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... EDITORIAL COMMENT ...

Times Have Changed . . . . .

Visiting our old home town recently, we passed the site of what had been a prosperous livery stable when we were a child.

The building was abandoned many years ago and eventually fell prey to the wrecking crew. Now what do you think is in the newly-elected building? A laundomat. Could anything be more apropos to show how radical change can be in one generation.

It started us thinking and nostalgia came in waves as we looked back on a brief 40-year span and remembered a way of life that to our children will be only words.

Let's hasten to say that we don't go back quite to the horse-and-buggy days at their heyday. The livery stable was already a vanishing thing when we remember one of our few buggy rides behind a spanking black gelding rented for an hour or two for a spin in the country. It was a thrill which today's young man can hardly equal in their sports cars, I'll tell you.

Farther up the street was the blacksmith shop where fascinated youngsters could spend half a day watching the smithy shoe farm horses while their owners chatted about animals and crops. The anvil is long gone, and a natural replacement are the gas pumps which stand in its place.

We remember the Dempsey-Tunney fight. Mainly because it was the first big-time radio broadcast we had heard. Up till then, one listened to radio with earphones while adjusting a 'crystal set' as our first radio was called.

We remember Lindbergh's solo flight across the Atlantic — more spectacular than Sputnik or the space men. He was perpetuated in a song "Lucky Lindy" which is more than our modern heroes seem to get.

Player pianos? Today these are having a revival in basement recreation rooms so they aren't as much a novelty today as they might be. Railway steam engines? Now an event for special excursions rather than the accepted mode of travel a few years back.

Remember the year when the Model A Ford was introduced? Today's new models cause only a ripple of the excitement in those days . . . and again a song 'Henry's Made a Lady out of Lizzy.'

We could go on and on, but you can continue with your own private memories. Make a list some evening of 'firsts' in your life. You'll be surprised.

Where Streets Got Names . . . . .

One of Georgetown's newer residents mentioned the other day that he lived on McIntyre Crescent and often wondered for whom the street was named.

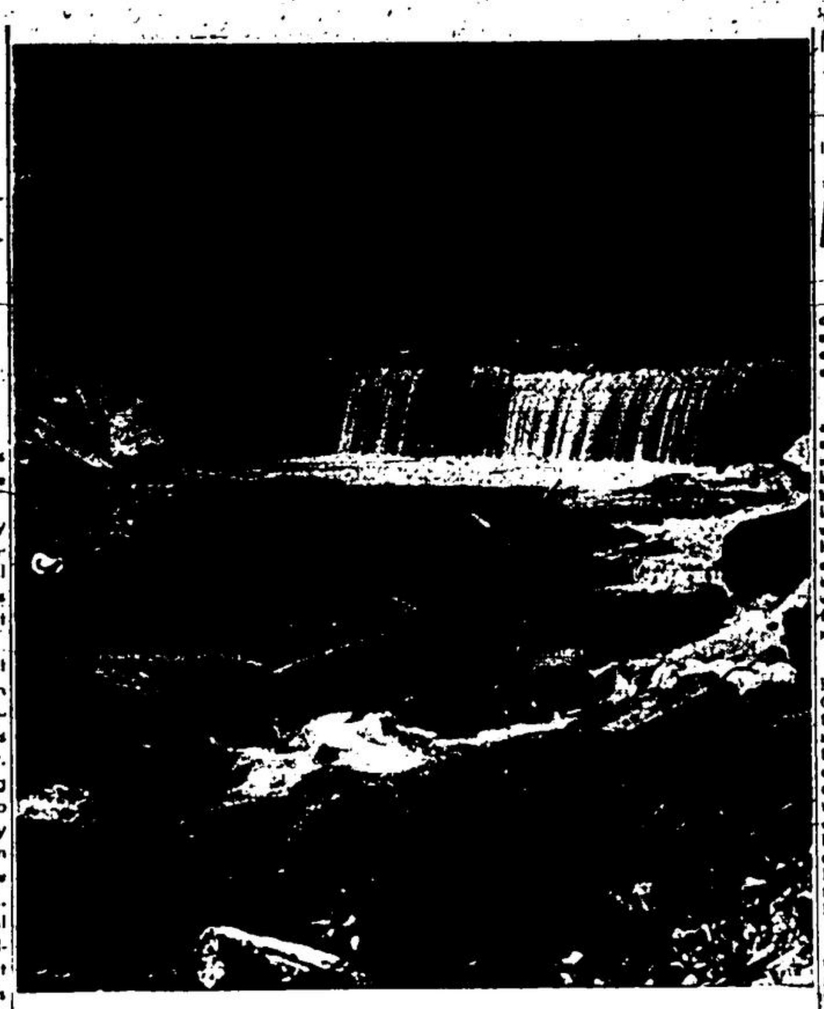
It started us thinking that others might wonder too, so in this and succeeding weeks we will try to put as many of them on paper as possible.

Starting in the newer part of town, when the Delrex subdivision originated in 1954, the nine sitting members of council added their names to town history when a street was named for each.

Jack Armstrong, mayor at that time, was assigned Armstrong Avenue which enters the industrial area from Mountainview Road. Allen Road was named for Reeve Stan Allen, who left town a few years later to become superintendent of Halton Centennial Manor in Milton. Norton Crescent took its name from Al Norton who was deputy reeve.

Of the six council members, only Mayor Doug Sargent is still in municipal life today and Sargent Road was named for him. Gray Gate, for Walter Gray; McGilvray Crescent for Garfield McGilvray, Hale Drive for Harry Hale; Noble Court for Irwin Noble, and Lyons Court for Thomas L. Lyons are the others.

With the exception of Mr. Lyons, who died a few years ago, these seven are all still town residents. Mr. Armstrong has an insurance agency with his sons on Main Street South. Mr. Norton's busines activities include real estate selling, and aluminum products, and he has served the town as welfare administrator for a year. Mayor Sargent is employed at Smith and Stone Ltd.; Mr. Hale after retirement from Provincial Paper Ltd. took a position as caretaker at Park Public School; Mr. Noble operates Georgetown Dairy and has a municipal appointment as a member of the Committee of Adjustment; Mr. McGilvray is superintendent of the Herald and president of the fall fair board. Mr. Gray is retired but takes part in municipal affairs as a member of Halton Health Unit board.



CREDIT TUMBLES ALONG TO LAKE

TROUT LURK in the pools below the tumbling waters of the Credit River. Here the west branch of the river spills over a low dam and rushes downstream to join with the main stream at the Fork of the Credit about half a mile away. The 214,000 acres of the Credit Valley Conservation area, stretching from Orangeville to the mouth of the river on Lake Ontario, offer some of the most picturesque scenery in Ontario as well as facilities for camping, picnicking, hiking and swimming.

Surveys Will Determine Traffic Destinations

In a traffic survey now under way, more than 100,000 motorists will be asked to provide information as part of an origin-destination survey being carried out by the Department of Highways in an area between Toronto and Hamilton. The answers obtained will provide data essential for the planning of highway facilities.

The area now under study is bounded on the east by Highway 27, on the west by Highway 25, on the north by Highway 7 and by Highway 2 on the south.

Some Are Done

One origin - destination survey has already been completed on the Queen Elizabeth Way at a point approximately one mile west of the Bronte sideroad. The duration of the survey was from 3.00 p.m. one day to 4.00 p.m. the following day. Traffic delays were kept to a minimum. Origin - destination surveys were also carried out on both sides of the Q.E. Way at points opposite the main survey station.

Other surveys have been completed at points on Highway 401, just west of Highway 26; on Highway 26 south of Milton; and on Highway 7 east of Norval.

The origin - destination surveys will be continued over the next few weeks until some 30 check points have been covered. So that that surveys will reflect the normal traffic pattern and volume for that section of road, the dates and times when the surveys will be made at the respective points will not be announced. However, in any 24-hour period, there will not be more than one traffic survey in progress on any section of a multi-lane highway, such as the Q. E. Way or Highway 401 and traffic will be stopped on only one direction at each check point throughout the full period of the survey.

No Tie-Ups

Traffic interruption is being kept to a minimum at all check points. For example, when traffic begins to back up behind the survey point, a sufficient number of vehicles to ease the situation is waved through.

All told, 35 departmental employees are engaged in the origin - destination surveys, assisted by the Ontario Provincial Police.

In addition to the sections of Queen's Highways being studied origin - destination surveys are also being carried out on certain connecting county and township roads.

Why Do Neighbours Act Like That ?

Pick any street in any city or town and you're sure to find at least two families who don't get along. What are the commonest causes of irritation or downright hostility?

According to Dorothy Sangster in an article in the August issue of Chatelaine magazine, children head the list of contentious neighborhood problems followed a close second by mutual drives and fences, then trees, pets, noise and uninvited visitors.

Amiable relations were helped, authorities said, if you had:

- A clear idea of your legal rights and the rights of your neighbors, as set out in Canada's Criminal Code and in the local bylaws of your own community.
- An appreciation of your obligations and responsibilities over and above the law, as a good neighbor.
- a realistic appraisal of the incurable eccentricities of a few individuals, and the necessity for avoiding them as much as possible.

Social workers compared neighborhoods to families and pointed out that every so often they included one or two individuals who were tempermental, unco-operative, hostile or possibly near psychotic. They advised "if you find yourself next door to somebody who gets his kicks out of making your life miserable, you might well decide to move for your own peace of mind."

SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

Isn't it odd how the weather changes with your age? Take summer, for example. The older you get, the shorter and colder the summer gets.

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When a boy is ten years old, and school lets out, summer stretches ahead for approximately six months. That's probably the best age of all for a boy. He doesn't one single worry in the world. He doesn't care what he looks like. He doesn't have any work to do. Girls don't interest him in the slightest. He lives in a wonderful world in which the boundary between fact and fantasy is merely an imaginary line.

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He can swim for hours, until his lips are bluer than his eyes. Or he can lie on his back in the grass and watch the clouds sail by. Or he can play ball in the burning sun when anybody else would collapse. He can eat an entire meal in four minutes flat and be out the door again. He can drink eight bottles of pop and eat four ice-cream cones without turning a hair. Ah, wouldn't it be grand to be ten again, when summer lasts forever and is always hot?

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If ten is the best of all possible ages for a boy, fifteen is probably the worst. Especially in summer. If his parents are not well off, he has to work, and he envies bitterly the rich kids who can go off to summer camp or family cottage. If his parents have lots of money, he resents having to go to the cottage, where there's nobody but women and kids, and he envies the lucky kids who have a summer job.

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At fifteen, the average male is acutely aware of (a) girls; (b) his complexion, which drives him to thoughts of suicide; (c) money, of which he never has enough; and (d) girls. Summer is pure torture for this bird, who invariably falls deeply in love with some brown-legged girl who is just visiting for a couple of weeks. His heart is broken when she leaves, and he writes her sickeningly sentimental letters for three weeks after school starts in September.

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By the time the male animal gets into his early twenties, summer is once again a fine thing. His only complaint is that it's not long enough. He works hard and plays twice as hard. He drives two hundred miles to fish, or plays thirty-six holes of golf, or dances all night, without any noticeable decrease in stamina.

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He has the world by the tail, a car on a down payment, three girls who think he's the most, nothing in the bank, and little more in his head, except an excellent opinion of himself. Summertime was made for him.

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Now, let's look at him ten years later. What? That's not him? Not that this haggard (or fat, flabby) fellow coming home from work on a summer evening with his shirt all stuck to him and the martyr's look on his face!

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Watch him as he picks up the tricycle and the sand pail lying on the front walk, surveys the lawn mournfully, drags himself into the house and heads straight for the refrigerator. It's the same character, all right. Only now he's in what is known as "the prime of life."

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That means he has kids, a first and second mortgage on the house, and eight payments to go on the car. He's at the age where he's "getting established" in his career. In other words, he's working himself silly at his job so that he can keep up the payments on his house, so that he can come home at night and work himself silly mowing the lawn, weeding the garden, painting the trim or building the patio. For a big entertainment deal, he can take the family for a little drive and buy them ice cream cones. At this age, it doesn't matter much whether it's winter or summer.

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When a man gets into his sixties, summer should be a time of leisure and pleasure. By then, he should be able to take plenty of holidays, go fishing whenever he fels like it, or just sit on the veranda and rock. In 35 years he has learned how to handle his wife and his life, or should have. His children have grown up and are living in the city. Summer should be a time of drowsy peace.

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So what does he get, Grandchildren. Hordes of them. It's too hot in the city for the little darlings; so mummy brings them up to visit their granny. For the whole, horrible summer. They tear up grampa's flower beds, disturb his siesta, wreck his power mower and make him drive them out for swims on days when the sun would stun an ox.

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Yep, the menfolks have their ups and downs in summer. For women, of course, it's different. They love summer. Whether they're three or 83, they go around with practically nothing on, reduce the cooking to soup and peanut butter sandwiches, and have little rests in the cool of the house while their males are out doing battle.

THE DATE BOOK

July 15 - 21, Captive Nations Week; July 16, 1872 (90 years ago), Norwegian explorer Roald Amundson born; July 16, 1945 (17 years ago), First Atomic Bomb exploded on test flats at Alamogorda, New Mexico; July 17, 1821 (141 years ago), Florida was formally ceded to U.S. by Spain; July 18, 1932 (30 years ago), U.S. and Canada agreed to the joint development of St. Lawrence River for ocean-going shipping; July 12, 1861 (101 years ago), Confederates trounced Union Army at First Battle of Bull Run.

DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE

BRAMPTON

The Department of Highways plans future major improvements for Highway 10 in the vicinity of Brampton, William Davis, MPP, announced last week. The new work will result in the widening of No. 10 to four lanes north of Brampton.

OAKVILLE

The Ford Motor Company has announced a $10,000,000 expansion program for its passenger car and truck assembly plant in Oakville. Only last April the company announced a $15 million program to renovate its foundry in Windsor and to rehabilitate and expand its parts and accessories facilities including a new national parts depot near Toronto.

STREETSVILLE

Streetsville Road from the proposed Highway 403 to Streetsville will be paved this year. Reeve Robert Speck, chairman of county roads, recommended the project in his July report which was adopted by county council last week.

BURLINGTON

An increase in population in the Elizabeth Gardens area to 8,500 by 1967 was predicted Monday by the building and planning committee director R. E. Roberts. The present population is about 3,200. There are approximately 650 registered lots not built on, and of these, it is expected 600 will be built on by 1967.

ORANGEVILLE

It will be likely several weeks before a decision is made on construction of the new post office for Orangeville Although tenders were called nearly two months ago, a contract has not been let and because of this the program falls into the category of those which are now under review by the department of public works.

AURORA

Two new industrial firms have begun operations in Aurora. They are Glenwood Pottery Limited and Airflite Electro-Products. Airflite builds electronic testing apparatus for many large Canadian firms and for defense.

MERRY MENAGERIE By Walt Disney

"Charlie! Why in the world are you hiding in that silly-looking thing?"

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ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald, July, 1952, and 1937

10 YEARS AGO

- Fire brigades from Georgetown and Rockwood were called to Acton in the early hours of Saturday morning to fight a serious fire at the A. P. Green firebrick plant. The huge building was completely destroyed with damage estimates ranging as high as $350,000, but combined efforts of the three fire brigades kept the flames from spreading to neighbouring houses and factories. It was the first time Halton's new Mutual Aid plan was put into use.
- Holiday news: Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawr, Joan and Peter, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jamieson, Alan and Murray, enjoyed a week at Sauble Beach last week . . . Mrs. Irwin Noble and Ann Lorraine are visiting this week with relatives in Walkerton . . . Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maveal and Donny spent their vacation at Echo Bay near Huntsville . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hinchey are motoring to Saskatoon to visit with his family . . . Mr. and Mrs. Keith Webb and family of Norval, and Mrs. William Cromar, are at present visiting in Prince Edward Island.

25 YEARS AGO

- On Tuesday evening at a meeting held in the public library a Young Conservatives Club was formed. There was a good attendance at the meeting with Mr. Fred McNally, president of the Conservative Association, in the chair. Elected to office were Gordon Alcott, Harold Wheeler, Jack Armstrong, Les Clark, and Kenneth M. Langdon.
- The Georgetown Pipe Band serenaded Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Willoughby at their beautiful summer home at the golf links on Tuesday evening. They were heartily welcomed and royally treated at Cedar Crest Lodge after the concert.
- At the Gregory Theatre: 'Gay Desperado', starring Nino Martini; 'One in a Million', starring Sonja Henie; and 'The Man Who Could Work Miracles,' starring Roland Young.