

Pioneer Cemetery Renovated at Ballinafad



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT McENERY look over Providence Cemetery just prior to restoration work. Many stone markers were hidden by weeds.

A pioneer cemetery east of Ballinafad stands today as a prime example of what can happen when a group of dedicated people take it upon themselves to strengthen their ties with the past.

Restoration of Providence Cemetery, a gravesite of 25 plots, at the intersection of the Ballinafad side road and the 9th Line of Esquimes, is the Centennial project of a committee headed by chairman Norman Sinclair, some of whose ancestors are buried there. Sinclair is just one of the familiar names which appear on the well-weathered grave markers. Others are McEnery, Anthony, McKay and Near.

Actual work on the site started this summer and will be completed sometime next year. However the cemetery is already greatly improved. An old stone fence and another of wire have been removed, weeds and tall grass which had hidden many of the grave stones from view have been removed, and leveling has been done by bulldozers.

A new fence has appeared on the field sides, but fencing along the road frontage won't be done until next year so that new

growth in the spring can easily be cut down.

"It seemed all that was needed was for someone to start things off," committee secretary Mrs. Jesse McEnery told The Herald. "We've had assistance from the township council and money has come in from points as far away as western Canada," she said.

Mrs. McEnery said the committee hopes to have enough money left to create a perpetual fund.

It all started last June when an advertisement placed in local papers invited all parties interested in restoring the cemetery to a meeting. From that came an election of officers, strengthening of the board of trustees, and an appeal to council for aid. They steered the committee to the Department of Health and a representative was sent from there to meet with them and advise them on how they could go about seeing their project through.

Since then changes in the hundred and thirty year old cemetery have been remarkable and the progress is being watched closely by regular travellers of the bordering roads.

Remind Motorists Don't Pass Stopped School Bus

Forty-nine general occurrences were reported during the period of Sunday October 8 to Saturday October 14 inclusive according to a news release from the North Halton detachment of the OPP.

Included were:

- 1 attempted break and enter in Esquimes Twp., 2 break and enter where nothing was stolen, 1 theft of battery from farm tractor, indiscriminate shooting being investigated where construction machinery was damaged, 2 persons charged under the Game and Fish Act for hunting without a licence in Nassagaweya Twp., 1 person charged with drunk driving, 1 stolen auto recovered for other police dept., 2 premises found insecure at night. There were 4 liquor investigations resulting in 4 persons being charged under the Liquor Control Act. All other occurrences were of a minor nature.

There were 6 property damage accidents investigated and 1 personal injury accident resulting in 1 person being injured and total property damage of \$3,725. Causes of accidents were: inattentive driving, driver lost control, on wrong side

of road, and speed too fast for road or traffic conditions. There were 5 charges laid as a result of these accidents.

As complaints have been received regarding vehicles passing school buses when stopped the following is a reminder and a warning that offenders shall be charged.

Section 94, Subsection 2 of the Highway Traffic Act, states: "Where a school bus is stopped on a highway or part of a highway on which the maximum speed limit is greater than 35 miles per hour for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children, the driver of a vehicle, (a) when overtaking a school bus on which the words 'do not pass when signals flashing' are marked and two red signal-lights are illuminated by intermittent flashes; and (b) when meeting on such a highway, other than a highway with separate roadways, a school bus on the front of which two red signal-lights are illuminated with intermittent flashes, shall stop the vehicle before reaching the school bus and shall not proceed until the bus resumes motion or the signal-lights are no longer operating."

Halton Holsteins Place Well in District Show

The West Central Ontario District Championship Holstein Show was held for the first time at Erin Fair, on Friday, October 8th. A total of 204 head from eleven surrounding counties were shown in a newly constructed building at Erin. Halton was represented by 41 head, shown by 15 exhibitors.

Some of the high placing Holsteins from Halton were as follows: Bull calf, Howard Tarzwell, 2nd; Junior Yearling Heifer, Howard Tarzwell, 3rd; Gordon R. Sinclair and Sons, 9th; Yearling Heifer, Nancy Tarzwell, 9th; Howard Tarzwell, 11th; Dry Cow, Howard Tarzwell, 7th and 12th; Claude Pickett, 11th;

Halton County placed 4th in the County Herd of Six animals. This class was won by Wentworth County, followed by Peel and Waterloo.

Premier breeder and exhibitor awards, and all the championships were won by R. J. Stewart, Bolton.

HOSPITAL NEWS



By Lee Clark

Mrs. Henry Martin Fills Hospital Board Vacancy

It has been four weeks since this column has appeared, a fact that we can thank to our very able administrator, who has been giving us (The Herald) an excellent variety of news stories about the hospital, that have been large enough to use as stories by themselves.

We have had two recent additions to the staff and this brings our numbers of doctors to a peak number. Dr. Panabaker is contributing his information for an ensuing column.

It was with a great deal of regret that the Board received the resignation of long time secretary, Ruth Evans, who has made a major contribution to the Hospital over her years of service on the board. Ruth has been an excellent member, as well as a keen supporter of the hospital in its formative years.

Elected to the Board in place of Miss Evans to fill the rest of her term, was Mrs. Henry Martin. Board members take this opportunity of welcoming her to the board. Mrs. Martin has a farm home north east of town, and her husband is well-known locally, as vice president of the local Smith and Stone and Plax of Canada plants.

The Ladies Auxiliary are active as usual in a variety of money making projects, and are deep in plans to make their Christmas Ball its usual success, we understand.

Looking back over the year's contributions, we find that once more the ladies have been by far the largest contributors to equipment and hospital needs.

At present the Board are corresponding with the Ontario Hospital Commission about the proposed addition to the present building, recommended by a Commission survey.

35 Sign for Badminton Play Tuesday Nights

Thirty-five adults have registered for the Georgetown Y's 1967-68 badminton season. The club takes to the courts every Tuesday evening at the high school.

Blair Mitchell heads the club which includes: Fred and Joan Aggiss, Alex and Helen Dickson Howard and Dorothy Allan, Terry and Marlene Harley, Georgia Lewis, Betty Snow, Hank and Hilda Levers, Harry and Rosemary Kerwin, Harold Catling, Jean Sampson, Bob and Ann Wakfer, Bob and Sue Deathe, Jack Greenslade, Jack Martin, Bonnie Bottomley, Larry Hawes, John Anderson, Bob Clipham, George Walker, Iris Bowell, Mike Ford.

Rebekahs Sponsor Manor Birthday

Verdun Rebekah Lodge of Georgetown sponsored the September birthday party at the county's home for the aged Halton Centennial Manor, Tuesday, September 26.

All manor residents with birthdays during the month were head table guests at a lunch served by the Rebekahs. The entertainment part of the program was in charge of the Georgetown Chapter of the SPE-BSQSA (Barbershop singers.)

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In The Area

Some Notes on Old Georgetown

Back in the twenties, a former Herald publisher, R. D. Warren contributed a nostalgic article on the old days in Georgetown.

Both those who are newer residents, and those whose roots go back to those days will enjoy these reminiscences which will be published in the next few issues of the Herald.

I have been asked to write some notes on the Georgetown of Old. It is suggested that they might prove interesting to present day citizens in town and country surrounding. Here are a few notes put together quite roughly as you will see.

To show how changes take place as the years go by, I remember attending several banquets in the Thompson House, corner of Main and Guelph streets — now a garage. Mr. Thompson kept a very orderly house. He was succeeded, I think, by a Mr. Biggar.

Thomas Rose was a worthy citizen, whose store was the building of the original Methodist church in town. It still stands on the lot opposite the Mackenzie planning mills.

Richard Creelman in his factory just south, manufactured knitting machines, since back in the seventies. He really did much for the industry in Canada.

W. H. Kahrs, afterwards in the council and Reeve, was the Georgetown photographer for a long time. His pictures had the reputation of never flattering the original.

Annie Clark was the children's favorite, and plenty of the older people will remember her candies and ice cream — the exact quality not obtainable now.

"Doc" Cain was the barber who gave a shave and a head rub (nothing over like it) for a dime.

W. I. Jackson was a grocer in a frame building where the Gibbens Block now stands. He was a long time resident.

T. J. Wheeler, jeweller, was for many years in the building occupied by Dominion Stores. His grandson T. J. is now one of the associate editors of the "Toronto Star Weekly".

The "Herald" was for many years prior to 1894 published in the large flat over Creelman's. About that time the plant was moved to "The Herald" block, where it is at present. The paper, under another name was at first printed where the original town hall used to stand — in the vacant corner north of Guelph street and just

north east of the present town hall. One wonders why this choice building lot has remained vacant so long. The Georgetown weekly paper has done real service to the community during the 72 years since it was first established. Looking back I would say that its editorial policy while in charge of the undersigned was independent — with a slant

The first manager of the Bank of Hamilton, that is when it was opened in a building opposite the Presbyterian church was a Mr. Colquhoun of Hamilton. When they moved to the new building, now occupied by the Telephone office, I think H. M. Watson was manager.

A Mr. Donnelly had the stationery and fancy goods store next building south; followed by J. H. Jackson who later had what was really a department store, south of Young street.

I do not recall the occupants of the smaller stores next. I know there was a barber shop and then just north of the Clark House (now McGibbon House) there was Wm. Thompson, a grocer. I remember him as a boy, for once when I with my brother drove some prize cattle from near Acton to Georgetown Fair, we called to buy some refreshments at Mr. Thompson's.

Then there was the Clark House, Thomas Clark was a quiet thoughtful man, and after his retirement, a good while ago came to Toronto to live, where he later passed away.

Adam D. Thomson, (prior to him Francis Barclay) had for a long time the store in the opposite south corner. He was conscientious and popular. He was always an interested citizen.

If I remember rightly William Austen's shoe store was next. He had a son John who went into the manufacture of jewellery many years ago, and John's son still carries on in Toronto.

McKay Bros. grocers, were for many years right there on Main street. I make a guess that it must be nearly seventy years since Hugh McKay opened business here. His son William and daughter Mrs. Wetherald are, happily, still with us.

J. G. Willson was also near that spot. For some time he was the only undertaker in town. His sons, William and Albert, still reside — the latter in Red Deer, Alberta.

Mr. Thomas Rustin was one of the town's leading druggists for a long period. He had a

reputation for integrity and was one of the men of those early days who both quietly and officially helped to maintain law and order, which was not especially hard to do.

Thos. Whittaker, hardware, was there also. He was an old-style business man, but kept a very good store. I remember calling upon him once for an "ad" for "The Herald". He looked over his glasses at the young editor, as was his custom but there was no "ad".

Around the Church Street corner was Charles Phillips, insurance, and near him John Rue, tailor.

I think John Ballantine, good citizen and genial Irishman, had the frame store where the Kennedy Block now stands.

Who had the corner on Main Street now vacant, I do not remember. Later, H. W. Kennedy kept a store there until he built a fine block nearby. He was greatly interested in Municipal affairs and was Reeve and Justice of the Peace. He was a kindly and wise councillor.

In a small office building near by was G. S. Goodwillie, lawyer, a man well versed in the law. For a long time he was clerk of the Municipality.

Next was the Mechanic's Institute building owned by Major Grant. It was the Public Library and very useful in its day. It had a fine front room for those who wished to discuss local problems or politics and sometimes religion — and play chess. Some of the frequenters were Joseph Barber, H. F. Lawson, Major Grant, Dougald Reid, Rev. Mr. Duff, Edwin Search, in charge of the building and numerous others whom I do not off-hand recall. If anyone has a copy of the poem "The Deacon's Dream," it was produced here. I believe Rev. Mr. Duff was suspected.

Dougald Reid had a good property, including his hardware store that still stands, his son John being now proprietor. Dougald Reid was a kind hearted man, but you wouldn't know it when you first met him. I remember having an argument with him in his store one day. He warmed up a bit, and finally told me he didn't want to talk to me. He was much older than I so I walked out, but we were really good friends even after.

(to be continued)

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Georgetown Wins Television Prize

A 19 inch portable television set, prize in a Glen ball club draw, is now owned by a Georgetown man.

Bill Hay, 30 Langstone Crescent, was the lucky winner when his ticket No. 1171, was drawn last week. The draw was made at Wheeler's Store by Jill Kemshead.

Famous Phillips Rink Guests at North Halton

Local curling buffs will have a chance to meet a couple of masters when Alf Phillips senior and junior visit the North Halton Curling Club on Maple Avenue west, Friday October 27 to offer instruction. Alf junior is skip of last year's Brier Championship rink.

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Also expected are the members of the Phillips rink, John Ross, vice; Ron Manning, second; and Keith Bolly lead.

All senior and junior and seven other top notch curlers will give instruction in separate groups discussing everything from sliding to skipping. The Brier film will also be shown.

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