



TWO THINGS MAKE THIS AN OLD PHOTO

PROVINCIAL PAPER MILL still looks very much the same but this 'Turning Back Time' photo holds two clues which date the water spout at left and the absence of a barrier across the road running over the several sets of tracks in front of Georgetown CNR station. The spout, used to refill the steam engines' boilers, disappeared shortly after CN converted to diesel power, and the barrier appeared after the railway announced a steep increase in rail traffic through here. The picture could have been taken as recently as ten years ago, but was actually snapped about 1930.

Short Staff, Health Unit Needs 12-15 More Nurses

Only five weeks after a two-year wage dispute settlement with its public nurses, the Halton County Health Unit is again in a fix.

This time the trouble arises from the fact that the unit is operating at about half the staff required under optimal conditions.

Double Size
Halton County Medical Director Dr. Hugh Hay said there are 14 full-time public health nurses on staff at the moment. An additional 12 to 15 nurses would have to be hired to bring the system up to capacity.

However, the doctor rejected the suggestion that the situation is critical. He said staff members have been doing a "wonderful job," working overtime to provide maximum possible service under present conditions.

Work is now being done "on request" rather than on a regular basis, Dr. Hay added. In other words, organizations and individuals requiring a health nurse or a Halton County sponsored program must go to the health unit rather than having it come to them.

Wage Dispute
Dr. Hay has taken over the position vacated by Dr. Archibald Bull, who resigned in the middle of the wage dispute. Because he has only been with the unit for a month, Dr. Hay says he isn't in a position to assess the seriousness of the present situation in comparison with what existed before the strike.

Halton County Councillor Austin Ledwith added that it would be difficult to bring members up to par pointing out that at this time of year most recent nursing graduates have already found jobs.

Added to this is the problem arising from the fact that there are relatively few public health nurses available at any time.

Extra Training
"If all we had to hire was a nurse, we wouldn't have any problems," said Reeve Ledwith, "but the public health nurse must complete the regular training course at a hospital (usually three years after high school) and then take an additional year at university."

The bitter dispute between the nurses and the health unit ended in mid-September, but not before the nurses walked off the job and organized "greystrip" procedure with the backing of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario whereby the nurses' association warned prospective employers they would not approve if they allowed themselves to be hired by the county. District labor councils also backed the move.

Reeve Ledwith said as far as he knows there was only one case in which the 'greystrip' was effective. He said he personally interviewed any nurses who left during the period when the embargo was in force and was assured that no nurses quit because of the dispute.

Back to Work?
After a two-month walkout last year 23 nurses returned to their jobs, but the greystrip lasted for almost a year and during that time no new nurses were hired.

Mr. Ledwith said the proposed merger of the Halton and Peel Counties health units announced recently likely wouldn't have much effect on the drive to get more nurses.

He said the "inherent lack of available people" would apply

just as much to the joint unit as it would to individual ones. The merger has been suggested because larger provincial grants would result.

New Contract
Under their new contract public health nurses earn between \$5,350 and \$6,550. A registered nurse gets from \$4,800 to \$5,800.

On January 1 the rates will be raised to between \$5,617.50 for a public health nurse and from \$5,040 to \$6,040 for a registered nurse.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Another Booster for Big Brother Movement
257 Guelph St., October 9th, 1967

Dear Mr. Editor:
In response to a letter appealing for a 'Big Brother' movement in Georgetown I wholeheartedly agree with the writer. This service is urgently needed here. These boys without fathers desperately need a 'Big Brother' to turn to. Mother may be able to provide them with food, shelter, clothing and love; the necessities of life; but these are no more vital to a lad during his growing up years than learning how to fulfill his place in life as a man.

He needs someone to talk to who has been a boy once, to understand how he feels, to guide him and to whom he can talk man talk to when the need arises. Give him a big brother to go to. These youngsters are part of Georgetown's future too, and a few hours of some man's time and patience invested in these boys may give them a whole new outlook on life.

If you belong to an organiza-

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tion interested in helping our community, how about this project? We moms would be eternally grateful to such a group and so would our boys.
Yours truly,
— Mrs. Eileen Collins

DISTRICT NEWS AT A GLANCE

ERIN — Dr. D. Maxwell, Erin's veterinarian has reported an outbreak of Rabies in the Erin area. Two rabid foxes on the outskirts of the village have been shot.

ORANGEVILLE — A Drop-In Centre has been opened in St. Mark's Anglican Church offering local teenagers a place to go for discussion, films or to hear guest speakers. Twenty-one teens visited the centre on the first weekend.

CALEDON TOWNSHIP — With drums and guns Caledon Township celebrated the opening of its \$50,000 Centennial arena at Inglewood Saturday. This winter the arena will contain natural ice for skating.

BRAMPTON — Brampton residents will get their first look at what's new for 1969 in the way of pollution control for automobiles during this week. A car from a local car dealer will be equipped with smog control equipment, mandatory on 1969 models.

OAKVILLE — The cross-walk system has been accepted at Oakville where two such walks will be created on one of the town's busiest streets. The traffic advisory committee recommended the system.

SUGAR AND SPICE
by Bill Smiley

Now for A Snooze

You think you're tired? I've been home for three days from my second trip to Expo, and I'm still whimpering with fatigue.

Any Expo trip is a back-breaker, but when you are shepherding a gaggle of teen agers, it's grueling. You wind up a three-day trip with blistered feet, hollow eyes and the stunning realization that you are really, at last, over the hill.

Picture your faithful correspondent lurching out of bed at 6 a.m., to catch the bus at seven. Repulsive isn't it? But you should have seen the same body some 21 hours later, after a nine-hour bus trip, hours of trudging the asphalt of Expo and more hours of getting the kiddies to bed. And to sleep. Some of those 'kiddies' are 20 years old.

It was past the repulsive state by then, and was merely pitiable. We averaged 19 hours a day in action, five in bed.

It wasn't all that bad, though. It seldom is. As usual, 97 per cent of the kids came through with flying colors. We didn't lose a single body, and they were punctual at the buses — which floored me completely.

It was the other three per cent of course, who made the jaunt somewhat less than a picnic. One bird on my bus got into the booze, barfed all over the back seat and floor of the bus. He did it so quietly that we didn't find out about it until morning.

He was torn into small strips and given the job of cleaning out all the buses. He was a lamb for the rest of the trip.

Three little guys in Grade 9 went to the Tunisian restaurant for a meal. It cost them \$21. They gleefully admitted as how the carafe of wine they had with dinner might have put the price up a bit.

What surprised me was the calibre of the culprits. On my bus I had a pretty tough crew. Mostly Grade 12 tech boys. I had along my rhinoceros-hide whip, my brass knuckles, sandbag and the special revolver which shoots tranquillizer darts. Didn't need anything. They were angels.

Real trouble-makers were the so-called 'leaders' of the school. Whether it was sheer giddiness from exhaustion, or a desire to show off, I don't know. But, I told one of them in my most ferocious manner, they were acting like old maids who have had their first martini.

We got the 75 boys 'settled down' in one huge dormitory about 1:30 a.m. the first night. At three I was awakened. Nipped out and caught two seniors sneaking in the back door.

Pointed a trembling (with

rage) forefinger at one and said, "Kelly. Do you want a one-way ticket home tomorrow, with a phone call preceding it?"

"Nossir."

"Well, that's what you're going to get, and that goes for anybody else who even peeps like a little bird."

Miracle. They went off to sleep. It wasn't exactly visions of sugar-plums dancing in their heads. It was visions of enraged parents and an irate principal.

Second night, boys were pushed and it was the girls who goofed around half the night giggling, singing and talking. My own daughter was right in the thick of it, and looked like a ghost at breakfast.

But it was a good trip, all in all. A hunk here and there, to be lamed out. We learned a lot. One thing: keep them starved. Stop for food, and it does not matter whether they're on their last legs. You'd swear Gabriel had just blown the trumpet. They come to life with a vengeance and yack, sing and horse about as though they'd been given speed pills.

About Expo. It's losing its gloss. With the season nearing its end, the staff is growing steadily more surly and sloppy. Can't blame them. The show has worn off, the excitement is losing its momentum, and most of them are bored silly with their jobs.

Found my son, anyway. Appropriately enough, he's working in a building where they have monkey cages. We spent a happy half-hour watching the monkeys. As usual, he was broke. As usual, I was took.

ASHGROVE

Choose Nifty Nappers As Name for 4-H Club
The first meeting of the Ashgrove 4-H Homemaking club was held at the home of Mrs. A. Rentenaar on October 7.

The executive of the new unit is: Janet Nurse, president; Margaret Oliphant, vice president; Lydia Rentenaar, secretary; Lois McNabb, treasurer; Teena Rentenaar, press reporter; Leslie Cooper lunch convener.

Grace Bird came up with the name Ashgrove Nifty Nappers for the unit. "Sleeping Garments". The girls discussed different styles of nightgowns and suitable materials. Lunch was served by Grace Bird and Teena Rentenaar.

NEWS ECHOES

From the Heralds of 10 and 20 Years Ago

1957

- A large white buck deer has been spotted by hunters in various parts of Halton County recently and was last seen in the Georgetown district about three weeks ago.
- Dedication of the ornamental gates at the park entrance, a joint project of the Georgetown Women's Institute and the Chamber of Commerce, will take place Sunday.
- Appropriate ceremonies marked the official opening of Harrison Public School Monday when a ribbon cutting was combined with a tour of the new building. Guests of honour were Mr. P. B. Harrison, Miss Hazel Harrison, and Mrs. J. M. McKinlay, Toronto, children of the late R. E. Harrison who was public school principal here from 1882 to 1894.
- Two local people have reported seeing Sputnik last night. Russia's latest scientific wonder containing a space travelling dog, passed over this part of Ontario shortly after 7 p.m.

1947

- Established in 1929, in a store in the Brooke Block now tenanted by the Golden Gate Cafe, Silver's Department Store marks another milestone when its new building addition officially opens Friday. The addition doubles the store's floorspace. The local staff includes manager Sid Silver, Miss Lillian Watson, Jack Watson, Mrs. Toxt, Mrs. Jourdain, Miss Fryer, Miss King, Ken Hulme, and Davidson.
- Council has endorsed Churchill Crescent as the name for the new street in Wartime Housing project No. 2. The name was suggested to council by the local Legion Branch.
- At a lengthy meeting on Monday, Georgetown council met in special session to discuss a major question, the introduction of a building-by-law here.
- An innovation in local education will be introduction of a kindergarten class at Georgetown Public School when the second term opens in January. At the last school board meeting, Mrs. Joseph Dwyer was hired to teach the kindergarten class.

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