

Then & Now

Thirty Years Ago

THEN . . . Herald, Sept. 8th, 1926
John W. Nickell, Limehouse, was a gold medalist at the CNE in the old time fiddling contest . . . The eight sons of Mrs. Martha Ostrander, including William and Horatio of Georgetown, met together for the first time in twenty years, when they held a reunion at Hutonville . . . George C. Wingfield and Mabel Reed were married at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Reed . . . Florence Elizabeth Giffen and Elmer Robert May were married at Elmgate Farm, the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Giffen, and went to live at McCurdy's Cor-

ners, Trafalgar . . . Local florist Sam Kirk was judging flowers at the CNE . . . Town council met and a number of accounts were passed for payment and other routine business transacted . . . The Herald says "the continued leakage with regard to the heavens would seem to indicate not so many plumbers have been recently going that way" . . . Bert Thompson studying at the Ontario College of Pharmacy . . . Norman Bird became head of the department of science and agriculture at Cornwall Collegiate.

NOW . . . September, 1956

Mr. Nickell won many more contests and kept his interest in fiddling until his death a few years

ago. He spent the last few years of his life at Eden Mills with his daughter, Mrs. Stanley Wilson, who died only a few weeks ago . . . Widowed for several years, Mrs. Wiggfield and her son Gordon operate the farm at Ashgrove . . . Sam Kirk, later head gardener at Park Lawn Cemetery in Toronto, died a few years ago after a lengthy illness . . . The rainy season has had a repeat thirty years ago, and the same quip about plumbers could fit as well into this week's Herald . . . Bert Thompson was a druggist in St. Thomas for some years, now works in a drug store in Hamilton . . . Norman Bird left the teaching profession to return to farming, now is a district farmer and president of the horticultural society . . .

Twenty Years Ago

THEN . . . Herald, Sept. 9th, 1936
The Lorne Scots Band placed

first, topping ten other competitors at the CNE and were welcomed when Mayor Joseph Gibbons spoke at a huge bonfire at the four corners, then had lunch at Long's Restaurant. It was recalled that the band, conducted by Alf Perrott, took first prizes at the Ex in 1931-34-36 as well as two at Waterloo Band Festival . . . Chicken thieves in the Glen removed 150 chickens from the Perey Wagstaffe farm . . . Mrs. Agnes Young, Ballinafad, celebrated her 104th birthday . . . Joe Wilcox was a first prize cornet soloist at the CNE . . . Bill Collier placed fourth in the 1000 metre CNE race, which was won by world-renowned Phil Edwards . . . Alex Gregory, 79, received the first long-service badge to be awarded a member of the Salvation Army in Canada . . .

NOW . . . September, 1956

Still a top band, the Lorne Scots have won many prizes in intervening years, but this year had bad luck at the Ex and didn't place in the prize money. Long's Restaurant is now the Corner Cupboard and still a popular Main St. meeting place . . . Joe Wilcox seldom plays with the band or enters competitions, but his beautiful cornet is sometimes heard on remembrance day, when he plays the Last Post at the cenotaph service . . . Track and field, like many other sports in Georgetown, is in the dog days now and seldom do you see aspiring runners training at the park racetrack. Bill Collier, a Smith and Stone employee, lives on Normandy Blvd.

Ten Years Ago

THEN . . . Herald, Sept. 4, 1946

Doris Frances Smith and John Charles Burt were married in Ballinafad United Church . . . Norval community presented watches to three ladies and 31 men who had served in the armed forces plus two to next of kin of two who lost their lives in the war . . . A sumptuous presentation at Limehouse honoured one lady and 27 men, plus two who were killed in the war . . . Five sons and three daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lake had a reunion at the home of George Lake at Thornhill . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill McNally were singles champions of St. George's Tennis Club, and Mrs. McNally teamed with Jack Thompson to win the doubles . . . Phyllis Ostrander and Arnold Morphett were married and set up house, keeping near Guelph . . . Labor Day was celebrated at the park with a big affair jointly sponsored by band and foremen. Cycle races, tug-of-war, softball and a dance were some of the features. The beauty contest was cancelled when no aspiring beauty queens appeared.

NOW . . . September, 1956

Two members of the Lake family, Mrs. Joe Garvin of Barrie and Ted Lake, Timmins, have died. Other members of the family are still frequent visitors in town with their sister, Mrs. A. H. Feller . . . Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Morphett live in Kemptonville, where he is on the agricultural college staff . . . Georgetown was a deserted town on Labor Day, with no public festivities planned, and a great number of people off to Toronto to see the Ex . . . Jack Thompson is now publisher of the West End Weekly Times in Ottawa. Bill McNally stayed in town to become a building contractor . . .

SILVER-WOOD

IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO STONE SCHOOL

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Roe spent the holiday week-end at Severn River. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller Randy and Laurie enjoyed a few days at Wasaga Beach. Miss Betty Grove of Toronto spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Ern Batkin.

Marilyn Souther has returned to school following a summer spent at Mary Lake.

The Stone School has been getting a face lifting with a new front fence, and a new front door and vestibule floor. A new circular driveway is being put in. A new backstop for the ball diamond is being provided. Work is also being done on the inside such as drop leaf tables. It is expected the number of pupils will be the same as last year.

Mrs. W. J. Roe had her son, Mr. Frank Miller of Arva and Mrs. Jim Lowry of Mimosa visiting her at the week-end.

Mrs. Henderson Sr. spent a few days at Port Sydney.

DUFFERIN M.P.P. IS FARM UNION SPEAKER

Local 138 of the Ontario Farmers Union held their monthly meeting in Peacock School, August 30. Despite dense fog a good attendance greeted the guest speaker, John Root, MPP for Dufferin, Wellington. His remarks were well received, as were those of A. B. Cormack, provincial president of OFU.

Both speakers stressed the need for organization among farmers and benefits to be gained by such. Stan Hall, Halton MPP, who was to speak was unable to be present.

LIMEHOUSE

PRESENTATION FOR AIR FORCE CADET

Peter Scholz was guest of honor at a gathering at the home of the A. W. Bentons on Saturday evening, his parents and about twenty others attending. Mrs. E. Karn sang a vocal solo "Danny Boy" and Peter Glynn played a flute solo. Neil Benton called on Peter, who was taken completely by surprise, and Mrs. Roughley presented him with a zippered leather toiletry case and a Waterman's pen and pencil set. Peter thanked all appropriately, as did his father later. Afterwards all enjoyed a cup of tea. Peter left Sunday evening for Royal Roads College, Esquimault, B.C., where he enrolled as an air force cadet. Good luck, Peter.

Bobby Barber celebrated his 6th birthday last week.

Rev. Elmer Leaker of the United Church Publishing House, Toronto, conducted services at Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

May we extend sympathy to Mrs. Ted Brown and her family on the sudden passing of her father, Mr. J. C. Switzer at her home on Tuesday only two days after his 83rd birthday.

Visitors include: Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Koon and daughter Sally of West Virginia with the John Glynn.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Sinclair of Hamilton with Mrs. Sinclair at the Pattersons. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sinclair of London and Mrs. S. Roe of Georgetown visited there during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. James of Bronte parents of Charles James, Mrs. James' mother and brother of Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Delong and family of Oakville, all with the Charles James.

Those away recently: Mrs. Walter Edwards and Ruth Kerr home after holidays at Fort Erie.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Sanford and Billie and Mrs. Mitchell to Montreal to see Mr. and Mrs. Hill off to Birmingham after a summer with the Sanfords.

Mrs. E. Karn and Neil Benton to Ormsby for the week-end, Mr. W. Karn returning with them.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Patterson and Joy enjoyed a motor trip to Sarnia a week ago and visited Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Howard at Ingersoll.

The Clifford McDonalds spent the week-end at Rice Lake.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. Ferrer on the arrival of a wee son on Tuesday at hospital in Hamilton.

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