

Town's Oldest Resident Born Year Before Canada Confederation

Born on April 1st, the year before confederation, Joseph Martin died on Sunday morning in Georgetown hospital. He was 104.

Mr. Martin had lived in town for the past twenty-five years, making his home at 4 Union St., with his daughter Hazel and son-in-law George Glassford.

Born on a farm in Caledon East, son of John and Jane Martin, he was one of seven children. His four sisters and two brothers predeceased him.

In 1928, with his wife Clara Sanderson, daughters Hazel and

Edna and sons John, Fred and Clinton he moved to a 100 acre farm in Chinguacousy. His wife and son Clinton died there. He decided at 80 to retire from farming and move to Georgetown.

Son John now lives in London Hazel (Mrs. George Glassford) Fred and Edna (Mrs. John T. Armsrong) in Georgetown. There are three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Martin was blessed with extremely good health during his long life. He made a successful recovery from a fractured hip suffered in a fall some

months before his 100th birthday. While this curtailed his stopdancing, he still could enter in playing the bones, a pioneer form of Ontario entertainment. He had often performed at fairs, garden parties and competitions in the district.

Rev. Robert Scrivens conducted the funeral service on Tuesday morning at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home and interment was in Caledon East Cemetery. Pallbearers were his three grandsons, Mordin, Paul and Michael Armstrong, William Ritchie, Harold Gilmer and Mayor Wheldon Emmerson.



A Georgetown barbershoppers quartet serenade Georgetown's "grand old man" with some old songs on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

Two Split \$1000 At Kinmen Stag

Wayne King, 16 Churchill Crescent, was winner of the \$1,000 grand prize when his ticket was the last left in the drum at the Kinmen \$12 dinner Friday in the Legion auditorium.

By previous arrangement, Mr. King had agreed to share his prize with the second last name drawn, so he split with Jack Saunders, 3 Durban St.

The 225 ticket holders present enjoyed a floor show featuring comedian Doug Romaine, had a roast beef din-

ner catered by the Legion women, and savoured the usual thrill of the elimination draw as name after name was erased from the board.

Lucky draw tickets were also sold on an extra prize, a tape recorder, won by Walter Traffon.

Special prizes, awarded to every 25th name drawn went to Kerry Jepsen, Hazen Sherry, Wilf Saunders, Jim Ware, Stan Ellis, J. Bottomley, Angelo D'Agostino, Norm Guthrie and A and E.

Best Sheep Evaluation, John Nurse Gold Medallist

John Nurse, RR 2, Georgetown won the gold medal for sheep evaluation in the Inter-county Livestock Judging Competition at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. John along with Ted Brown of Limehouse and David Fisher of Milton represented Halton County in this event.

Close to 70 young men from across the province spent from Nov. 8-13 visiting the Ontario Agricultural College, farms throughout this area of the province, the Ontario stockyards, etc. In preparation for this event. They evaluated three classes each of dairy cattle, beef cattle and swine and one class of sheep. They then gave reasons on the classes.

NORVAL NEWS

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Walter Fidler on the death of her husband in Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital on Thursday, Nov. 12. The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon at the Harold McClure Funeral Home, Georgetown, with interment in Norval Hillcrest Cemetery.

Mr. Fidler, who has lived all his life in the Norval district, had been in poor health for the past few years. He will be missed by his many friends.

Sympathy is extended to Russell Fendley and family and to his sister Shirley (Mrs. Hugh Skeldon) and family of Northbridge on the death of their mother, Mrs. Frank Fendley, in Peel Memorial Hospital on Saturday, Nov. 14, following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Fendley, the former Hazel Early, was a life long resident of the district. She was predeceased by her husband Frank and by one son, Norman.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Hartley Cameron on the death of her mother, Mrs. Jane Lindsey, in the Mississauga Hospital, on Wednesday, Nov. 11. The funeral was held on Friday at McKillop's Funeral Home, in Brampton, with interment in Providence Cemetery.

Get well wishes are extended to Jim Russell who has been transferred from Georgetown hospital to St. Michael's Hospital Toronto.

Michelle, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hedley, Draper Street, spent about a week in Georgetown hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Get well wishes are extended to Mrs. May Hunter who is a patient in Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

Brant County was the winner of the Jeffrey Burt Memorial Trophy with Halton placing 13. Halton won this competition in 1967 with the team of Jeffrey Nurse, Dan Heatherington and Larry Bennett.

Don Nicholson, a Halton 4-H club leader and a student at the Ontario Agricultural College was a member of the winning team in the inter-agricultural school judging competition held at the same time.

Damage Repaired, Stores Open Again After Recent Fire

It's back to business as usual for several downtown businesses closed for several days by smoke damage after a fire.

The November 4 fire, which started in a pile of refuse in an enclosed loading dock behind the McGibbon Hotel, caused little actual fire damage. But smoke entered several stores and apartments in quantity.

Closed for periods of up to a week or more were Buck's Fine Foods, the McGibbon restaurant, Holmes Dept. Store, Barber's Jewellers and the Evelyn Shoppe.

The smoke stopped at the Holmes location. Henry Helfant, proprietor of the adjoining Henry's Clothing, said he suffered no stock damage.

Smoke sales. Holmes and the Evelyn Shoppe operated smoke sales. Professional cleaners were called in to some stores to successfully clear smoke odour from the buildings.

Bill Smiley

Into Each Life Some Sun

It's one of those gloomy November days, with the overcast so low that even the birds are walking.

I have a month's correspondence to catch up on, three weeks of essays to read, and a week's leaf-raking in the back yard.

My wife has pains in her belly and is going to have the living-room redecorated. I don't know which alarms me more.

My daughter is in the next room, writing an essay on Nietzsche, an appalling prospect. Asked her how it was going, and she said pretty well, but that she had an idea what she was saying was a lot of crap.

Two of my colleagues lost their fathers unexpectedly on the weekend. Another is in hospital having X-rays on his stomach and hoping it's 'only' an ulcer.

Outside my little world lies a Canada deeply troubled by pollution, an unemployment figure that is alarming, and the freedom of the individual under the new government legislation for the prevention of violence.

And outside that world again is the big one, a seemingly hopeless mess of population explosion, food shortages, wars, suspicion, despair and poverty.

Oh well, what the hell. You only go through the course once. It's the only life we have, and however bleak it seems, there are always a few rays of sunshine.

Looking on the positive side, it's not so bad. The correspondence, essays, and leaves will eventually be dealt with. The living-room will be decorated, which will cure my wife's pains in the belly. My daughter will get a C-minus on her essay and blame me for it, but it won't kill her.

We all have to lose our fathers sometime, and maybe it will be only an ulcer, which is practically the trademark of a sensitive person these days.

There's not much I can do about pollution except bagging my leaves instead of burning them and continuing my refusal to use throw-away bottles. I can't do a darn thing about unemployment except get a kid to rake my lawn, and I've tried, and they aren't interested. And there's little I can do about individual freedom except dem-

wife from punching him on the nose.

The first lady later told my wife that I had the polish and poise of a European man. My wife thought it was a compliment. Considering some of the European males I have known in my life, I thought it was an insult. However, a ray of sunshine, though rather murky.

I got another one this week, when a friend described a confirmation ceremony in a local church. The Archbishop himself was there, and it was a big deal for all. The Arch was asking the children, what they had learned in their training for confirmation. They provided the stock answers, which they had learned faithfully.

Hoping to probe a bit deeper, he asked one little guy what else they had learned. The lad muttered something. The Arch looked rather surprised and asked him to repeat it.

Loud and clear, the kid said, "We learned to commit adultery."

Apparently, the whole church broke up, including the Archbishop.

So into each life some rain must fall. But at least until the Judgement Day, we can always hope for those rays of sunshine.

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