

Building Boom Skyrockets to Million and Half, Two Months

An unprecedented building boom in Georgetown has seen building permits representing over a million and a half dollars issued in less than two months.

The new town engineer, Douglas Wilson, who has also succeeded Geo. Adams as the building inspector, issued permits in July, during his first month in office totalling \$1,003,825. To date in August, another \$678,100 has been issued.

Permit fees for this building will add a sizeable amount to the town treasury. A charge of \$5.00 is made for buildings valued at \$300 to \$1,000,

ten dollars for \$1,000 to \$5,000, and fifteen dollars over \$5,000. Fees in July and August amount to \$700. Previously when the town had a separate building inspector he received a commission of three quarters of the permit fees. With the engineer as inspector, the town treasury receives the full amount.

If the present rate of town growth continues, 1955 will see at least twice as much building as last year when total permits were slightly over a million and a half dollars. This year to date, permits have been taken out for a total of \$2,682,225.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Still Hope Highway Widening This Year

The small pace progress of highway resurfacing and widening came another step closer Monday night when council passed a motion which officially asks approval of the Dept. of Highways for the widening and also to share 50 per cent of the cost.

Such approval is hoped for within a week and the proposal must then go to the Municipal Board for their approval of the town debenture issue for the expenditure.

Town engineer Douglas Wilson had interviewed the highways department last week, and reported that plans have been prepared prior to advertising for tenders for the work, and tenders can be called as soon as the necessary approval is received from Queen's Park.

The resurfacing has been delayed since early spring, when it first came on the council's agenda by a series of delays caused by the large amount of "red tape" necessary in dealing with several government departments. Meanwhile some of the preliminary work has been done, including cutting down several large trees which had to be removed for the widening.

A suggestion by the police chief to require the left front wheel of a vehicle to be against the curb when parking, was turned down by council, with only police chairman Walter Gray and Cr. Thos. Lyons voting for the motion.

It is the chief's idea that it is dangerous for cars to park by crossing a lane of traffic, or to back into angle parking spaces downtown. Councilors, however, decided that it is often sensible to allow this, especially when delivery trucks are unloading on Main Street and a by-law would be complicated to enforce if exceptions were made.

A closer check will be made on buildings under construction, with town engineer Douglas Wilson, who is also building inspector asking council to insert an advertisement in this issue of the Herald pointing out permit regulations and the fact that a permit card must be prominently posted on a building under construction.

A by-law prohibiting parking on the south side of Church Street from Main to Market became law after its third reading. Cr. Harry Hale opposed the motion.

Another by-law which will limit speed in school zones to 25 miles per hour passed its first two readings.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Subdivision Restrictions Plumbing Licences Law

Two of the most important items of municipal legislation in years quietly became law Monday when Georgetown council passed third readings to a subdivision by-law and a by-law providing licences for plumbers.

The subdivision by-law ends palmy days for contractors who will henceforth have to provide 40 per cent industrial and commercial property in their subdivisions, supply roads, sanitary sewers, sidewalks, water mains and street signs, storm sewers, if necessary and a 5 per cent engineering fee.

Subdividers will also have to deposit money or post bonds to cover all costs of services before proceeding with any building.

The plumbing by-law requires plumbers to be licensed and their work inspected by the county health unit, with cancellation of a licence if a plumber violates provincial regulations.

Council gave two readings to a by-law which would grant a franchise to Anthony Gas and Explorations Ltd. an Acton company which wishes to supply natural gas to Georgetown and other Halton towns.

It is the second such by-law, a previous one indicating similar approval for Halton Natural Gas Co. The Ontario Fuel Board is having a hearing in Georgetown tomorrow on this company's application.

Aside from one factory and one commercial structure, the whole 1955 total is for housing. A permit was issued in June for the plant of Varian Associates, being constructed on River Drive, which will be over \$100,000. The commercial structure is an addition to Halton Cooperative Supplies which will cost over \$10,000. The \$132,000 water reservoir for the town is included in the July figures.

Katawabe subdividing by a number of contractors has skyrocketed building figures in the two years. Firms such as Glatt Bros., Paschok, Roman, Sunbeam, Delaney, Dov and Swanek Bros. have come in from outside to build in the Cloverdale, Sunbeam and Hewson districts. Locally McNally Construction, Ken Meers, Hawes and Nelson, Hamilton Construction and Fobert Construction have built houses in various parts of town, with McNally developing a fairly large district near the park.

Delux Developments have swung into action this month and have taken out the first 58 permits in what promised to be the town's largest subdivision. Rex Heslop, head of the company, also has his own large home under construction. Swanek Bros., who are building in Hewson Manor across the valley from the Smith and Stone plant have permits issued in July for 78 houses, many of which are nearing completion.

Month	Value
January	\$ 18,000
February	41,000
March	3,000
April	43,500
May	97,500
June	17,500
July	72,000
August	428,000
September	146,000
October	31,000
November	635,000
December	24,000
Total	\$1,558,500

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January	\$ 32,000
February	62,000
March	182,000
April	236,000
May	152,000
June	238,000
July	1,003,825
August	678,100
Total	\$2,582,225

WEDS IN COPENHAGEN

A Georgetown soldier, who has been overseas with NATO forces since May, 1954, was married in Copenhagen, Denmark, on July 20th.

The ceremony was performed in St. Alban's Anglican Church, Copenhagen, by the Rev. Dr. T. R. Croxall. Wedding principals were Alice Wims Marie Hansen, daughter of Mrs. Erna Hansen and the late Hans Hansen of Soborg, Copenhagen and Albert Wilfred Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carter, 56 King Street, Georgetown.

The groom, who was first stationed at Antwerp, Belgium, when he went overseas, is now on the headquarters staff at Fort Henry in Sorel, Germany.

Rosafe Farm Barn Destroyed by Fire

A familiar landmark on No. 7 highway near the Brampton CPR crossing was razed in a spectacular fire Monday morning.

Loss was estimated at \$50,000 when the main barn and milkshed of Rosafe Farms containing tons of straw and feed was destroyed.

Henry ten Den, 13 son of one of the farm employees saw smoke pouring from the barn vents and warned three men working in the barn, then called Brampton fire department. A herd of prize holstein cattle and several pieces of farm machinery were moved from the barn before the blaze got out of control.

A combine, tractor and most of the milking equipment were lost. Firemen poured tons of water on the nearby farmhouse to prevent the blaze from spreading when strong winds hurled sparks and burning debris onto the roof.

The farm is owned by Argentine cattle breeder Hector Astengo, who purchased it a few years ago from Armstrong Bros. The construction firm moved to an adjoining farm beside the CPR tracks at that time.

English School Friends Reminisce on Visit

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carter over the week-end, were Mrs. Price and son Daniel of Wexford Heights, Scarborough, and her mother, Mrs. Jones and mother-in-law, Mrs. Price from Northampton, England. Mrs. Jones is the elder sister of Mrs. Carter's school days friend and it has been over forty years since they saw each other, so there was a lot of reminiscing.

Both ladies were delayed in coming to Canada on account of the dock strike at Liverpool, England. They were on ship ten days, then sat by coach, and finally sailed from Southampton.

They both think Canada a wonderful country.

Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Carter's two daughters from Brampton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tribble and Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCandless.

FINED IN MILTON COURT

Two local young men paid fines of \$40 and costs when they were convicted in magistrate's court at Milton Wednesday of using obscene language in a public place.

Magistrate K. M. Langdon heard the charge which was laid by Georgetown police after an incident the previous Friday on Georgetown's Main St.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Mix Plant Location Stirs Angry Residents

Two residents in the south Main St. district voiced objection at Monday's council meeting to a ready-mix plant which has been located in the district, and asked what could be expected in future.

"It is becoming increasingly difficult to live in our area," said John Bennett, "with the roar of trucks going 40 to 50 miles an hour all hours of the day and night, and on Sundays too. My boys have been almost struck on two occasions. What are the regulations governing the business?"

"We're not the only two," said S. W. Orr, a former town councillor. "I could get 25 names on a petition from South Main. I know there is no zoning by-law and when one is passed it won't affect the plant, but couldn't it be kept from getting bigger?"

"I'd hesitate putting restrictions on any industry growing," said Deputy Reeve Norton. Mr. Norton also explained that the ready-mix plant is using town property for loading trucks under a reciprocal agreement where the town is using part of the company's property while working on the water reservoir.

"I feel sorry for you," said Cr. Harry Hale, "but every district has its problems. I live on Ontario St. near the Smith and Stone plant, and we are bothered at times too, by industry which has encroached on a residential area."

Mr. Hale said the deputation has a legitimate complaint against Sunday noise. The police committee was asked to check on this, and also on possible speeding. Mr. Bennett said that in Toronto and Montreal, ready mix plants pay a special fee for using municipal roads, and council asked the town clerk to check on this information.

Mayor Armstrong explained that at present, a zoning by-law is being prepared by Town Planning Consultants for council to discuss, and that such a by-law is long overdue.

"Up to the present, however," he said, "there is nothing which can prohibit an industry locating anywhere."

Mr. Orr suggested that when a factory is going to locate, neighbouring residents should be asked for an opinion.

Dealing with a request made last week, for building a patio on his property at the Joseph St. Orchard Blvd. corner which would contravene the building by-law, council expressed regret that they could not help Mr. Sanderson and that he would have to restrict the width of any such projection to 4.9 ft. which is all the by-law allows.

IT HAPPENED!

John Irwin, 107 Main St. N., found out about muskies the hard way on his vacation and has a doctor's certificate to prove it.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin and their children Mac and Pat spent their time at Crow Lake, Marmora.

Mr. Irwin was determined that he would catch a muskie. He had all the necessary equipment and spent every day in a futile attempt to land one of these mammoth specimens. Little did he realize that it was a case of "who's the hunter?"

On the last day before their return to town, he went swimming. A large muskie swam by and bit him in the leg. And it was no playful nip. The wound took seven stitches to close.

THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor: Compared to Hazel, Hurricane Connie was mild. The rainfall of just over an inch was less than half the amount of rain that accompanied Hazel last October.

Both maximum and minimum temperatures in this week's summary are exactly normal average for the month of August. The rainfall of 4.11 is nearly 1 1/2 inches above normal for the whole month.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
August 8	74	44	
August 9	82	47	.38
August 10	81	62	.68
August 11	81	58	
August 12	83	56	
August 13	67	50	3.02
August 14	69	60	.05
Average	77	56	4.11

Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Teeter Living at Port Credit

On Saturday, August 6th, at 1.30 p.m. a very quiet wedding was solemnized at the Presbyterian manse by Rev. Alex Calder.

Elvira Brocklebank Palmer, daughter of Mrs. T. Brocklebank and the late Mr. Brocklebank, Streetsville, became the bride of Alvin D. C. Teeter, son of Mrs. H. Teeter, and the late Mr. Teeter of Shelburne.

The bride was gowned in orchid lace, trimmed with net, waltz length, with matching hat and mittens. Her corsage was of white orchids. Her sister, Mrs. Norman Russell, Streetsville, attended her, wearing a soft shade of blue lace, net trimmed, with matching flower hat, white gloves and shoes. Her corsage was pink, feathered carnations. Mr. Russell was the groom's man.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Teeter left on a motor trip to Northern and Eastern Ontario. They will live at 1252 Centre Rd., Port Credit.

TERRA COTTA

Attend Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio

Mr. and Mrs. David Sims attended a convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, with International Association of Printing House Craftsmen, staying at the Netherlands Plaza Hotel. Also dropped in on friends, Mr. and Mrs. George Melvor at London, Ontario.

Mr. Bud Middleton was a visitor with Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell on Sunday.

Mrs. Gordon Wright's sister motored up from New York last week for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Guest and sons, David and Douglas have moved into the house vacated by the MacReas.

Mrs. A. Petch's son was up for a few days holiday.

Linda Puckering of Glen Williams spent a few days with her grandmother, Mrs. R. Puckering, Miss Emma James of Guelph was also a guest.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Frank Mezwick is very ill at the present time. We hope he will soon be feeling better.

Mrs. John Donovan has been on the sick list and we hope she will soon be well again.

Birthday greetings are in order for Ronald Elwood who had a birthday last week.

STEWARTTOWN

TWO NEW FAMILIES WELCOMED TO VILLAGE

A welcome is extended by our village to Mr. and Mrs. H. McAfee and their family. Also a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Law and family.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. Hodge on the very nice addition to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cook (Jeanine Humphreys) with the wee baby girls were in the village visiting the neighbours and of course, the wee girl got a great deal of admiration.

Roma Farragher has spent several weeks with Jean Corley. Jean went to Toronto when she returned home for a holiday with Roma and her family.

Mrs. W. Huffman and her family have returned home after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith.

Georgetown Community Swimming Pool

Donation List	Amount
Georgetown Lions Club	\$ 6,000.00
Boy Scout Ladies' Aux.	245.00
Milk Bottle Collection, McClure	27.85
Grade 4, Chapel St. School	4.07
Grade 5, Chapel St. School	7.00
Howard Wrigglesworth School	30.00
Chapel Street School	40.00
Baseball game, Lions vs. Rotary	61.07
Jim Turnbull	50.00
Branch 120, Canadian Legion	500.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,964.99

HUGE WATER RESERVOIR TO HOLD HALF MILLION GALLONS

As much of Georgetown's \$132,000 expenditure for a new water reservoir and extension to the present system will be buried forever when it is completed, any ratepayer who wants to see what it looks like might walk take a trip down to the lower end of Main Street in the next week or two.

Accompanied by town engineer Douglas Wilson, the Herald editor did so last week, and was amazed at how the topography has changed in the few short weeks since the Dunker Construction Co. of Kitchener was awarded an \$82,000 contract for constructing the reservoir and pump-house which will supply an expanded water supply system for Georgetown's old and new boundaries.

The reservoir is the second major change in the town's water system in ten years. At that time, the old spring fed open reservoir supply source at Silvercreek was replaced by a deep well, drilled on property formerly owned by Cedarvale School. More than a year ago, it was realized that the one well could not supply demand in future, as industrial and domestic consumption was far exceeding even the most optimistic estimates. The town council began planning the new system in 1954, and when Delrex Developments bought up large tracts of farm land which has since been incorporated in Georgetown's boundaries, greater quantities of water became imperative.

A second well is being drilled in the same district, and water will be pumped from the two wells into the 500,000 gallon reservoir, then distributed by another series of pumps into the town's water mains.

The reservoir, approximately twelve feet high is partially completed. Huge quantities of concrete are being poured by the Dunker Co. and when it is finished, the huge reservoir will be completely sealed in, covered over

with earth and seeded down with grass. Only evidence of the construction will be a pump-house and office which will be located beside the reservoir. The distribution will be made by three vertical turbine pumps which can be operated singly or in units to keep an unflinching source of water circulating at the proper pressure.

While the Dunker Co. works on the reservoir and pump-house, Cornish Construction, which was awarded the contract for laying water mains, is also hard at work on this end of the project.

A 20 inch main has been laid up the unopened part of Maple Ave., to No. 7 Highway. From here, a 16 inch main will go along the highway to the Delrex district, and 12 inch mains across the north part of the Domain Seed House property, up Elgin Street and under the CNR tracks to Rosita Street and John Street where it will serve the present industrial section of the town and the large housing subdivision on the former Hewson property.

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Roxy Gnescope Installed Soon

Cinescope is coming to Georgetown's Roxy Theatre.

Yesterday the firm which will be installing the wide screen in the theatre owned by Bill Leslie, were here taking measurements in preparation for the work which is hoped to be completed by labour day.

The screen will be 22 feet wide and 11 1/2 feet high and will enable the local theatre to show some of the top movies like A Star is Born and The Robe which have not been released in normal screen size and have only played theatres equipped with cinescopes.

Mr. Leslie is also planning to install new seats in the side sections of the theatre.