

**Rural Stores**

# Eighty Years Ago It Was Salmonville General Store

The general store in Terra Cotta was built by the Smith sisters, unrelated to the famous-cough drop brothers, around 1890, when Terra Cotta was known as Salmonville, according to the Peel Atlas.

The three women, Barbara, Janet, and Jane, ran the store until sometime during the first world war. They added a part upstairs which they planned to use as a weaving shop, but found the store kept them busy enough.

J. H. Searle took over the store from the sisters, and ran it till 1921, when Mrs. Kate Icam bought it. She tended it till her death in 1947, when her son Les Icam took over for a short time till 1949.

At that time Arthur Rhodes of Toronto bought it and ran it till 1952. The Icam family took it over again when Harvey Puckering, a son-in-law of Mrs. Kate Icam, held it till 1954.

**MANY OWNERS**

In the ensuing years the store changed hands many times. Lloyd Kemp leased it from 1954 to '56, then Leo Hurst and his son from '56 till '60, George Hayner from 1960 to '63 and Bob Footit from '63 till '69 when it was taken over by the present owner, Walter Asseltine.

Walter, better known as "Red", is a well known figure in sports circles in Georgetown.

**BUSY SUMMER**

For many years the store handled all the traditional variety of stock, such as overalls, rubber boots, sugar in barrels, cheese in big blocks, but now caters mostly to groceries and sundries. The busy season now is summertime when the Conservation Authority park at Terra Cotta opens.

Unlike many general stores, the post office was not in this building till 1930. Before that it was the house now occupied by Mrs. Harvey Puckering.



Three Smith sisters were first owners.

**The Weather**

## This Has Been Longest Wait For 50 in Century

Temperatures were up to 25 degrees below average during the past week-end, as Ontario was covered by frigid arctic air from northern Quebec and Hudson Bay.

Arriving from the north-east, this air mass was not exposed to the moderating influence of the Great Lakes, and so it was as cold as ever recorded in the second week of April. Temperatures as low as 4 degrees were reported, setting new records for this area for the time of year.

Rather cold air arrived on Tuesday, April 4, accompanied by snowflurries and gusty westerly winds. On April 4 and 5, temperatures ranged from low 20's to mid 30's.

Following 3" of snow on April 6, however, temperatures fell to record low values. Even Toronto, where records go back to 1840,

broke records set in 1862. At the Georgetown weather station, the following temperatures were recorded:

	High	Low	Prev.
Apr. 6	22	6	11
Apr. 7	23	4	11
Apr. 8	25	6	15
Apr. 9	37	12	12

This is the longest wait for 50 degree temperatures in the 20th century. One must go back to 1885 to find a year in which the first 50 degree reading came after April 9.

Twenty years ago only ten percent of all Canadian men with cancer of the prostate survived for five years. Today the figure is 37 percent, thanks to progress made possible by contributions to the Canadian Cancer Society.



Old hot stove gives Terra Cotta store a rural flavour. Here owner Red Asseltine chats with customers Mrs. Phyllis Lynch and Mrs. Thelma Seales.

**POLICE RECOVER STOLEN CAR**

Georgetown police stopped a car on Guelph Street for a traffic violation just past Tuesday midnight and touched off a footrace which resulted in a Metro youth being apprehended. The car had been stolen in Toronto. The arrested youth was one of three who leaped from the car and took off on foot when it was pulled over. The car was returned to Metro before it was discovered missing.

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## Recommend Public Events Signs In Three Georgetown Shopping Centres

Three signs, mounted flush on the wall, with notices of public events, will be erected outside Mac's Milk, Zeller's, and the back of Silver's on the parking lot wall, if a recommendation by the general committee, Monday night, is adopted by council.

F. C. Sheffield, of Championships Displays, told council that his company worked under contract with the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce in producing the three outdoor illuminated signs as community bulletin boards. He pointed out he already had all the advertisers, who have small panels surrounding the sign, lined up and many had paid in advance.

"We find this delay very embarrassing, and in one or two cases the clients have taken exception to the long delay," he added. It is 90 days since the first application was made. He emphasized that the Chamber of Commerce takes the full responsibility for maintaining the notices and keeping

them current. Brampton has one such sign at the four corners, by the Bank of Commerce, while Bramalea has three, said the speaker.

Deputy-recve Art Speight reminded the committee, the Chamber of Commerce would be the first to complain if the signs were not maintained properly.

Mayor W. Smith added, "If they create any problem I'm sure Zeller's, Silver's, or Mac's Milk will make them take them down."

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ROBIN HOOD  
**ALL PURPOSE FLOUR 25LB. BAG \$2.45**

**Salada Tea Bags Pkg. of Sixty 87¢**

SOLID WHITE - 7 oz. TIN  
**CLOVER LEAF TUNA 57¢**

HEINZ - 14 oz. TINS  
**Cooked Spaghetti 2/39¢**

BRIGHTS  
**APPLESAUCE 2 19 oz. Tins 39¢**

NESCAFE  
**INSTANT COFFEE 6oz. Jar \$1.27**

**QUALITY SWIFT'S PRODUCTS ON SALE THIS WEEK**

PREMIUM  
**WIENERS LB. PKG 57¢**

PREMIUM SIDE  
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OVEN ROAST  
**Corned Beef 2 1/2 to 3 lb. Pieces LB. 99¢**

PREMIUM  
**Dinner Hams LB. 99¢**

OLD SOUTH FROZEN  
**Orange Juice 2 12 oz. Tins 79¢**

FARM HOUSE 5 VARIETIES-12oz. FROZEN  
**CREAM PIES 2 FOR 69¢**

**AYLMER SLICED BEETS 2 19 oz. Tins 35¢**  
**HEINZ BABY FOODS 6 4 1/2 oz. Jars 89¢**

**CALIFORNIA CHOICE NAVEL SIZE 113**  
**ORANGES 65¢ DOZ.**

FLORIDA NO. 1  
**CELERY 2 Size 24 Stalks 49¢**

CALIFORNIA NO. 1  
**LETTUCE SIZE 24 HEAD 25¢**

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