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EDITORIAL COMMENT

95 Years in Georgetown

The Herald this week embarks on its 95th anniversary year of dispensing local news to town and district.

And to our knowledge it's the oldest local business on Main Street.

Today's Herald is a considerable advance from the few issues of the 'eighties' which are in our possession. (A 1917 fire burned all the old files and it is only the odd copy which has been preserved for historic records.)

In those days there was a weekly 4-page issue, much of it miscellaneous copy with no local touch. Type was set by hand, and it was only in the mid-thirties that a modern typesetting machine eliminated this tedious job and opened a wider field for news coverage. News pictures were seldom used and advertisements were mainly type without the attractive illustrations which abound in the present Herald.

One should not be too critical of the past, of course.

A community of a thousand does not produce the volume of news which one of

ten thousand does. When a man's standard work week was sixty to seventy hours, there was little spare time for service clubs and the wide variety of after-hours activity which we enjoy today.

There has been nothing spectacular about the Herald's changing face.

It has gradually grown, improved in content and style, boasting community betterment where it can, and constantly striving to publish as much news as possible in each issue, while providing business people with a means of advertising their products profitably.

It has passed through a succession of owners — the Craig Brothers, R. D. Warren, Joe Moore, Walter Biehn, to the present Thomson newspaper ownership, without any sudden change in typography or writing style.

Years to come will see more improvements, more changes, for no business can be static. They will come gradually, mostly unannounced, in the constant efforts of the staff to turn out the best job possible

Bayview's Gain

It was with some regret last week that we reported the departure at the end of this school term of the senior member of Georgetown's high school staff.

Miss Florence Luke, whose local teaching career spans 32 years, is joining the Bayview Collegiate staff in the city in September.

And to use a much-hackneyed expression, Bayview's gain is Georgetown's loss. During her stay in town Miss Luke has endeared herself, not only to the hundreds of students to whom she has imparted her wide knowledge of romance languages, but to many new residents whose knowledge of English has been gained through attendance at night school classes she has taught.

She is the perfect teaching type, who is intensely interested in her chosen profes-

sion, and combines this with a classroom personality which will keep her in memory as years pass by.

Since her graduation from University of Toronto, Miss Luke has not taken the easy course of settling down to a teaching routine, covering familiar ground each term, and forgetting about school at vacation time. She has combined business and pleasure on many occasions, travelling in Europe, taking special language courses, encouraging graduates in their studies in French and German, promoting high school students to try for scholarships.

Georgetown has been fortunate to have had her for so many years and we wish her well as she takes on her new position as head of the moderns department at Bayview.

Outstanding Service

A reader, Cecil Davidson, said many of the nice things we had in our own mind a few weeks ago about the retirement of an outstanding public servant.

Mrs. Olive Reid, who has ended her term of office as secretary-treasurer of the local hydro commission, was as dedicated to her work in her own way as was Miss Luke. She will be missed.

Newer residents will not remember the system which Mr. Davidson talked about. In the days when the town was smaller, she made it her task not only to do the work for which she was paid, but to save people money as well.

A few days before the due date of hydro bills, many people would get a phone call and a familiar voice would remind them that discount date was here. It was never too much trouble to help a newcomer to town with any hydro problems he might have. She spent many hours after work at the office, and took her position as seriously as if the hydro business was her own.

And she hasn't lost her steam! At present she is living temporarily in Galt, while commuting to town daily on 401. And enjoying the excitement of it every minute, if you can judge by chatting with her.



THREE-LEGGED RACE

LETTERS LAUD TOURNEY

Visitors Appreciated Georgetown Hospitality

The following are samples of letters received by International Bantam Hockey ornament Director Red Asseltine. There are many more.

Mount Royal, Quebec
2 May, 1962
Mr. Walter Asseltine,
Georgetown Bantam Hockey
Association,
P.O. Box 20,
Georgetown, Ontario

Dear Mr. Asseltine:
We are beginning to get back to normal after a very hectic but enjoyable trip. I can't begin to tell you how much you boys enjoyed yourselves. The organization of the tournament was terrific! It was obvious that many people put in hours of hard work to make the tournament the success it was. You and everyone who worked with you are to be congratulated.

I was pleased to hear that Riverside did quite well after defeating our team. They are a fine group of people and we are sorry that they didn't go even farther in competition. Would it be possible to send us the address of the person in charge of the Riverside team? Once again a very sincere 'thank you' for all that you've done for us. We hope to see you again next spring.
Sincerely yours,
Ronald F. Haynes
Assistant Recreation Director,
Scarborough, Ont.
1 May 1962

W. Red Asseltine,
Chairman,
Georgetown Bantam Hockey
Tournament,
Box 20, Georgetown, Ont.

Dear Red:
On behalf of the boys and parents of the Scarborough Bantam Team, may I sincerely thank you and the good people of Georgetown for the wonderful manner in which we were welcomed and entertained by your town.

May I add a special thanks to those ever-loving ladies who undertook the mammoth task of feeding the multitude. If all the boys had appetites comparable to our lads I am sure budgets must have been stretched beyond all expectations.

Once again our thanks and congratulations to yourself and your committee for a job well done under very trying circumstances.
Yours very truly,
Harry P. McLean
Manager, Scarborough
Bantam Hockey Club.

251 Oshawa Blvd. N.
Oshawa, Ontario,
May 4th, 1962

Dear Red:
Many thanks to you and your wife Jean for hosting Mike and I last week. I was sorry to hear the Georgetown boys lost out to Galt, it was a tough one to lose. I was really impressed with the spirit and desire of the whole team and especially Allister Blair in beating Marlinas.

Weather Report

April High Low
29 Sunday 63 48
30 Monday 64 47
1 Tuesday 59 47
2 Wednesday 66 54
3 Thursday 60 44
4 Friday 70 38
5 Saturday 70 47
6 Sunday 70 47
High for the week 70
Low for the week 38
Alleis F. C. Scott

Dear Sir:
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the wonderful coverage given our Easter Bantam Hockey Tournament.

Your devoted co-operation toward the youth of our community and service to your readers could well be an example to all newspapers, local or otherwise.

Once again many thanks.
W. "Red" Asseltine
Tournament Headquarters
THE HERALD

Dear Sir:
I would like to thank you very much for a wonderful week. We enjoyed ourselves immensely as everyone seemed to go out of their way to please us. We have never had the pleasure of meeting a more hospitable group of people in all our travels with the hockey club. Our accommodations were terrific and the meals at the Legion were something out of this world. I hope everyone concerned realizes how much we appreciated it. I hope our refereeing met with your standards as we did our best at all times. I simply can't express to you just how much we enjoyed ourselves and how much we appreciated your invitation. Please thank all those concerned in making our stay possible and enjoyable.

The people of Georgetown should be overly proud of their minor hockey organization for doing such a tremendous job during this tournament. Thanks for everything, Red.

Your very truly,
Dave Newell

THE MAIL BAG
Thank You From
Bantam Headquarters

Tournament Headquarters
MANY THANKS
TO THE PEOPLE OF
GEORGETOWN

Once again our BANTAM HOCKEY TOURNAMENT WEEK is history. And what history! Our local boys were terrific in their final hours as bantams and will go down in the annals of Georgetown Hockey teams as one of the greatest ever to lace on skates. Good luck boys in your future careers.

And certainly the success of the full week of activities would not be possible if the full co-operation of all concerned were not as it was.

For two successive years now I have never been refused by any person to do a job. This is a terrific show of devoted support. Some of you who volunteered were left out for this I am sorry, but there just weren't enough jobs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who were connected to or associated with the tournament in any way, no matter how small.

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SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

This morning I was confronted, bemused, I must say, with a difficult decision. In your town to park a car between two rows of trees, I wonder what you'd have decided?

Oh, it wasn't a world-shaking decision, like giving up smoking or drinking, or entering a monastery, or anything so serious as that. But it did require a great deal of thought, and I'd thought that the Old Girl and I'd be through about 1000 cups of coffee in the process of making up our minds.

It came about like this. An old acquaintance, and a very old one, had offered me a job. It was a very interesting job. The salary was a big improvement over my present one. The hours were good. My training and background fitted me for the job, which was a challenging one. It was a very attractive, even exciting.

Why didn't I grab it? Well, it was a matter of piling things on the scales — an advantage here, a disadvantage there — and in the process, my wife and I learned a lot about what we wanted out of life, for ourselves and our children.

I should mention that taking the job meant moving to a large city. It meant that our children of school would be leaving home. It meant saying goodbye to a few friends we had made, and starting the process all over again. These were some of the things that took a little of the shine off the proposition.

But there were many things on the other side of the scales. I have nothing against large cities, and my wife likes them. They have cultural advantages the small centre cannot provide. There is a certain excitement in the city, with its good restaurants, its theatres, its concerts, its major sporting events. There is a definite feeling, however little it may be justified, of being at the centre of things.

Taking the job meant saving money. It won't be long until the kids are ready for university. Think of what we'd save if they could live at home while attending college. Right now, it would save me about \$7 a week, which it costs to get my car to the city for a music lesson every Saturday.

Taking the job meant higher expenses. Parking, lunches, garage, public transportation, pre-lunch martinis, more costly entertainment, all these would easily neutralize those vast sums we saved in the last paragraph.

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ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald, May, 1952, and 1957

10 YEARS AGO

• More than two hundred of the senior art students heard a most interesting lecture on Friday afternoon in St. John's Hall by the Danish artist, Thor Hansen, art director for the Public Relations department of the British American Oil Company.

• Perfect weather conditions favoured the Dolson Clan for the 9th reunion at Stanley Park, on Saturday. Classmen numbering 115 gathered for the celebration from many points.

• Aboard the Cunard liner, Scythia which was damaged in a collision in the St. Lawrence River were two Georgetown people, Mrs. Ray Whitmore and Miss Susan Whitmore. The liner was bound for England.

• Social and Personal: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Puckering and family are living with their mother, Mrs. L. J. Norton, while waiting to get into their new home on the Glen road. . . Mrs. Art Hurst and son David of Kitchener, are spending this week in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy. . . Guests at Marie Emmerston's twelfth birthday party were Jill Kentner, Myra Allen, Marilyn Sorenson, Barbara May Allen, Barbara June Allen, Pamela Clark, Barbara Welch, Ruth McDonald, June Allen, Agnes Nelson and Ruth Hancock.

• At the Peel Music Festival held at Port Credit last week, Master Ross Peck, of 5 S. No. 3, Chinguacousy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peck, won the gold medal in the vocal solo contest.

• The Ontario Provincial Volunteer Firemen's convention will be held in Georgetown this year. It is expected about 3,000 firemen will be present.

• On Saturday next, George Alcott will open a store in the McGibbon block selling tobacco, confectionery, ice cream and soft drinks.

• At the Gregory Theatre: 'Woman Alone', starring Sylvia Sidney; 'Three Smart Girls', starring Deanna Durbin; and 'Top of the Town'.

DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE

ELORA

At a meeting of Elora Council held April 30th the mill rate for the current year were struck at \$6.53 for public school supporters and \$6.37 for Separate School supporters on the Industrial rate, \$6.50 is the Residential rate.

BOLTON

Ian Campbell of the Ontario Dept. of Highways said here last week that extensive improvements for Highway 80 through Bolton have been planned. They include a new bridge, repaving of the downtown business section, new retaining walls, curbs and gutters.

STRENSVILLE

The Streetsville Review, Canada's oldest weekly newspaper, merged last week with the Toronto Twp. News, one of Canada's youngest, into the weekly News-Review, to become one of Canada's largest. Combined they have a circulation of 8,000.

ORANGEVILLE

Acrow (Canada) Limited plans to close its plant in Oranville and transfer operations to Toronto in a gradual move stretching over the next few weeks. At the present the company has 37 employees. When it started in 1960 it had 80 employees and used 100 tons of steel weekly.

BURLINGTON

An 11 year old Burlington girl, Marilyn Plastow, a member of the junior team sponsored by the Burlington Gazette, took second place in the world 5 pin bowling championships at Richmond Hill. In the Bantam class she rolled a two game total of 430.

AURORA

The president of a tannery here will drink the waste water running from his factory into the creek to quiet complaints that it is polluting the stream. Some district mothers complained their children were burned after being splashed by the creek water.

OAKVILLE

Jodie Ellen McNamara, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McNamara of the 9th Line, was killed instantly when an old gas stove fell on her. The child was playing in the back yard of her home when the accident occurred. She was playing beside it and apparently caused it to upset. Her ten year old brother, John, found her. Her chest was crushed.

BRAMPTON

A Brampton youth wandered 13 miles and spent the night in a cave north of here last week after he became turned around in the bush. Martin Pludnuts passed most of the night feeding wood to a fire he built while 25 farmers were organizing a search party. Next morning he found his way out.

ORTON

James Sharpe, 79 year old farmer, died in Guelph General Hospital last Wednesday from burns sustained when he fell into a grass fire at his home near Orton. He apparently took a dizzy spell while battling the fire. His wife sustained burns to her hands when pulling him out.

MILTON

The Milton Fire Area, 100 square miles of central Halton, needs a full time fire chief to give proper time to the increasing work according to Fire Chief Clement. He said in a report that he finds the inspections, fires, meetings, and investigations more than he can handle on evenings and weekends.

ACTON

Things are starting to happen at the site of the new federal post office in Acton. The general contractors have moved equipment in and sub-contractors have been engaged. Dan Lee Construction of Georgetown is doing the excavating. And another Georgetown firm, Premier Building Supplies, is supplying the concrete.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ONCE SAID

"Doing an injury puts you below your enemy; revenging one makes you but even with him; forgiving one sets you above him."

Motorists are getting so concerned over the number of miles they can get per tank of gas that the auto manufacturers are going to be forced to enlarge the size of the tanks.