

HOSPITAL NEWS

Items of Interest about YOUR Hospital

With March just about ended, there is only a scant two months from the opening of the Hospital.

Yes, the date has finally been settled on... June 17th. And with painting in process, and construction superintendent Harold Walls predicting the building to be totally completed by the latter part of May, this should be quite feasible.

It is hoped that many prominent figures will be present for this great day.

A committee has been set up to arrange the official opening and it is hoped that this will be one of the biggest, if not the biggest, event ever held in town.

With the completion of this needed facility in our community, we feel that it will usher in a new era in the development of our town. Certainly a community of this size now needs a hospital, and it should as well add something positive as a reason for individuals or industry to come to town to locate. And we say this in all sincerity, as today, industry demands all the facilities of a progressive community before they locate, and a hospital is by no means least of these facilities.

The writer of this column will be the chairman for the arrangements for the opening.

The Board of Directors express the hope that there will be present that day every single citizen of Georgetown and district. It is hoped that everyone will take the opportunity of seeing through the building, and it is hoped that arrangements will be made to have some one of the directors or staff take groups through, and explain what each room is for, and the reason for the various installations. Anyone who can come would find this most interesting, and find their visit well worthwhile. Frankly, to try and visualize the building of a hospital in Georgetown, took a great deal of vision and foresight by the few who first became interested. To finance it was another large step, but to visualize the actual building completed and ready for use, is impossible. The only way you can realize it has actually arrived, is to visit and see through it. You owe it to yourself and your entire family to do this. Not only is it a building that will provide a vital service to the community, but one in which every citizen can justly be proud of having helped establish.

The Board of Directors met last Thursday night to approve the final draft of the bylaws. This was very necessary as to night at the annual meeting, they must be approved, and submitted to the hospital commission for their approval. As stated last week, the annual meeting was held only a short time ago, but due to the commission's regulations must be held during a certain period of the year. Therefore tonight's meeting became necessary, to ratify the last one. We should judge that there will be no other business than this, and we urge anyone who can, to attend. Certainly there are many who must be vitally interested, who have not joined the Hospital Association, and they are asked, indeed urged to become a part of this vital group.

Another group, the Auxiliary to the Hospital, becomes more and more involved with their various projects to help in any way possible. This group, headed by Mrs. John Inglis, with a group of dedicated officers and members, has been instrumental in raising very large sums of money for the hospital. The ladies have certainly been, and will continue to be, a vital factor, in the formation of the hospital, and we feel sure,

will play even a greater part, when it is finally in operation.

The treasurer, Mrs. Wm. B. Hamilton, continues to receive donations, some large, some small, but all equally appreciated. Just lately a number of people have given "In Memoriams", donations in memory of someone who has passed on. A very fine and very thoughtful way of keeping the memory of a loved one.

We might add once more, there are still many items needed by the hospital, that would be very appropriate for the remembrance of a loved one. A number of rooms, too, are still available to any person or group who could see their way clear to furnish them. This of course, is a beautiful gift, and one that is certainly greatly appreciated.

The administrator, president or any of the board will be happy to discuss anything you may have in mind, with you at any time.

Quite a number of people have enquired about various matters pertaining to the Georgetown and District Hospital, and from time to time we have attempted to answer these queries, when we felt they were of merit to readers. If you have any question you think of general interest, you are invited to contact this column. We will be happy to try and obtain the information and print it. Just phone the writer, Les Clark, TR. 7-3078 or drop us a line.

From time to time this column would seem to dwell on the financial needs of the building and equipping of our hospital, we hasten to apologize. But while we certainly agree with the old adage "money isn't everything", certainly it is most essential that we have a sound economic structure.

And as from time to time, the board has adopted a policy to send out "reminders" about pledges coming due, we hope no one takes offense. Each week we find enquiries as to when an individual pledge is due, and one reason for these cards is to help clarify this situation. Another reason is of course, that with the large number of canvassers calling on citizens, it was inevitable that in a lot of cases this vital date to be paid, was left out, and the only way of clarifying the situation is to contact the person making the pledge. As your pledge becomes due, you may pay it as any of the three bank branches in town, or direct to Mrs. William Hamilton, Reid Court.

A final word... "It's YOUR hospital, and YOU alone can make it the great success and asset it deserves to be!"

Purchase \$17,000 Shares In Livestock Enterprise

"Farmers' Allied Meat Enterprises continues to grow rapidly in Halton County," provincial director Archie R. Service of Milton reported this week. He explains that to date Halton livestock producers have purchased \$17,000 of Halton's \$24,000 quota of shares in the new marketing enterprise, and more farmers are still subscribing.

Trafalgar Township went well over the top and sold \$7,100 worth of shares, while Esquesing runs a close second. Nassagaweya continues to sell shares and Burlington's canvass is showing good results, even though only one canvasser is working.

FAME canvassers hope to complete the share selling by March 31st.



AT SEMINAR
HORACE TOMLINSON of Brampton is shown (right) with Thomas W. Merritt, president of Babson Bros. Co., Chicago. Mr. Tomlinson was attending a three-day Tonganoxie Milking System training seminar at St. Charles, Ill., sponsored by Babson Bros. Co., manufacturer of Surge Milking Equipment.



SHOWBOAT STAR

TOM DARCY, who delighted last year's Show Boat audiences will be back this year when the Rotary Minstrel Show makes its annual run here April 28th and 29th and May 5th and 6th. 'Bigger and better than ever,' says the advance reviews.



BY DOROTHY BARKER

Recently a well known TV personality and her friends were on a whirlwind jaunt of Paris, France. When they spotted one of the historic city's well-known landmarks, one member of the party was heard to remark: "If the Eiffel Tower were in Toronto or Vancouver, they'd tear it down to make room for a parking area."

How true! But during my travels, I have discovered evidence that there are still public spirited persons who either individually, or collectively through well-organized societies, have preserved for all time, much of Canada's historic background.

A few weeks ago I wrote of Eric L. Harvey and his family of Calgary, Alta., who have established the Glenbow Foundation to collect, preserve and display material dealing with the human and natural history of western Canada. By the way, I misspelled their name, an unforgivable mistake for an experienced newspaper woman to make. The Harveys have made a wonderful contribution financially, historically and artistically to their adopted province.

Only a few months ago, the Home of Stephen Leacock on the shores of Lake Couchiching, near Orillia, Ont., was disintegrating into a shambles of rotting wooden siding and old shingles. An American, who loved the written works of this great Canadian humorist, undertook to restore his residence and preserve it in Leacock's memory.

Thomas Chandler Haliburton created "Sam Slick" in one of the few remaining old houses in Nova Scotia. It is now known as Haliburton Museum and is symbolic of the fortunes of a number of our first aristocratic families, an eloquent reminder of the culture of the province more than a century ago. The grand old wooden house that stands on Crown land granted to a Windsor citizen by His Majesty, King George III of July 9, 1766, was built after Haliburton purchased the property in January, 1833. Hundreds of visitors come each year to view the antiques, to see the illustrations of Haliburton's books which are strung like a Monday's wash on a line that extends from one end of his study to the other. It was here Haliburton dictated his tales to attendants. The government of Nova Scotia has taken over the house, its care and preservation.

Not too far away, Uniacke House is presided over by the members of the IOOE who conduct visitors through the fabulous rooms that once echoed to the laughter and gaiety of a socially conscious family. I think it was the downstairs kitchen in this manner that had fringed me most. The great fireplace with its huge spits on which the joint had roasted while nearby, huge Jancy moulds held chilled headcheese, jelly made with rare old wine, cast iron skillets in which 'pan breads' had been tossed and the most lovely old china-ware which had been the help's service, needed little description to conjure up the picture of the lavish meals that had been concocted by cooks at Uniacke House, when its owner was attorney general of the province.

I was reminded the other day of these two lovely old homes and the misty Maritime day I spent listening to echoes of

the past, when I read that another beloved Canadian author is to be memorialized on March 10th of this year. Postmaster William Hamilton has announced that on that date, a stamp will be issued to commemorate the centennial of the birth of Pauline Johnson, famed Mohawk poetess born at Chiefswood near Brantford, Ont., on March 10th, 1861. The stamp is designed to show Miss Johnson's two personalities of Victorian lady and Indian princess. It was designed by B. J. Redick of Ottawa and is of the 5c denomination. There will be 22,000,000 copies printed. I can just see philatelists standing in line at local post offices to obtain a "corner."

Perhaps this announcement is of great interest to me because last summer I walked through Stanley Park in Vancouver and stood near the monument erected to mark the spot where Pauline Johnson used to sit and gaze out over the Pacific Ocean in creative contemplation.

It is much more exciting to live history than to merely absorb it from books. This has been my privilege as I have travelled from coast to coast by train, absorbing the legends of early generations that contributed to Canada becoming the nation it is today.

From the middle of the 18th century when Edward Cornwallis established Halifax, to the early years after the second world war, when a startlingly white gateway was built in a peace park on the boundary of Washington State and the Province of British Columbia, history on this continent has been building up to the peaceful co-existence we enjoy with our neighbours to the south.

I believe we can only realize what our heritage is by experiencing the thrill of standing among a garden of flowers on the Pacific Coast and reading words to this effect: "May there never be cause to close these gates between our two countries."

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Canada's postmen, who already knock twice, will arrange for an additional call for people who are not at home when the letter carrier arrives, it was announced today by the Postmaster General, the Hon. William Hamilton.

Special Service
The special supplementary delivery service for registered mail, C.O.D. items and short-paid letters, goes into effect April 1, 1961 in all letter carrier post offices in Canada.

Certain Items
The Postmaster General said that certain items of mail require contact between the letter carrier and the patron. Sometimes the letter carrier arrives when the householder is not at home. When this happens, he puts the mail back in his satchel and tries again on the next delivery.

Two Tries
Up to the present, when the postman failed to make contact after two tries, he left a card describing the item and explaining that it could be collected at the Post Office.

Call Personally
This system remains in effect for those who wish to call personally for such mail but the letter carrier's card will now give a telephone number which may be called if the patron wishes his mail to be sent out by the special supplementary service at a cost of 25 cents.

Cannot Promise
Mr. Hamilton said the Post Office cannot promise to deliver at a particular time of day but will make the special call on a day when the addressee will be at home.

Since June
The Postmaster General noted that a supplementary delivery service for parcel post items had been in effect since June of 1960 and had proven very popular. Most patrons, he said, felt that the 25 cent charge was less than it should cost to pick up their mail personally.

Optional
However, the Postmaster General emphasized the fact that the new service, as with the parcel post arrangement, was optional and an addition to existing services for the convenience of patrons who chose to use it.

Three Georgetown Brothers Survive Brampton Resident
Funeral service for Mrs. Pearl Black, 148 Queen St. E., Brampton was held at the David McClure Funeral home March 14. Mrs. Black died at the Bertram nursing home March 12 after a lengthy illness. She was 60.

Born in Trafalgar Township near Hornby, she resided there until her marriage to Alex Black, when she came to Chingacousy Township where she and her husband farmed for many years. In 1946 they retired and moved to Brampton. Mrs. Black was a member of Grace United Church.

Surviving are her husband, Alex, one son William and three daughters, Lillian (Mrs. Leonard Manson), June (Mrs. William Wilson) and Marion (Mrs. Gordon Burton) all of Brampton. Also surviving are three brothers, Jack, Isaac and Cliff Hunter, all of Georgetown, one sister, Mrs. Mabel Whaley of Streetsville and 11 grandchildren.

The service was conducted jointly by Rev. B. F. Ennals of Grace United Church and Rev. J. Maxwell of Hornby Anglican Church.

Palbearers were six nephews, Harold Black, Roy Black,

Diary of a Vagabond
BY DOROTHY BARKER

WORDS OF THE WISE
Modest egotism is the salt of conversation; you do not want too much of it, but if it is altogether omitted, everything tastes flat. — van Dyke.

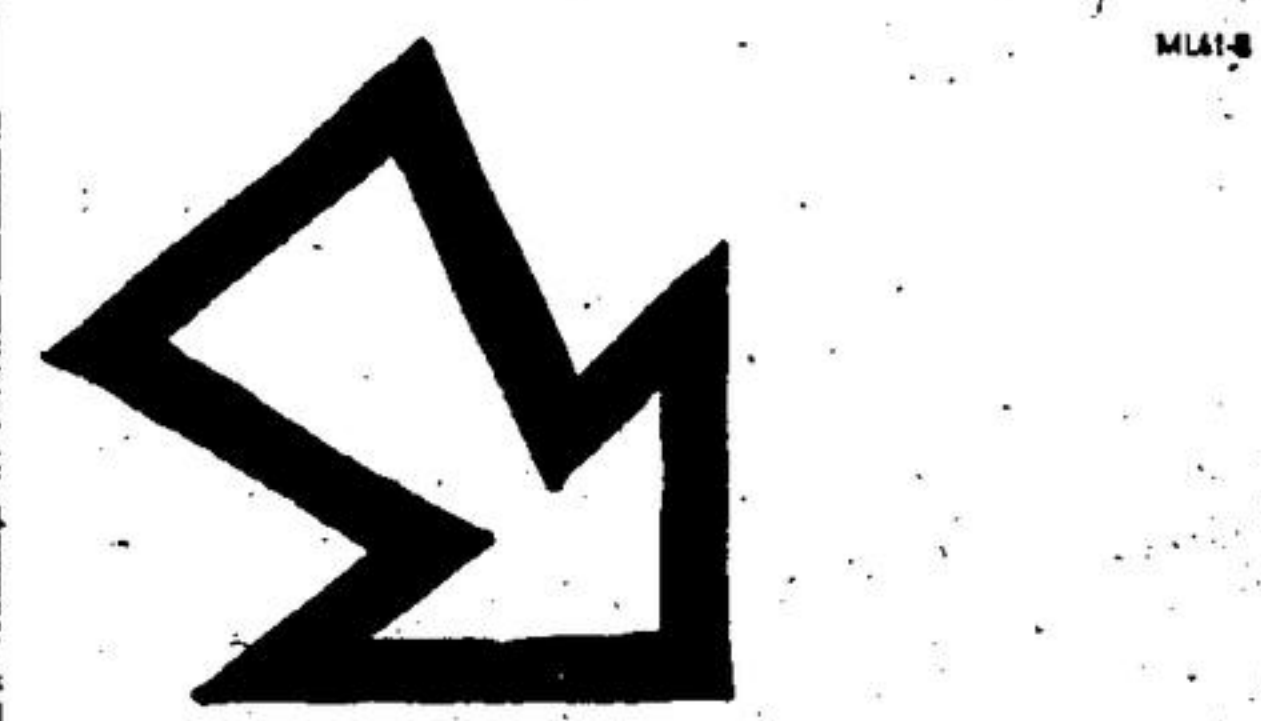
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