

A House Full of Memories



8th Line Brick House Hilts Home Since 1886

To celebrate her 90th birthday Beatrice Hilts went from the home of her niece Mrs. Peter Blinie of Acton (where she went after a few days in Georgetown Hospital). Many friends and former neighbours came to extend their congratulations, on Thursday P.M. to her former home on the 8th Line, Lot 32, Esquesing Township. The party was arranged for her by fellow members of Ballinadaf U.C.W. at the home farm, where Mr. and Mrs. Willard Sanderson, Jim and Calvin now live.

Among those celebrating with her were her only remaining brother, Henry, and his wife Viola of Georgetown; Sister-in-law Mrs. Olive Hilts, Toronto; six nieces and two grand nieces; and her nephew was Roy Warne's wife Pearl. It was a pleasant surprise to Beatrice. Her remaining sister (Phebe) Mrs. Robert Warne of Acton was in Georgetown Hospital following a car accident late Tuesday P.M. Her husband was not hurt and able to be present. Phebe donated the birthday cake. The U.C.W. catered for the party and gave Beatrice a lovely flowering plant. She received a number of gifts and cards.

Miss Hilts got on her feet and thanked all those who had a part in making her 90th birthday such a happy occasion and to add to the pleasure was having it in her former home where she and her sisters and brothers were born, and she had lived for 87 years. She expressed pleasure at seeing so many former residents present, then she asked that all sing "Blest be the Tie That Binds" after which Rev. K. Johnston led in prayer.

Miss Hilts was a WMS member for many years and is a member of the U.C.W. She taught a Sunday School class for a number of years in the Methodist Church and continued in the United Church till the new curriculum began.

Mrs. Nora Gorton of Michigan came with Mrs. Donald McLean with whom she was visiting. She is a relative of theirs and also related to George Beswick Sr.'s wife Phebe Lasby, Martha Hilts' mother.

To this home on the 8th Line Esquesing Ira Hilts (eldest son of Joseph P. Hilts) brought his bride, Martha A. Beswick and the large brick house built in 1886 was divided, their family were Etta, Beatrice, George, Sarah,

Henry, Will and Phebe who was a very little girl when their father took appendicitis and was gone in a week's time - May 1902.

His father Joseph, predeceased him in December 1900. His mother lived until 1903. All three passed away in that brick house.

When Henry Hilts married Vida Kentner March 20th 1921, the house was divided again. They had two girls, Muriel and Helena.

Mrs. Martha Hilts passed away in the winter of 1939 in her 83rd year. Bea, continued to live in her own part of the house till the sale in May 1969.

On Sunday, October 24th 1971 Miss Hilts attended church in the morning in Acton. At 1 p.m. she was invited to the home of her brother and wife Viola in Georgetown for a birthday dinner at 5.30 p.m. Of course she accepted. Their girls, Muriel and Helena, and a friend Jean Preston, were there for the occasion.

During the afternoon, Muriel showed pictures on a screen which she had taken of Georgetown Fair past and of a couple dancing at a fair. She also showed the grand horses of all-horses hitched different

buggies and wagons. This was followed by a delicious dinner and a birthday cake, and a gift of a new alarm clock and a pot of lovely flowers from Jean Preston. Muriel took her aunt back to Acton and then the three girls returned to Toronto.

Of a family of seven brothers and sisters, four celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries.

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Would Stall Building, Fear Sewage Overload

Is Georgetown near the breaking point for expansion, or not?
Two councillors think so. On Monday, Crs. Joan Smith and Phil Siddall tabled a motion to restrain all development in Georgetown until reports are received from the Sanitation Commission and the Planning Board on conditions at the sewage disposal plant.

Mrs. Smith described the present plant as "like a 3 ton truck carrying a 4 ton load". There are plans for a condominium, for two apartment towers, senior citizens housing, she said, wondering where the breaking point can be.

Cr. Hyde refuted the idea that the town is in trouble. "If it's so serious, we would be told to do this by a higher authority," he said.

He said such a freeze on building would be the worst possible publicity for Georgetown.

where it's at with sewage disposal. He said even a water supply could be a future problem. He termed his motion a "holding action" rather than a "freeze".

Cr. Ernest Sykes, who is council's sanitation chairman, termed the motion premature and said it should be deferred until the Ontario Water Resources Commission clarifies the situation.

"I want an expert view, not scrambling in the dark from pseudo-experts" he said.

CHECK APPLICATIONS
Cr. Hyde said Ontario Municipal Board checks on each application for building and would not approve if town services are not adequate.

Mrs. Smith insisted that experts have told the town it is heading for trouble.

"OWRC told us our sewage plant was ailing, and there have been many new buildings since," she said. "If we keep on, we will get to the point where we will be forced to put an addition on the plant which we hope will be paid for by a large developer."

Cr. Sykes said any change in the sewage treatment plant is at

least two years away and that OWRC is aware of any problem.

WITHDRAW
"Mrs. Smith voted for a senior citizens apartment tonight and now would put a freeze on building. Does she know where she's going?" he asked angrily. Mayor Smith said that in fairness to the committee chairman, council should wait for him to report on a meeting, scheduled before mid-month with OWRC before voting on such a motion.

Crs. Smith and Siddall then withdrew their motion.

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