

Plan Extensive Remodelling of McGibbon Hotel Premises

New Stores, Lobby In Owner's Plans

A major facelift is in store for one of the oldest commercial buildings in town... the McGibbon Hotel. The proud brick edifice that has condescendingly watched time work change from its vantage point at the very heart of the town, has finally itself been overtaken by it.

Not only the hotel, but the stores from MacCormack's Drug Store down to the hotel will feel the workman's hammer. MacCormack's will present a completely new face to Main Street, with an entrance to the upstairs of the hotel beside it. The drug store is to be expanded back wards, and in keeping with the modern trend will have an equally impressive back entrance from the parking lot. In addition, the back part will have a new basement for storage.

An entirely new store is being built for Sienko's Shoe Repair on Mill Street right next to Buck's Grocery. The space Mr. Sienko is now occupying will be available for rental, and an attentive hostler in charge. The adjacent well-stocked bar is kept open during legal hours, with obliging wine clerks in charge.

The renovations to the hotel will be extensive, according to the new owner, Mr. David Sitzer, of Toronto. Mr. Sitzer took possession in September. The existing entrance on Mill Street will be completely changed, with a great deal of plate glass and ceramic tile being used. The lobby too will be remodelled, giving direct access to the dining room. The Main Street entrance is now being refurbished.

The beverage room has already been renovated, and is attractive, clean, and cheerful — a big improvement over many similar establishments. With an eye to the future, Mr. Sitzer has the space in mind for a cocktail bar, a very elegant one, if his mental picture becomes a reality.

Upstairs will not be neglected. At the moment, the tentative plans call for office space in part of it, and the overhauling of the hotel rooms. There are rooms on the third floor, which have never had central heat in them. At one time they were heated by stove, no doubt, but since then they have been unused. Humour has it these rooms were the first Masonic Lodge rooms in town.

The McGibbon Hotel was owned by the McGibbon family from 1894 up till this fall. In 1894 Mr. Sam McGibbon and his brother bought it from a Mr. Clarke, who appropriately enough had named it the "Clarke House". Sam McGibbon stayed here, but his brother went to Milton, after just

When this man says, his eyes wet with unshed tears, "I'm happy to pay my income tax to this land of freedom," suddenly "freedom" becomes more than a well worn cliché.

Halton Reading Council Brings Outstanding Speakers

The Halton Reading Council, a local branch of the International Reading Association, is receiving considerable support from the elementary teachers of the county. The Council is proving to be a successful in-house in the field of English.

Mr. Charles Pinkerton and Mr. Harold Callan are two local teachers who are taking the lead in bringing outstanding speakers to this area. In the next meeting of the year held at the E. J. Jumper School in Trafalgar Township the speaker was Dr. Mary Austin, President of the International Reading Association for Harvard University and a Graduate of the University of Toronto.

No matter what wild stories the walls of the hotel tell, they could not match the life story of the new owner David Sitzer. A story, which unfortunately is not unique. When Mr. Sitzer came to Canada eleven years ago he had escaped from a terrible horror. His wife and four daughters met the same fate as six million other Jews, in the gas chambers of a concentration camp.

For seventeen months after his return to find his wife and daughters gone, he hid his son in an underground beneath the home of brave friends who lowered food and water to them on a string, not in a basement, on the bare ground covered with just a little straw.

During one of their forced outings, when the houses were being searched, he saw preparations for a gala occasion. The coming visit of the now notorious Adolph Eichman. A banner across the street read "Welcome, Eichman this Town is cleaned of Jews."

By mischance he became separated from his fourteen year old son, and up until three years ago, thought he too was dead. Through relatives in Israel the good news that his son lived was given to him. Immediately he brought him to Canada.

Mr. Sitzer owns the Broadview House in Toronto and did until fairly recently own the Kingsway Bowling Alley. His brother is also in the hotel business in Toronto.

Urges Young People Be Active in Church

Sunday evening, December 4th, St. John's United Church was filled to capacity for the presentation of the C. G. L. Y. Vespers Service under the direction of the Superintendent Mrs. Ian Fleming and their leaders Mrs. Nelson Handy and Miss Isabel Dobson.

The traditional Candle Light Service is symbolic of the Christmas story and is presented annually in most Christian Churches.

Mrs. Ruth Wrigglesworth gave an inspiring address, taking her text from John, Chapter 10, verse 10, which says in part, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." The main theme was on Christian Education for growing boys and girls and stressed that young people should have the impression that being a Christian you have to go about with a long face and have no enjoyment. She suggested that parents encourage their children to join all the activities of the church and take part in their own lives. A Christian life is a whole, some, happy life, also that much happiness comes from thinking and doing for others and for getting self.

The Explorers were also in attendance under the leadership of Mrs. George Armstrong. The service was ably assisted by the Intermediate Choir under the direction of Mr. Ken Harrison, organist and choir leader of St. John's United Church.

All taking part in this beautiful service are to be highly commended.

To My Dear Friends in Georgetown GREETINGS

Dear Georgetown Friends:

May I again call upon the services of the Herald to carry to you my cordial greetings and good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

It is fifteen years since my late husband and I said good-bye to the old hometown of the Daytons, and many changes have taken place since then in our individual lives, in the town, and in the world at large. Some good, some not so good, perplexing and distressing, but I can rejoice in the fact that the one whose birth we are about to celebrate, HAS NOT CHANGED. Jesus, CHRIST, the same yesterday, today and forever.

This verse by E. Hutchings is one I copied from a card sent to me by my grandchild Irena in Trinidad last year, and it presses a thought I wish to pass on to you, dear friends.

A Christmas Hallelujah raise, This day shall be a song of praise. Far, far exceeding earthly thought, There broods over all, even when unsought, A Father's Love!

May the Love that came down at Christmas Love, all lovely, Love Divine, bless our hearts and homes at this holiday season throughout the days ahead.

Sincerely,
Mrs. C. B. Catherine Dayfoot,
2540 Shelbourne St.,
Victoria, B.C.

Voting Power Not Equitable Say South Halton Reeves

County Council to Study the Problem

The current amalgamation proceeding between the Township of Trafalgar and the Town of Oakville will have repercussions at County Council. Reeve F. Tilley of Oakville focused attention on the problem at this month's meeting of County Council.

The amalgamation brought a reduction in voting representation in the southern half of the County, the reeve explained. "Despite the fact that the southern portion has 82% of the assessment, and 85% of the population," he continued, "it has only one third of the County Council votes."

Mr. Tilley hastened to add that no one wanted control, only a more equitable distribution of votes. "While County Council can't make the change, by statute," the Reeve of Oakville went on, "I feel we should support the move." Whereupon he introduced a resolution sponsored by Reeve F. Ryckman of Burlington, reading: "Whereas the present system of voting representation is inequitable and population on the one hand and voting rights on the other, the present council recommends that the matter be turned over to the Standing Committee for discussion and possible recommendation."

The resolution carried unanimously with Warden Doug Sargent stating that he felt

there was no division in the County, but that the south certainly did have a case. Council also at last week's meeting:

- Agreed some revision in committee structure is necessary and asked that 1961 voters consider the matter.
- Recommended that the salaries of jail guards F. Barnes and A. Clabine be increased to \$3,700 as these men will have completed six years with the jail staff next year.
- Received a board of transport order authorizing the C.P.R. to install short arm gates at Hurby on the Seventh Line, Trafalgar crossing. Estimated cost is \$40,000 and the county's share will be 13% per cent.
- Named George Dolby to the Oakville Trafalgar high school board for 1961, and Ross Segsworth and Norman Hopkin to the Burlington Board of Education for 1961.
- Approved payment of \$150 to W. K. Davies, R.R. 2, Camp Belleville for land required for road widening purposes at Cedar Springs, and \$450 to D. J. McQuesten for land required for road and bridge improvements.
- Forwarded \$161,500 to the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital, Burlington as third quarter grant on construction.
- Made preparations for hypothecating debentures covering the grant to Georgetown Hospital, and advanced \$200,000 as first quarter grant on construction.
- Learned the agriculture committee inspected 16 farm ponds and recommended payment for six totalling \$1,250.
- Granted \$300 to the Halton Crop Improvement Association for the year 1961.
- Heard the agricultural committee visited the Grey and Bruce County museums for details on establishing a county museum. The committee asked that they be given permission to discuss obtaining space for a local museum, with the 18 Mile Creek Conservation Authority.
- Named Vernon McArthur, Lowville, permanent Weed Inspector for the county.
- Named N. A. Armstrong as architect for the erection of the new municipal office, council chambers and court house.
- Expressed the appreciation of all councillors to retiring Warden Douglas Sargent, Reeve of Georgetown, for his capable conduct of the council meetings this year. Appreciation was also expressed to clerk Garfield Brown for his excellent assistance.

THAT'S ONE REASON
The young couple had just finished going over the monthly bills and were down to the last two.
"Gosh, honey," said the man, "We're practically broke. I don't know which to pay, the electric company or the doctor."
"Oh, the electric company, of course! The wife replied. "After all, the doctor can't shut off your blood."

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