of mine, since way back in the days when the Actna lacrosse team won the intermediate championship of Ontario. I was sorry to learn of his death.

It was stated that he was the oldest living member of the Georgetown Fire Brigade. I think I can now lay claim to that distinction, since I am nearing my 85th birthday — June 27, to be exact. I served under the first chief, who was Harry Speers. He kept a small hotel and bar, opposite to where Arnold's Glove Works was later built. The building at the Water-St. Highway corner, recently vacated by Ken McMillan's implement agency (ED).

I was also a member of the brigade under Mark Maw, after Chief Speers died. I think Mr. Maw worked for Creelman Bros., who manufactured knitting machines.

The equipment of the old fire company consisted of a hook and ladder wagon, a hose reel and a hand pumping engine. That engine was about 12 feet long, with a handrail on each side, which was manned by 15 to 20 men. When one side was up, the other side was down. If anyone got tired, there was always someone to take his place. That old engine could sure pump water!

For lack of the business part of Main Street the engine was backed up to what was later known as Lawson's Pond (where Maxwell Motor Sales now stands on Main St. 14th). The suction hose was dropped in, and it was ready to go to work.

For other parts of town, there were large sunken tanks or cisterns, kept full with rain water off nearby buildings.

Some of the big fires I remember while an active member of the brigade were the Clark's Hotel which stood where the McGibbon House is now — also the Presbyterian Church where the fire started in the basement and burned up, and through the room, destroying a fine pipe organ. Then there was Rose's Flour Mill which was located where a lumber yard was later (I think it was Mackenzie's).

I am wondering if anyone remembers the conduit which carried water from Lawson's Pond under Main St. and on through backyards down to the flour mill. It was carried on trestles and where it crossed the road before entering the mill, it was high enough for a good sized load of hay to pass under it.

Two of the longest runs we had were one to the papermill which burned through three stories of the wood pulp mill, the other to Glen Williams where the Barraclough Knitting Mills was gutted. (Fire completely destroyed this building last summer, which housed a feather converting firm, and only the ruins of the building now stand. — Ed.)

On these long runs the first man with a team of horses and wagon to catch up with our equipment was paid the sum of \$10.

In conclusion let me say that I first fought fires in Georgetown, during the time that I was managing the old station tank for several years. But that is another story, which would be glad to give if you thought it would interest your readers.

Frank Barber,  
1300 Scott Ave.,  
Charlotte, N.Y.

NORVAL

Missionary Tells of  
Formosa Church Work

On Sunday, the Norval and Union Presbyterian Young People's Society conducted an interesting service in the Norval Church. At their invitation the Rev. E. H. Johnson, M.A., B.Th., secretary of Overseas Missions of the Presbyterian Church visited Norval and gave an interesting address on his recent visit to the Far East.



REV. E. H. JOHNSON

There was an encouraging attendance of Young People from Bolton, Brampton, Streetsville, Nashville, Bolton, Ormish, Georgetown, Acton and Campbellville. The service was conducted by Bob Crawford, Worship Convener of the Norval Society. Mrs. Betty McClure assisted at the organ.

In his speech of welcome, Mr. Royal pointed out that Mr. Johnson had rendered outstanding service to his church in Manchuria and the States before assuming the responsibility of his present post. In his address Mr. Johnson chose as his theme "Preaching the good news of the 'kingdom' and the appropriate scripture reading was from Matthew, chapters 9 and 10. He indicated the importance of the mission field in Formosa and hinted at the grave problem of population by pointing out that in a country the size of Vancouver Island there was a population two thirds the size of Canada's. There was also a glimpse of the nature of the country, of its rugged mountain beauty and of the flooded rice fields in the plains. He told of his experiences in the various congregations he visited, of the sensation of unity given by Christian belief among a people of primitive customs, far different from ours, of the difficulties of language in the ordinary church service, requiring at times as many as 3 interpreters. He underlined the gratitude of the people for the work done by the Presbyterian Missions and spoke in particular of an interview with Madame Chiang Kai Shek who was especially grateful for the services rendered by the Missions.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada has been active in Formosa for the past 83 years and has done outstanding work in the Leprosy Colony, in the schools and in the Bible Schools as well as among the people of the mountain villages.

Mr. Johnson was in Formosa, during the recent evacuation, a time of great tension for all concerned, for, as he said, Formosa is the largest question mark in the world today. He pointed out that the next two weeks would indeed be critical as the Communists might risk a display of their strength in order to impress the Indonesian Meeting of African and Asian Peoples, which is to meet soon. At the same time, Mr. Johnson emphasized the optimism apparent everywhere in Hong Kong where ambitious programmes of expansion were being enthusiastically received.

At the end of Mr. Johnson's address, there was a question period and among the topics discussed were the competition caused by the invasion of other missions, particularly from China, the increasing danger from the Catholic Missions which seemed particularly well endowed with funds. The work done among the soldiers of the Nationalist army, and, inevitably, the possibility of a world war beginning in this most critical spot of the Far East.

On this last point Mr. Johnson had some acute observations to make, viz. that the Nationalist Army in Formosa had been idle too long and had ambitions, with regard to attacking the Chinese mainland, that Formosa was in the front line of American defence tactics, but of course as Mr. Johnson concluded neither he nor anyone else was in a position to say yes, or no to the certainty of war. On the whole, Mr. Johnson gave his audience plenty to think about and Norval and Union Young People's Society are to be congratulated on a highly successful evening.

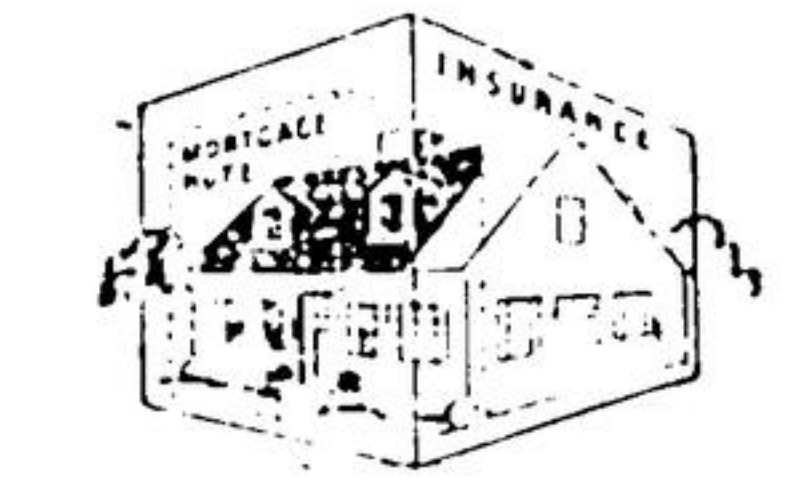
**Anglers, Hunters Have Annual Spring Social**

About a hundred sportsmen attended the annual spring social Friday of the Georgetown Anglers and Hunters Association which was held at the clubhouse at Hickory Falls.

A lucky draw on which tickets had been sold for several weeks realised a substantial sum for club funds. The prizewinners were: Jim Cleave, electric food mixer; Bob Lockhurst, hollow glass spinning rod; George Tizzard, portable ice box; Bill Hamilton, Milton, table lamp; Dave Bryden, hunter's lamp. Consolation prizes went to Fred Anthony, Pat Chamberlain and Lorne Draper.

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