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Shopping Centre Coming

Short news items in the city papers last week about a proposed shopping mart in Georgetown cause more local comment than we have heard in many a day.

To those who expressed surprise that the Herald carried no story, we can say that the news was just as much a surprise to us as to anyone. This week we have made enquiries and our story appears elsewhere in this issue.

The shopping mart idea, in itself, is not new news, of course. It is an integral part of the planned community which the Delrex organization blueprinted when it first came to town, and land was earmarked for it from the first.

The story is not as uncomplicated as the city newspapers have it. A business proposition of the magnitude contemplated does not come overnight. As yet, the shopping mart is hardly out of the idea stage, and there will be months, and even years of preliminary work before any major construction will come, we would guess.

Our conjecture is that the realtors are trying to interest a number of major retailers in locating

in Georgetown as the major town of the future in this area. The daily paper story is one phase of such promotion. They have made a survey which they are using as a sales story. Big retailers do not buy blind, and they will be making their own surveys, consulting together, weighing Georgetown's advantages against those of other towns, before coming to any decisions. They will be watching Georgetown's residential and industrial growth, checking every form of statistic, for a big company cannot afford to make mistakes.

Whether Georgetown will see a five or six million dollar plaza in the next few years is still a matter of conjecture. What is certain is that as the town grows, there will be more retail stores and it would be logical that new merchants would be drawn to locations where a large bulk of the population is closer to their stores. Enlargement of the Georgeview Plaza might be more in the immediate future than any large scale development on a new site, though that is bound to come in time also.

Should Reach 7,000 This Year

A population increase of over 400 shown in the report of Assessment Commissioner Joseph Gibbons to council last week, does not reveal the whole picture of this fast-growing town.

Mr. Gibbons' figures, compiled in September, shows Georgetown's population as 6678, compared with 6257 as of a year ago, with some 70 houses presently under construction in the newer section of town, it doesn't take a mathematician to realize that the year-end should see Georgetown pass 7000. Which is more than triple the population fifteen years ago.

As Ed Sullivan would say: "We're getting REEELY BIG, REEELY BIG!"

Those who have been on the scene of such expansion are conscious of the change from small town to big town status. And some are prone to say "Georgetown's getting too big."

Which would be a laugh to people in Toronto or Guelph, and would even make a Brampton-

ian grin, for we have a long way to go. Trouble is, we guess, that no one can say just what is the perfect sized community. A person in a large city things a small city would be ideal. A man in a town of 10,000 thinks a town half that size the perfect place. Communities which have been static for years, are wishing desperately for an increase in population. Towns which are going ahead numerically have people who wish things would stand still.

It is human nature, we suppose, to resent too rapid change. We get used to living in one house, to eating certain types of food, to certain set routines and it takes a while to get used to new ideas. If you are one who wishes Georgetown would stop growing, all we can say is "You'll get used to it, and surprisingly, one day you'll find that you like things the way they will be."

Historic Business Change

Announcement this week of the sale of the Beaumont Knitting Mills by Arthur Beaumont ends an 80 year family association, covering three generations, with the business.

The company, established in 1878, by Samuel Beaumont, has been successively guided by his son Joseph and the latter's son Arthur, and has a successful record of activity which we can hope will be carried on in years to come by the

new owners.

The mill has long been an integral part of Glen Williams and we are sure will continue to be. Mr. Penrice and Mr. Graham not only know the business they have purchased. They are fully qualified to assess present and future potentials of the knitting business in general and the Beaumont business in particular, and we wish them success in their business venture.

SECOND BEREAVEMENT FOR O.A.C. PADRE

Eleven days after the death of his father, Rev. W. A. Young, who is padre of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, suffered a second bereavement when his mother died.

Eleena Attwood Young, who was the wife of the late Rev. W. A. Young, had lived at such places as London, Chippewa, Toronto, Ancaster, Thorndale and Cromarty where her husband served as a Presbyterian minister. In recent years they had lived at Forest.

She leaves two sons, Rev. W. A. Young, Guelph and Rev. M. C. Young, Gananoque, and two daughters, Mrs. G. F. Gibson, Burlington and Mrs. G. E. Wilson, Kingston.

Padre Young is well known in this district where he has often been a speaker at farm, lodge and church functions. He is booked to speak at a special Sunday evening service in Ballinafad United on October 27th.

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Institute Plans Function to Mark 50th Birthday

The St. Stephen's Guild met at the home of Mrs. John Wilson on Wednesday evening, October 9th, with thirteen members present. The president, Mrs. Arthur Plant opened the meeting with the Guild prayer. Mary Flippance read the minutes of the last meeting. Irene Saunders gave the treasurer's report and Marion Robertson gave the report on the expenses and profits from the Milton and Georgetown fair booths. The date of the bazaar was postponed to a later date because of the plowing match in the district on the same date as the bazaar was, previously planned. The Guild voted ten dollars to help with the Little Helpers' Halloween party being held on October 19th. Velma Ella was nominated as program convenor and Mrs. Vernon Archer as lunch convenor at a social evening in the church basement on Nov. 2nd. Films will be shown of the St. Stephen's Easter service, Keith Ella, a local farm boy, and the Boy Scouts Jamboree. Many articles were turned in for the bazaar. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Archer on Wednesday evening, Oct. 23rd. The meeting closed with prayer and lunch was served by the hostess and Mrs. Jack Marchmont.

Kathy Greston had the misfortune of tripping and cutting her forehead while playing last Thursday. Five stitches were needed to close the cut.

The October meeting of Hornby Women's Institute was held on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 9th at the home of Mrs. J. McCarron with a good attendance. Mrs. Russell King was in charge and opened the meeting in the usual manner by singing the Institute Ode and repeating the Mary Stewart Collect. The secretary, Mrs. F. Brain gave the minutes of the last meeting, also the treasurer's report. Tentative plans were made to make the February meeting a family night. Mrs. L. Sampson and Mrs. R. King had attended the first day of the area convention in Guelph and Mrs. Sampson gave a report of that meeting. She also reported on the director's meeting held in Milton on Oct. 7th. As it is fifty years in January since the Hornby Institute was organized, a committee was appointed to decide on some type of celebration. The meeting was then turned over to the Historical Research committee. Mrs. Percy Merry was in charge and the roll call was answered by repeating an old photograph. Mrs. McCarron gave an excellent paper on the motto, "Age is not a matter of years, it is a state of mind." Mrs. M. Brown was in charge of a panel discussion "For better or for worse" with Mrs. Merry, Mrs. A. King, Mrs. D. Downs and Mrs. Roy Wilson comprising the panel. Olden times were compared with modern times and many interesting points were brought out on education, health, music, etc. The other ladies present were asked to voice their opinions also. Mrs. G. Bussell gave the current events and Mrs. Merry conducted a contest which was won by Mrs. R. Wilson. The meeting was brought to a close by singing the Queen and a social time was spent over a cup of tea. Mrs. A. King and Mrs. R. King assisted the hostess.

Doug Leslie, George Bailey, Bob Neilson and Edward Robertson left last Friday morning on a fishing trip to Larder Lake, near Virginiatown, for the week-end. Mrs. Floyd Bridgen won twenty-five dollar prize of jewellery on a program over the Brampton radio station. She sent in an entry for a name of a ladies program and won.

The Hornby Orange Hall is taking on a new look. Some of the members are putting on grey insul stone over the outside walls. Mr. and Mrs. Lou Costello and daughter Linda of Langley Prairie, British Columbia, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Howden and Randy last week.

The newly formed Evening W.A. of Hornby United Church had their second monthly meeting in the church basement on Monday evening, Oct. 7th. The president, Mrs. Hazel Reid opened the meeting with the theme song and the Lord's prayer was repeated in unison. Mrs. Pat Southwood read the minutes of the last meeting. Representatives were selected to attend the meeting at Ballinafad on Oct. 18th. The meeting closed with a hymn and prayer. Time was spent making shell jewellery to be sold at the bazaar. A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Death, assisted by Mrs. Bousfield. The anniversary service at the Hornby United Church last Sunday was conducted by Mr. Brown in the morning and Rev. Clifford

Waite of Lowville at the evening service.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Tophan of Port Elgin and their granddaughter visited with Mr. John Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson and family a week ago Sunday.

Rev. H. D. Moddle, B.A., B.D. of Richmond Hill, conducted the World-Wide Communion Service on Oct. 6th at the Hornby United Church. Mr. Brown took Rev. Moddle's service in Richmond Hill. Several residents in our community have had the old flu bug, some more serious than others.

Firemen, Silver's Tie For Bowling Leadership

With Firemen winning only 5 points and Silver's 7 last week, these teams are now tied for top spot in the industrial bowling league. A clean sweep for Anderson's kept them only one point behind the leaders.

The boys are really beginning to hit their form and the league is now shaping up, that if a team has an off night they will drop very fast in the standing. At time of writing, Firemen and Silver's have 17 points and Anderson's 16. Davidson's 14, Kentner's 11, Kay's and Legion No. 2, 9; Legion No. 1 8; Legion No. 3, 7; Barfield 4 and the new Dutchmen's team has 2 points.

In singles George Barber was

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top with a 315. Bill Anderson 306 and Harv Chappel 298 were other highs. High triples, George Barber 799, Dick Fullerton 768 and Mike Lorusso 750.

Lou Brantford 368 and Andy Rilechie '815 are still high single and triple for the season so far. Terry Bludd has high average with 259. Bill Anderson 243, Gob

Collier 237, Harv Chappel 234, George Webster 228, Ace Bailey 226, George Armitage 220, Scotty Patterson 217, Nip Shipway 214 and Lou Brantford 212 round out the Top Ten.

Teams that are bowling Wednesday nights, please be ready to bowl at 6.30 sharp as two other leagues are to follow.

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