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Then & Now

Thirty Years Ago

THEN . . . Herald, August 26, 1926

Mrs. R. F. Cameron, widow of a minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, died . . . Knocked down by a car, A. R. Speight suffered a broken leg . . . W. C. Bessey was elected a councillor for Ward 1, filling a vacancy caused by the death of George Campbell . . . Sparks from a threshing machine destroyed the R. J. Cunningham barn at Norval . . . Miss Helen Lawson returned from a year abroad, which she spent in France and Switzerland . . . A meeting was called to reintroduce lacrosse in Georgetown . . . Descendants of John Leslie and Letty Ann Boker held their reunion at Blue Springs . . . Entertainment included musical selections by Wilfrid and Lloyd Leslie, Mrs. Fred Thompson and her son LaVerne . . . Special radial cars took people to a picnic at Eldorado Park, sponsored by the businessmen, under chairmanship of H. G. Meir, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tost had the largest family attendance . . . Bob, son of Mr. and Mrs. Syd Mackenzie was judged the bonniest baby, and Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, the prettiest . . . J. N. O'Neill and Graham and Clements were prizewinners for having their store window best decorated . . . Results in the GHS middle school listed these names: Gordon Alcott, Edward Baily, Jack Buck, Lydia Caldwell, Dorothy Cranston, Charles Frampton, Ruth Giffen, Ada Hume, Jessie McKay, Beth Mimms, Aileen Ross, Ross Thompson, Phares Vannatter.

NOW . . . August, 1956

Ross K. Cameron followed in his father's footsteps, and is now minister of Dovercourt Road Presbyterian Church in Toronto . . . Still in the automotive business, Mr. Speight operates the Speight Auto Electric on Water St. . . W. C. Bessey, who had the feed business where Halton Co-Op Supplies is located has been dead for several years. His wife lives in Kitchener . . . Helen Lawson is the wife of Toronto stockbroker Strachan Bongard, and they have a country estate at Inglewood . . . Lacrosse was reintroduced for a second time four years ago, and produced an Ontario champion team. This year, because of arena remodeling, the N&G's started their season in Brampton, folded because of poor crowds part way through the season . . . Wilfrid Leslie is on the home farm while brother Lloyd is a teacher in California. Vern Thompson is a neighbouring farmer, and his mother lives with his sister in Mentone, Indiana . . . Eldorado Park disappeared with the radial . . . H. G. Meir now lives in Seaford . . . Widowed, Mrs. Tost lives on Queen Street and married sons and daughters are mostly town residents . . . Bonny baby Bob lives in Hamilton, while his parents have moved to Ancaster . . . Ruth Smith is now Mrs. Wilfrid Burt of Ballinafad . . . The late J. N. O'Neill closed his garage business several years ago, and the large building now contains Grand Union-Carroll's, Eaton's Order Office and Henry Davis Wood Products . . . Jun Richardson and sons operate the former Graham and Clements Hardware . . . Gordon Alcott is a Weston insurance salesman . . . Edward Baily works for a business machine company in the city . . . Jack Buck is in Owen Sound with Kennedy Foundries . . . Charles Frampton, lives at York Mills, is plant manager for Multi-graph-Addressograph Corp. . . Ross Thompson is in charge of the shoe department at Silver's . . . Phares Vannatter is with Dominion Seed House . . . Jessie McKay is a public school teacher in Toronto, while Ruth Giffen Wieglesworth returned to teaching at Chapel St. school after the death of her husband who was principal there . . . Lydia Caldwell is Mrs. Archie Kerr of R. R. 2, Acton; Ada Hume, Mrs. Campbell Sinclair of Limehouse; Beth Mimms, Mrs. W. A. Stephen of Carey, North Carolina; Aileen-Ross, Mrs. Paul Mohardt, of Detroit, Michigan . . .

box car caught fire between Acton and town, firemen were called to Georgetown station to extinguish the blaze when the train arrived . . . Students listed in upper school results . . . Dick Beaumont, Esther Brill, Thelma Cripps, Mary Feller, Frances Jenkinson, Ruth Lindsay, Dorothy McIntock, Weir Reid, Pamela Smith, Lydia Snow, Jack Thompson . . .

NOW, August, 1956

Son Ross followed his father to work at Provincial and is now general manager . . . His widow, now Mrs. C. R. Scott, and son Jack are Hamilton residents . . . For all you know you may have seen Charlie Chan's Secret if you're an addict of the late TV movies . . . The Wodsons still keep in touch with Georgetown friends, but do not spend their summers here any more . . . Mr. Alcott died recently after a lengthy illness . . . Mr. Smith has retired from business and lives on Market Street . . . His former shoe store is now operated by Mahers . . . The Kirkpatricks recently had another sadness in the family when another son died, leaving his wife and four small children . . . Dr. Paul is still an enthusiastic glad grower, developing new varieties of these beautiful flowers . . . Dick Beaumont, a chartered accountant, is manager in Sault Ste. Marie of the Arthur B. Crowley firm . . . Weir Reid lives in Sudbury where he is recreation director for Mine Mill Hall . . . Jack Thompson is in the newspaper business, publishing the weekly West End Times in Ottawa . . . Lydia Snow is a teacher in Nelson Township, and immediate past president of Halton Teachers Institute . . . Ruth Lindsay is a kindergarten teacher at W. H. Murden School, Trafalgar . . . Dorothy McIntock teaches at Ryerson public school, Toronto . . . Esther Brill became Mrs. George Novak of Toronto; Thelma Cripps, Mrs. Ken Cotton of Ballinafad; Frances Jenkinson, Mrs. Don O'Call of Thorold; Mary Feller, M. H. B. of the Channing column, is Mrs. Walter Biehn; Pamela Smith is Mrs. D. Morin of Ottawa . . .

Ten Years Ago

THEN, Herald, Aug. 21, 1946

Completing a deal with E. B. Tynders, owner of part of the former Cedarvale farm property, council contracted to build 23 of a planned 50 houses in a new wartime housing subdivision . . . Howard May, former county warden, became Willoughby real estate representative in Brampton . . . John R. Scott, 68, recently retired from farming to live at Limehouse, died. He left his wife and family, Mrs. William Shelbourne, Mrs. William Norrie, Mrs. Ed O'Brien, Art and Harold . . . Four English war brides arrived, Mrs. Gear Hayes, Mrs. R. J. Guild, Mrs. Herb Brown, Mrs. Jim Schofield and Roger . . . Dr. Fred Hutt, Cornell University professor, received a \$1,000 Borden award for poultry research . . . Capt. Harold Marshall was home on discharge leave from the postal corps . . . Earl Marchmont and Doreen Appleyard of Acton were married in

St. George's Anglican church . . . Harold Barber and Margaret Brown were married in Limehouse Presbyterian Church . . . Upper School graduating class, Darrell Dawlin, Jean Dickie, Doris Brownridge, Peggy Kelly, Brenda Robinson, Dick Van Vliet, Norman Long, Marion Hepburn, Mary Moyer, Joan Main . . .

NOW . . . AUGUST, 1956

The wartime housing subdivision of 52 houses became Normandy Blvd. . . and was followed by a second group of veterans' homes on Churchill Crescent . . . Harold Marshall returned to work at the post office, became postmaster when Lt. Col. Gordon Cousins retired . . . Mrs. John R. Scott moved to town after her husband's death . . . Norman Long is employed at Smith and Stone . . . Dick Van Vliet graduated from Guelph OAC, teaches high school in Toronto . . . Joan Main graduated as a nurse, and at present is taking post graduate work in Montreal . . . Darrell Dawlin is Mrs. Phil Howard of Edmonton, Alta.; Peggy Kelly, Mrs. Peter Moorehouse of Ottawa; Maurine Hepburn, Mrs. George Heaver of Oakville; Brenda Robinson, Mrs. Gunther Frey of Ottawa; Doris Brownridge, Mrs. John McVally, R. R. 2; Jean Dickie, Mrs. Harvey Chappel of town; Mary Moyer, who became Mrs. Neil McLennan, lost her life in an auto accident in the States . . .

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Twenty Years Ago

THEN . . . Herald, Aug. 26, 1936

Angus Duncan, 47, Provincial Paper engineer died in hospital after being injured in an accident at the mill. Prominent in lacrosse and hockey circles, he left his wife and sons Jack and Ross . . . Warner Oland was starring in Charlie Chan's Secret at the Gregory Theatre . . . Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wodson returned to Toronto after spending the summer in town . . . Wm. F. Smith was visiting in his native Northampton, and wrote to say he saw the Vimy war memorial unveiled . . . George Alcott was also on a trip overseas . . . Myrtle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Allan married Alvin White at Ballinafad manse, and they went to his farm at Hillsburgh to make their home . . . Charles Joseph Kirkpatrick, age 7 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Syd Kirkpatrick, Limehouse, died . . . Dr. R. T. Paul won many prizes at the Canadian Gladoli show in Guelph . . . When a CNR