

Oxbow owner Norm aims to please young readers

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Norm Holt's favorite sight isn't necessarily a \$100 bill, but a mother coming in with a young child.

The 46-year old owner of Georgetown's Oxbow Books on Main Street delights in his young clientele.

"If I'm out of stock of a particular author, I get a lot of heck from these kids," he grinned. Some of the town's five and six year olds are quite sophisticated readers. "They know their authors," Mr. Holt declared.

His gray eyes lit up from behind his dark framed glasses as he expressed his satisfaction in seeing the book

interests of young readers widen and grow over time.

LOVES BOOKS
A tall lean man with long slender fingers and a bushy mane of gray and white hair, Mr. Holt loves books.

"It's not much of a business to be in if you don't enjoy books, but, the book idealist isn't the best one to run a shop," he admitted.

His red-haired wife Ruth is his practical support, bringing the bills to his attention when his writing hand gets carried away in ordering more books for the store.

"It's only after a while that you get the feeling for the size of stock you should have at

a particular time of the year," Mr. Holt said.

The book shop owner for three years now, he said July is a slow month, with the peak period being from mid-November to Christmas and early January.

"I put books in to indulge myself," Mr. Holt said, his face breaking into a boyish grin. "And, so often, I find I'm the only one who appreciates them."

Best sellers in the shop are cookbooks. There are four shelves of them. Royalty books, baby rearing and family care books are big in Georgetown too.

NATURE POPULAR
"Anything to do with nature is popular, and

aviation is also quite an interest here with a lot of people working in Milton, Mr. Holt said.

Three-quarters of the customers in the shop are women. He said that was typical of bookstores, unless they cater to a special interest clientele.

"People think it's marvellous that I sit here and read books all day, but it's not so. I don't really have much time to read," Mr. Holt claimed.

It's his interest in geography that led him to call the bookshop Oxbow Books. In geographic terms, an oxbow is a U-shaped bend in a river. Mr. Holt has a geography degree from York University.



The sleepy town of Halton Hills hasn't experienced massive growth over the past ten years, especially when comparing ourselves to Brampton and Milton. However the construction slowdown has given us a chance to pause and reflect on what people want to see in terms of growth here.

Artcast statues include works for Queen

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Sittings with Britain's Queen Elizabeth last summer resulted in the bronze sculpture of the monarch just completed at Georgetown's Artcast Inc.

Canadian sculptor M.J. Reynolds was commissioned to do the bronze work by the Charlottetown Confederation Centre of the Arts.

He had sittings with Queen Elizabeth in July at her home in Buckingham Palace, England.

The 29-inch sculpture is to be unveiled by the Queen during her visit to Canada this summer.

Artcast employees have also been busy casting a bronze sculpture to commemorate Canadian airmen in training who died during the world wars.

Winnipeg artist Helen Granger-Young produced the design for the sculpture that is to be unveiled this September at the Wartime Pilots and Observer Association reunion and memorial parade in Winnipeg.

The sculpture is of a man in pilot gear shading his eyes, waiting for a plane to come in.

A more abstract work, to be unveiled April 29 in Toronto, is

the bronze sculpture "Revival" by Arto Tehakmakchian.

A University of Quebec professor in Montreal, Mr. Tehakmakchian is a world-renowned sculptor of Armenian parenthood.

"Revival" stands four meters tall (about 10 feet) and weighs 1,300 pounds. It depicts the emergence of a new form through a ruptured, skybound, multilayered human figure. The work symbolizes the human spirit in its constant quest for freedom while in continuous self-regeneration.

Mr. Tehakmakchian explained that the sculpture, to be erected on the grounds of the Armenian Community Centre in Willowdale, represents the revival of the Armenian nation following the 1915 genocide in Turkey.

Orphans from this genocide were brought to Georgetown in 1923 and taught farming and had some schooling at what is now Cedarvale Park on Maple Avenue.

The Georgetown boys were sent off in 1929 to live and work with Ontario farmers.

Tidy Car Georgetown man cleans up car awards

Georgetown's Chris Bydevaate beat out 1,000 Tidy Car dealers around the world for the most improved sales in October 1983.

He was honored over the weekend at a Tidy Car seminar in the Toronto airport Hilton. Last year, he won a trip to Acapulco for selling 100 sun roofs, and an all-expenses paid trip to the Chicago Tidy Car seminar.

Asked the reason for his business success, Mr. Bydevaate attributed it to having lots of sales promotions and giving his customers good service.

"Very few customers don't come back or send

somebody else in," he said. "The best advertising is word of

mouth."

Mr. Bydevaate got his Tidy Car franchise six years ago, when oil prices began to climb and the janitor business

he was in began to decline.

Tidy Car is mainly involved in auto protection like rustproofing, preserv-a-shine, and cleaning and protecting car interiors. The franchise also does sun roofs and regular waxing and pin stripping.

"We've branched out a lot from when we first began," Mr. Bydevaate said.

Originally operating from his Mountainview home, the business moved into its current address at 71 Mountainview Road North two years ago. Now it's expanding another half unit at this address.

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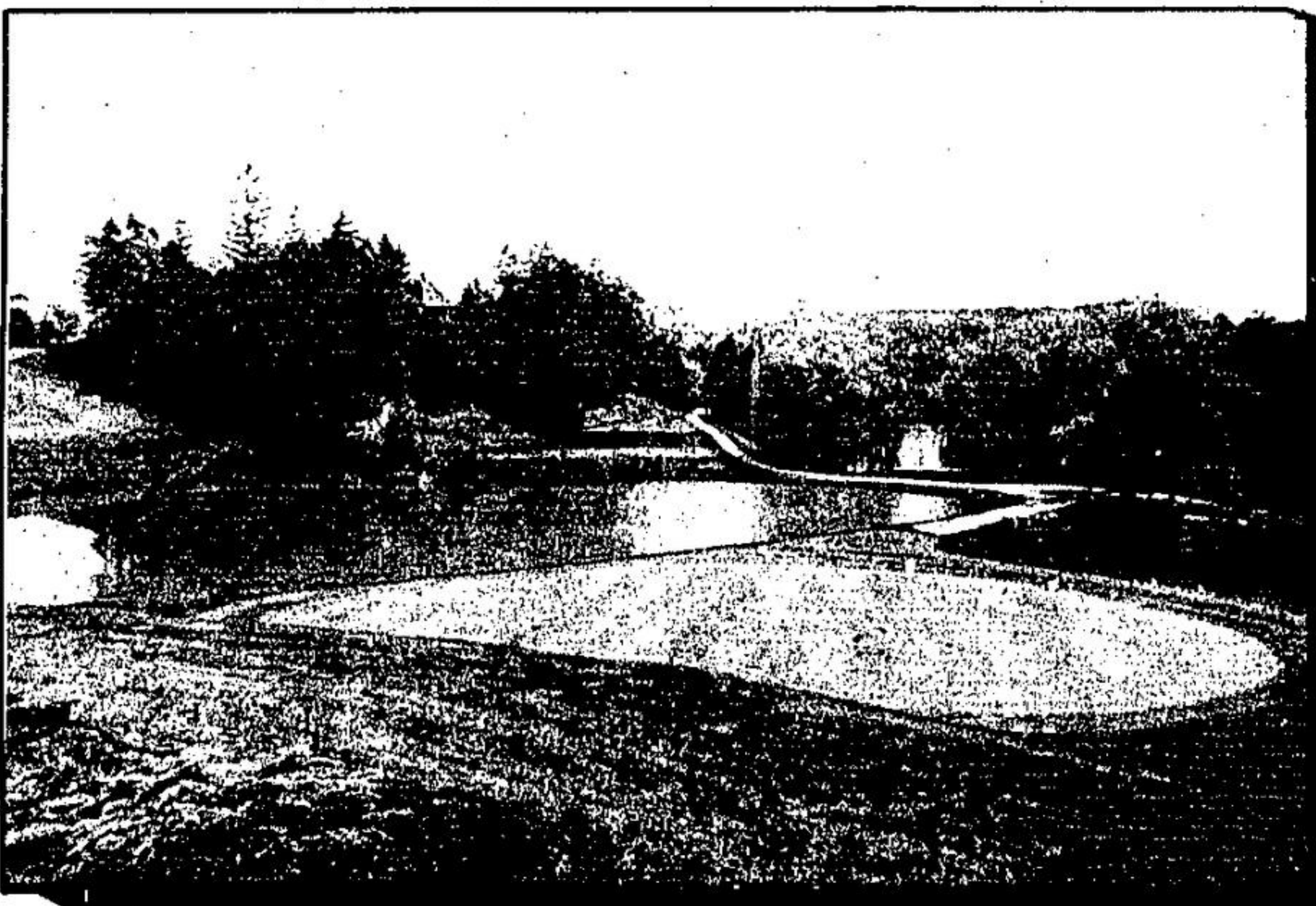
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