

VE Day Twenty Years Ago

HERALD STORY CHRONICLED GEORGETOWN'S REACTION

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The great news that Germany had surrendered unconditionally to the Western Allies and Russia was flashed to the world at 9:36 a.m. Monday morning. Word of the victory spread like wildfire through Georgetown where an ordinary quiet Monday morning on Main St. suddenly turned into an exuberant crowd of townspeople.

First word to reach the Herald office was conveyed by Mrs. W. F. Smith who had scarcely passed on the good news when factory whistles, fire sirens, and church bells proclaimed it to the town in general.

As if by magic, flags appeared up and down Main St. as merchants hurried to decorate their store fronts. Local factory workers left

their jobs and poured into the streets to join in the celebrating and decorated cars were soon seen in the downtown district. One of the gayest corners was at Brille's where the Smith and Stone office staff was out in force with confetti and streamers.

Previously a holiday by proclamation of Mayor Cleve, it mattered little to citizens and merchants that VE Day was not officially proclaimed until Tuesday. This was it. Stores and factories were closed down to let owners and employees scour the news and relieve nerves tense from months of waiting for victory and peace.

Monday afternoon was featured by impromptu parades downtown and at 4:30 a large parade formed at the Legion hall. Legion members, the Legion W. A. Lorne Scots Band, Girls Pipe Band and Boy Scouts marched to the high school grounds

where a public service of thanksgiving was conducted by Ven. W. C. O. Thompson, Rev. R. C. Todd, and Rev. J. E. Ostrom.

As befits a solemn occasion there was emphasis on the religious aspects of the day, with evening services in Knox Presbyterian, St. George's, the United, and Baptist churches, and in St. Alban's Church of England in the Glyn.

In the evening there was a spontaneous celebration in the downtown district where a large bonfire was lighted at the corner of Mill and Market Streets. An impromptu street dance, community singing, and the burning of Hitler's effigy culminated in an announcement by Mayor Cleve that a street dance would be held the following evening.

In the Legion rooms, veterans of the two great wars celebrated the victory with dancing and singing songs.

Tuesday was a holiday in town, when citizens heard the official proclamation of the surrender announced by Prime Minister Churchill at 9:00 a.m. He was followed by President Harry Truman of the United States, and in the afternoon King George VI and Prime Minister Macleod King made radio addresses.

There was morning communion at St. George's Church and a joint service of the Baptist and United Churches in the evening. High mass was celebrated at Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church on Wednesday morning.

The street dance planned for Tuesday evening was moved indoors because of inclement weather, and large crowds enjoyed dancing to The Rhythm Klub.

Johns Hopkins Nurse Describes Hospital

Miss Doris Armstrong, a former Georgetown girl now Assistant Supervisor of Nurses at the famous Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore related the story of the hospital, its original and its present facilities when she addressed members of the Georgetown Women's Institute Wednesday, May 8, in Knox Church Hall.

Twenty-two Georgetown W. I. members and 13 visitors heard Miss Armstrong talk of the 1,000 bed capacity of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, and its huge staff of dedicated doctors and nurses, all concerned with patient care, medical education, and research into the causes and prevention of disease.

Another interesting part of the meeting was a tea biscuit baking and half apron making competition. Mrs. B. Palmer and Mrs. Y. Thompson were first and second place winners in the tea biscuit contest, and Mrs. W. Wilson and Mrs. Halliwell first and second in the apron contest.

Judging was done by Mrs. Mackay and Mrs. R. Wilson of the Hornby W. I.

The winners will progress to compete with winners from other W. I. branches at the District Annual.

Your delegates from Georgetown W. I. to the District Annual, which will be held in Campbellville May 28, were appointed at the meeting.

Mrs. N. Snyder gave the motto and later read an interesting paper on the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead.

Mrs. Newhouse thanked the speaker and all who had taken part in the program, and the president closed the meeting with a social half hour.

honour of Mrs. Elsie Bloor, who was celebrating her 80th birthday. Close to sixty friends, old neighbors and relatives gathered to extend their birthday wishes. A large birthday cake and bouquet of spring flowers decorated the table of gifts. The first part of the evening was spent playing euchre with the prizes going to the following winners, Mrs. Doreen McMurter, Mrs. Edna Hall, Maurice Williamson and Ralph Featherston. Two lucky draws were made, with the lucky winners being Mrs. Helen Ingram and Joe Saliba.

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Parents who are afraid to put their foot down usually have children who step on their toes. —Introduction of mechanized looms caused the displaced weavers to riot in Holland in 1620. THE GEORGETOWN HERALD Thursday, May 12, 1966 PAGE 6



What's your stand on life insurance paying for a college education?

Mrs. Powell: I've never connected the two—life insurance and college, I mean.

Interviewer: Thousands of Canadian parents have provided college educations for their children this way through The Mutual Life.

Mrs. Powell: Some kind of special insurance policy? I still don't see how...

Interviewer: A policy purchased when your child is young guarantees that—come what may—the money will be available when it is needed.

Mrs. Powell: You really should be talking to my husband about this. Where could he find out all about it?

Interviewer: Have him call The Mutual Life of Canada representative nearest you.



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Says County Government Must Expand or Expire

Warden Herb Merry of Halton entertained the members of the various councils in the county, county officials and members of the press at a get-together dinner last Friday evening in the new county administrative building. Some 60 persons enjoyed the Warden's hospitality.

Mayor Sid Childs of Milton said grace. Mayor Joseph Gibbons of Georgetown toasted the Queen, Mayor Les Doby of Acton thanked the Warden for entertaining the gathering, and Mayor Mason of Oakville introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Lorne Cumming, consultant with the Dept. of Municipal Affairs, and former head of the department from 1960 until he retired in 1964. Reeve Gordon Gallagher of Burlington thanked the speaker for his address.

Dr. Cumming took as his theme the county government, and said that if local government can't be adapted to meet the needs of the people, another government will have to step in.

He said that if the function of county governments aren't increased to solve problems of a regional nature the organizations will wither and die.

Surrender Rights

He said towns would have to surrender certain rights to the county government, which he called a regional government, to empower it to tackle common problems.

He stated that a new list of functions has to be drawn up for county councils in order to meet vast changes in population and urban growth.

Consider Changes

Mr. Cumming suggested local municipalities unite to form a federation along the lines of a Metro-type government using the present county set-up.

He called Metro an "urban county" made up of 12 municipalities besides the city of Toronto itself. The warden Herb Merry proposed a similar government structure in January.

To achieve such an arrangement the representative of local municipalities have to be less relentless on their "insistence on local autonomy" and "not afraid to consider change."

He stated that county governments don't have to disappear, just change. He pointed out that their structure has been practically unchanged for the 100 years of their existence, while during that time vast changes in population and urban centres have occurred.

Mr. Cumming pointed out that local governments are opposed to expansion of neighboring towns and cities because assessment is lost through land annexed by the growing communities.

"The legislature never intended that the normal growth of an industrial or urban area be kept rigid or stymied by counties," he noted.

He added that the municipal board receives vigorous objections to land grabbing by cities. He said that the recent interest in the future of the counties comes from the counties themselves because they fear a loss of assessment through annexation.

Mr. Cumming stated that York County thought it was ruined when Metro was formed because the county would lose the assessment of the 12 municipalities which combined with

Anglican Juniors Dance at Rally

The Junior Auxiliaries of St. George's Anglican Church recently attended the Annual Deanery Rally at St. George's, Guelph. Twenty-two girls with their leaders journeyed to Guelph by chartered bus. They were welcomed by Mrs. Wilson, Diocesan President of the northern area. Father Linklater, assistant priest of St. George's, Guelph, conducted the service of worship. Sandra Sutton read the lesson (St. John XV. 1-11). Jeanette and Joanne Collier were altar girls, and Carol Arthur, banner bearer.

The local girls put on a display of square dancing, under the direction of Mrs. O. Mills, as their part of the entertainment. Pennants were presented to all branches of the church, and St. Patrick's Guelph, won the special pennant for the happiest group.

Studied in South Africa Movies Show Experiences

Coloured movies of South Africa and Egypt, showing vividly the contrasting terrain of the country from lush tropics to sparse tundras, from rugged mountains and waterfalls, to gorgeous flower gardens, as well as the contrasting modes of life of the black and white races, made Monday evening's meeting of the Daughters of the Church a memorable one.

Miss Ethel Boyce, a member of the staff of Stewarttown Public School, showed the movies which she took while she was in Africa for eight weeks last summer. Miss Boyce flew over with a group who were taking a Master University course in Geography. They combined their sight-seeing with studies and lectures, and all passed their exams, which they tried before leaving Africa.

The meeting was held in the Archdeacon Thompson Memorial Room of St. George's Church. The president of the Daughters, Mrs. Gordon Spence, introduced Miss Boyce, and Mrs. Ron Roberts expressed the appreciation of a small gift.

At a short business meeting, it was disclosed that the April buffet luncheon was the largest on record, when 200 people enjoyed the buffet. Mrs. Gordon Spence was convener. Mrs. Larry Maughan will convene the May luncheon. The next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Edward Stigger, King St., taking the form of an auction sale. Mrs. James Turnbull will act as auctioneer. The Daughters ordered flowers for the church for Confirmation Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Harris, Mrs. Charles Renwick, and Mrs. Edward Gorth served tea and cake at the close of the meeting.

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Hornby Couple Now Living in Milton

On Friday night, April 23, old friends and neighbours of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton May, gathered at the North Trafalgar Community Centre to bid them farewell over their departure to their new home in Milton. The first part of the evening was spent playing cards with the winners as follows, Albert Marchmont (playing as a lady), Mrs. David Royce, Willis Hamilton and Mrs. Cecil Patterson (playing as a man).

Friends and neighbours gathered at the North Trafalgar Community Centre on Thursday night, April 22, to honour Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Turner and family who are moving to Streetsville. The first part of the evening was spent playing cards with the prizes going to the following winners, Mrs. Doreen McMurter, Mrs. Edna Hall, Maurice Williamson and Ralph Featherston. Two lucky draws were made, with the lucky winners being Mrs. Helen Ingram and Joe Saliba.

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Recipe of the Month

LIME PEAR SALAD
Refreshing flavour for springtime meals

1 tin Canada Choice canned pears
1 pint cottage cheese
3 pkgs. lime gelatin
2 cups cole slaw
1/4 cup chopped walnuts
(Serves average family)

Drain pears and set the juice aside. Fill centre of 8 pear halves with cottage cheese and sprinkle with chopped walnuts. Carefully place the filled pear halves face down in a loaf shape mould, arranging them neatly. Cover with layer of cottage cheese. In a separate bowl, dissolve one package of gelatin in one cup of hot liquid, using pear juice, with balance of water. Pour gelatin into mould slowly, keeping the pear halves in place at bottom of mould. When slightly set, place the cole slaw in the mould and pour in the second package of dissolved gelatin (one cup of water) up to rim of the mould. Chill thoroughly. Unmould and garnish with remaining pear halves filled with cottage cheese and walnuts.

GEORGETOWN RESTRICTIONS
SALE and DISCHARGE of FIREWORKS

Please Note That By-Law No. 38-14 Passed at the May 5, 1958, Georgetown Council Meeting Establishes the Following Regulations Concerning Fireworks.

1. Fireworks can be sold in Georgetown only on the 7 days prior to and including the day fixed for Victoria Day celebration and none may be sold to anyone under the age of 16.
2. No fireworks can be discharged on any day except Victoria Day.
3. The fire chief may issue a permit for special displays by organizations under supervision of a properly qualified person. Written applications should be made to the fire chief at least one week in advance of the event.
4. A person convicted of breaking the by-law is liable to a fine up to \$50 plus costs.

Terms and conditions of the above mentioned by-law will be strictly enforced by the Police Department.
C. G. BENHAM, Clerk