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Downtown Progress

Georgetown's Main Street is rapidly getting a facelift as first one merchant, then another, makes major improvements in their premises.

Last week saw no less than three 'Grand Openings'.

A new shopping centre, billed as "Georgetown's first self-serve Lumberteria" made its debut as an adjunct to the J. B. Mackenzie & Son establishment. Silver's Dept. Store has continued a steady program of expansion by adding a sizeable addition at the rear of the building, and across the street the Wigo Television store has been refurbished, with new shop window and entrance.

Earlier this season, Henry's Clothing Store

had a major job of alterations, and the former Western Tire location became a modern, larger store when Holmes \$5 to \$1.00 came to town. Another major change is in process at Richardson's Hardware, which has knocked out a partition to make one large store and plans to become a member of the Crest Hardware group later this spring. The Dr. Williams' residence is also in process of becoming an office block, with the downstairs completed and upstairs in the planning stage.

Faith in Georgetown's business future is certainly in evidence with these changes, and we expect this will not be the end of a continuous policy of improvement noted over the past decade in Georgetown's business scene.

First People, Then Schools

The Delrex controversy has brought the question of schools into sharp focus on the local scene these past few weeks.

Some residents have the idea that schools should be under construction before houses are started, and while this would certainly be a benefit provided any given number of houses were built, it is not practical from many standpoints. The Dept. of Education will not grant assistance to a town for building a school in anticipation of future need. And rightly so. Plans can go awry, and announcement of house building in any quantity, small or large, does not guarantee that houses will be built.

A school board must be ready to move as fast as possible when a situation crystallizes, but it must wait until there is definite proof that a

projected school is sensible to build — and that proof is in completed, or at least partly completed, houses. It is the only possible way it can operate. Otherwise, Canada might have a number of schools sitting empty, with taxpayers hollering to high heaven about the school boards that wasted public money erecting buildings that weren't needed.

In the meantime, as Georgetown grows, we will from time to time have staggered classes and overcrowded rooms which are bound to occur until school building catches up with school population. We must trust our school boards and our councils to do their best to minimize these troubles by fast action. They have done so up to the present and there is no reason to assume that they will not so continue to do in the future.

Architectural Criticism

We sometimes wonder if modern architecture is not getting out of bounds when it comes to school construction, and whether the "Homes & Gardens" ranch style influence has not overruled the better judgment of architects who design the long, one-storey structures which most new schools become.

Of our local three public schools, we prefer the old Chapel Street style to the factory-like, glass-heavy edifices which give the New Look in schools. There is something to be said for

wooden floors over the terraces and tiles which look so pretty but can be so hard on a teacher's feet. There is more to be said for sensibly sized windows instead of the expanses of glass which can bring heat in summer and cold in winter... and which too often must have auxiliary drapes to cut sunlight. And there is nothing particularly beautiful or utilitarian in mile long corridors and classrooms scattered over twice the area that needs to be taken up for a school building.

We Miss the Roxy

The future of theatrical entertainment in Georgetown is still in doubt, with no decision yet made on whether the Roxy will be rebuilt as a theatre, or converted to some other use.

It would be a sad day for the town if it came to the point where there is no theatre. And yet it is a definite possibility, for the financial success of the Roxy has not been too rosy these past few years, and without the candy bar and the Saturday afternoon matinees, the balance sheets would not encourage investment in such a business.

Television is undoubtedly the assassin credited with closing dozens of theatres and we can't believe its effect can be forever crippling. With the local Roxy paying its way, there was always hope that the future would be brighter and that gradually people would come to realize that the

21 inch screen can't always compete with cinema-scope and technicolor. The fire put a new slant on the question, however, for it is an expensive job to refurbish a movie theatre, and despite insurance there will be a large cost involved.

Meanwhile, for the first time since the old silent movies came to town, this week's Herald carries no theatrical advertisement. We feel the loss in our pocketbook, of course, but much more, we feel the loss in our heart, for we love the movies and miss our trips to the world of fantasy.

We can only hope that the theatre owners will feel there are enough people like ourselves to once again light up the marquee and announce that "the show is on."

**AMATEUR RADIO WORK
 FEATURED AT JAMBOREE**
 James Schofield, Scoutmaster of the 2nd Troop of Georgetown Scouts, Roger Clark and Roger Schofield attended the Scout Jamboree held in Guelph over last

week end. This jamboree was unique in that it featured amateur radio work, the first time that the Scouts had had this opportunity of contacting scouts in other parts of the country by radio. The

Georgetown scouts were able to contact the 3rd Richmond Hill and the 40th Toronto troops. It is expected that this will become an annual event and they have great expectations of contacting scouts in other parts of the world.

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Successful Year Reported by Milton Retarded Children School

The April meeting of Milton and District Association for Retarded children was held at the school.

Mrs. A. Howard in presenting the correspondence included a notice of the teachers' summer course, a letter from Equipping Women's Institute assuring their support, as do Scotch Block, Georgetown and Bannockburn Women's Institutes. Local 4970, United Steel Workers Union informed of plans for a benefit dance in aid of the association.

Funds were raised recently by a lucky draw sponsored by the Milton Loyal Order of Moose. Kathy Martin, Milton, who sold the lucky ticket receives \$10.00 a week for a year, while the holder of the ticket, Burnett Dennis of Campbellville receives \$50.00 a week for a year.

The report of the regional meeting held at East Haven School for Retarded Children gave a brief insight on how similar associations function. These meetings are a great asset to local groups who are beginning and require assistance from larger and more experienced groups. One experienced teacher and mother stated these pupils are not educable, but they are trainable. The fact that they can be taught to read their own names and trained in the social graces of manners in the home, on the street and in their associations with one another proves very helpful to them in their journey through life.

Mrs. Jeffares, the Milton principal, attended the teachers' meeting in connection with this regional meeting and reported they elected the officers and Mrs. Gammon of Galt is president. They hope to meet again in the fall when each teacher present will have an opportunity to present any problems.

Mrs. Thomas Howden, secretary of the newly organized mothers' group, announced the bazaar being held May 17.

Mrs. Jeffares, Mrs. Kingdon and Mrs. Howden were the appointed delegates to the annual Ontario association meeting in Windsor, Apr. 25, 27. In presenting her report, Mrs. Howden provided to the members the inspiration and information derived by attending this meeting. The Churchwood School which was one of many conducted tours proved more like Milton than others. Here they accommodate 49 pupils and 6 adults. Smith Falls School and Hospital, accommodates 800 patients and a child has to reach the age of three years before being admitted. The workshops accommodate pupils from 18 to 25 years. A resolution was passed to ask the Ontario government to increase the grant from \$25.00 a month per child to \$50.00 a month. Transportation costs are a severe burden on finances.

Mrs. Jeffares, in presenting her report held the attention of her audience as she revealed what is being accomplished to aid these pupils in finding their place in life despite their handicap. The school is more the learner learning than the teacher teaching. They need to be taught recognition of signs and directions. The goal is to bring the child to the best function, whether it is reading, conservation, pictures or books. Some of these pupils will never read words, but if they can be assisted to the measure of their ability, it is an accomplishment. Mrs. Jeffares presented her monthly report on the progress of the nine pupils, and the group felt satisfied the two teachers are giving their best to assist these pupils.

Mr. J. Sproat in presenting the financial statement for the month said the membership drive is bringing results and the interest displayed is appreciated.

LIMEHOUSE

BABY BAPTIZED AT SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE

Beverly Ann, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Appleyard, was baptized by Rev. A. Calder at Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bev Eves had his sister, Miss Barbara Eves and Mr. Donald Cooper, both of Toronto, with them on Sunday.

Mr. A. W. Benton returned home Saturday following a week in Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. John Wood spent a few days in Toronto last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wheeler of Toronto visited the Roughleys on Saturday.

Mrs. Leslie Campbell of Hamilton has been staying with her father, Mr. A. W. Norton, while Mrs. Norton has been in hospital in Guelph.

Mrs. Smethurst returned home on Saturday after ten days with Miss Ivens at Brantford.

The W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Lefterink on Thursday evening. Miss Quinton reviewed a suitable book during the pro-

WHAT COUNCIL DID

Full-Time Engineer Suggested for Town

Possibility of Georgetown seeking a full-time engineer was suggested by Wm. H. Carr, while he was discussing several of the town's engineering projects with council on Monday.

Mr. Carr, who operates his own surveying business, has been serving the town in a part-time capacity since Douglas R. Wilson left to take a new position in Montreal a year ago. He explained that his own work has increased and it is becoming increasingly difficult to produce work for the town when council requires it.

He suggested the town seek a young graduate, out of school for a year or two, who could handle 60% of the work involved. There are lots of engineers available at salaries much less than the \$10,000 recently suggested in council, he said—in fact, statistics show that men with 9 years' experience average salaries of \$8,000. Questioned, Mr. Carr said that if an engineer were hired, he would be pleased to serve in an advisory capacity when required.

An area slightly over six acres has been deeded to the public school board by the town as the site of the new Park School.

Suggesting that a laneway between Silver's Store and Simpson-Sears would be better paved and restricted to pedestrian traffic from the parking area behind, Cr. Fred Harrison said council should investigate whether the lane is public or private property. The town solicitor will be asked to ascertain this, before the matter is discussed further by council.

An amendment to the zoning by-law, banning railway marshalling yards, was passed. It had been recommended by the planning board, and last week was delayed, pending study. While some councillors opined at that time that no amendments should be made until the by-law is in effect, Mayor Armstrong said the planning board recommends that no changes in zoning be made, but that changes in interpretation of wording are in order.

Council also decided to issue a building permit to Archie Girard for alterations on his store on Main St. N., providing there is no reasonable objection from abutting property owners, in which case the objections would be heard

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before a permit is granted.

Appearing to explain the work planned by the new recreation association, John Hole, an officer of the group, received a \$100 grant from the town to assist in expenses involved.

RED CROSS HELPFUL REPORTS ON RELATIVE

Mrs. Mary Bally of Stewarttown, who has been the Herald's Stewarttown correspondent for many years, called to tell us what a great help the Red Cross has been to her and she felt that perhaps there were others

in the same position who could also be helped. Mrs. Bally's sister is ninety-two years old and lives in Dorking, Surrey, England and she had not heard from her for some time and was greatly concerned, so she wrote the Red Cross in that town and very shortly received a reply from them giving her news of her sister and promising additional reports from time to time.

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