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A New Year Begins

Most people are familiar with the newspaper term "30" — commonly used in the writing world to denote the end of an article.

Last week, the editor could have used "19" to sign off any news items he was writing, for the December 31st issue ended almost nineteen years at the Herald helm as publisher and editor.

It has been a wonderful nineteen years. We have seen the Herald gradually double from its 6 or 8 weekly pages of those days, with a consequent doubling of staff from 4 to 8. Growing pains forced a move to larger quarters. Machinery has been added, to make production speedier and work more enjoyable for the staff.

The paper has gradually been improved, with more pictures being used, features like Sugar & Spice added. But essentially, today as always, we strive to have each issue contain a maximum of local news, and a minority of articles of general nature. This we do, believing that the true function of a local weekly is to reflect a picture of local life. And a visit to town by someone from a distance, is, in its own way, as important as council decisions, club meetings, weddings and obituaries and the multiplicity of news which goes to make up each edition.

It is our pleasure to start our twentieth year still in the Editor's chair, with Thomson Newspapers, the new owners, shouldering some of the larger problems of management.

We look forward to a fine year ahead, particularly so when we will be working with the same fine staff who have shared the joys and frustrations of getting out the weekly issue and

dealing with a volume of printing orders so efficiently. And with them, we make our usual New Year's resolution — to give Georgetown the best newspaper within our power during these next 52 weeks.

Efficient Post Office

We can't recall a year in which the local post office did a more efficient job of despatching and distributing mail during the Christmas rush. Postmaster Harold Marshall and his staff certainly deserve any praise which can be given for keeping the terrific volume of cards and parcels in hand, while not slacking on first class mail to businesses and householders.

Installation of group boxes for the newer portion of the Delrex subdivision played a large part in keeping the limited post office quarters from being overcrowded. Behind the scenes, all mail despatching was moved to the basement of the building, creating a less congested working area in the main office. Wickets were kept open a couple of Saturday afternoons for convenience of the public and many after-hours were put in by the staff, to clear up the day's business and start the next day afresh.

Town people can thank Mr. Marshall, PO2 Jim Collier, Mrs. Andy Crichton, Blake Inglis, Fanny Weaver, Delmer French, Jean Hancock, and Gordon Hallitt for this good work, plus several part-time employees who sweated the staff to an all-time record of 25. Rural residents should be grateful to Bill Cunningham, Jack Morrow, Harry Scott and Walter Hyde for their fine work as mail carriers on the Georgetown rural routes.

Hydro Building Damaged Spectacular Hill Slide

Extensive damage was done to the rear of the Hydro building on Water Street, Friday, January 2nd when a truck owned by Hume's Transport, 2492 St. Clair Ave., Toronto, collided with it after sliding down an icy embankment while attempting to cross the town parking lot. The property was made un navigable by freezing rain which fell all New Year's Day.

Knocked unconscious by the impact was the driver, Glenwood M. Lovejoy, of 810 James St., Toronto. He was treated at the scene by Dr. Ormond Brewster and advised not to continue work for the day.

Mr. Lovejoy was driving east across the lot toward Back Street and was about to turn onto the street when the big truck started to slide to the right. The back end swung around as it dropped down the incline and struck the northwest corner of the hydro building shifting part of the wall about 4 inches. The driver backed out after bumping his head on the door of the truck.

HORNBY

TWO NEW TEACHERS AT HORNBY SCHOOL

The annual Hornby school meeting was held on December 30th in the afternoon at the Hornby Orange Hall with thirty three attending. Mr. Low Simpson acted as chairman for the meeting. Mr. Ken O'Neill was elected the new trustee. Mr. Arthur Deane and Mr. Stanley Price are the other trustees.

The Hornby hunters shot three foxes this last week by Bill Bailey, Don Lewis and Gordon Barnes. Last week they found a fox dead in a field and this week they found another one dead in a farmer's field.

Birthday greetings to Kathy Franks who will be seven years old on January 9th. St. Stephen's Anglican church held their annual Christmas supper on Tuesday evening, December 30th. The supper was prepared by the ladies and enjoyed by all. The Sunday School children supplied

the entertainment with their songs and recitations. Mrs. John Bradley and Mrs. Glenn Saunders did a comedy skit. All the children received a gift and a bag of candy and orange from the Christmas tree.

Hornby public school children have new teachers. 16 start the New Year. Mrs. McCutcheon is teaching Grade 1 to 4 and Mrs. Fisher Grades 5 to 8.

9 Lesson Carol Service Church Christmas Feature

The Carol Service of the Nine Lessons was again a fine addition to the Christmas services at St. George's Anglican this year.

The service, presented in a candlelight setting, drew an overflow congregation to join with the choir in singing the well-known carols, and to hear others sung by the junior and senior choirs under the leadership of J. L. Lamber, Thomas Warnes and Mrs. A. E. Dawson. Mrs. W. F. Bradley played organ accompaniment for the service, which began with the singing of O Holy Night by Mr. Warnes. Roberta Hawes was a soloist with the junior choir.

The nine lessons, telling the Christmas story, were read by members of the church, each representing one facet of church life. These were Barry Smith, Ann Hardy, chorists, Ross Schiefel, boy scout, Sylvia Ellis, girl guide, Fred Harrison, W.P.A., Dieter Hachman, church school, Rudy Meier, in the church choir, and Ken Church, church director.

ODDITY ACCIDENT, CAR DRIVER HITS OWN CAR

Owner of a car parked in a vacant lot on the corner of a town street was a passenger in the car that skidded into the back of it on Friday in a bizarre oddity reported by Cst. R. D. Whitson.

A 1956 Mercury owned by Fern and Haver of 1197 Glen Cairn Road, Toronto, was left on the shoulder of James Street by the driver who had secured a ride to a service station for a tow truck. Mr. Haver and the motorist who had given him the ride, Manfred Hammer of 2 Bard Lane were returning to the parked car and proceeding east to James when they struck a slippery portion and skidded into the Haver car.

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