



Merchants return to Old Bank

The closing of the Old Bank two years ago in downtown Georgetown seemed to underline the sorry state of Canadian economics.

The average shopper was well aware that high interest rates and a tighter flow of money meant the small businesses were taking it on the chin across the country, they had a prime example in their own neighbourhood.

Lately, shoppers have been told that business is improving in Canada and they can, once again, turn to the Old Bank for proof of change locally.

Albert Euteneier, the man who renovated the Old Bank back in the late 1970s, has retained possession of the building and new tenants are beginning to fill the boutiques inside.

And The Cellar restaurant, a quiet cosy-designed establishment in the renovated Old Bank basement, is also returning to the local dining scene, name changed.

EXPERIENCED PROPRIETOR
The new Cellar proprietor is Michael Sztuska. Mr. Sztuska has been in the restaurant business for 15 years, 10 of them in

Toronto.

He described the menu as "leaning toward Swiss fare", but with lots of Canadiana, as well.

Not all of the boutiques upstairs are filled, but the Old Bank has a good start with the three merchants who have moved in, bringing new and different services to Georgetown.

EXPERIENCED PROPRIETOR
George Townsend is opening his Erin Hearing-Aid Centre Wednesday. It's an expansion of a business he began out of his Erin Home, a business which

besides the new Georgetown office, includes frequent clinics in Parry Sound and a branch service in the Midland area.

WOOL WISE
Next door to the Erin Hearing aid centre is the Knitwear Knook, a first business venture for Carole Robinson and her mother, Florence Howell.
The store, Mrs. Robinson explained, will feature a variety of medium-priced acrylic and wool yarns, plus all the accessories for the do-it-yourself knitter.

Neil's Music

Store expands to offer lessons

By ANI PEDIERIAN Staff Writer
Who's sending 12 kazooos to Nassau, down in the Bahamas? Neil Walsh, that's who.

Neil's the owner of Neil's Music Centre on Georgetown's Guelph Street. This week, he bundled up a package of kazooos for a Nassau woman who, when she returned home after a visit to Georgetown, found she couldn't buy kazooos in Nassau. She asked Neil to send her some from his store.

The 36-year old businessman has been selling musical instruments, from the simple kazoo to string, brass and percussion instruments since July 1969 when he opened shop in Georgetown.

Although he never intended it to be more than just a store for sales, Neil's business grew in an unexpected way.

INSTRUCTION
As customers bought a guitar or a set of drums, they asked for minor instruction, and it seemed Neil's counter help was spending more and more time in the store's stockroom.

Today, Neil has six studios and 14 teachers on staff to give private and semi-private music lessons.

"The guitar is the biggie. It's portable, that's why," Neil said when asked which is the most popular instrument in his store. "People can take it to the cottage and they don't need a whole bunch of other things with it."

Besides guitar lessons, lessons are also being given on the piano, drums, organ and the five-string banjo. There are no classes in brass or woodwind instruments, although violin classes may soon be offered, Neil said.

ADULTS TOO
"My pupils start at 7 years old. I've got lots of adults, too, more than I've had in the last few years," Neil said. "Adults are more apprehensive; they feel too old for lessons."

Once a year, Neil's students used to get the chance to show off what they'd learned. Neil would hold a concert. Although he's always being asked when's the next concert, Neil's backed off on the idea for a time.

"When I was learning to play guitar, there wasn't anything like this for me," he said. "At least the kids are learning proper techniques here."

Neil's interest in music has always been at the hobby level, never aiming to be a professional. Familiar with the guitar, he used to play weekends in a three-man band when in high school.

"I never played in a serious way, to make my living," Neil said. "Most of his clients have the same approach to music. For them, it's an enjoyable hobby."

"Consequently I'm dealing with people who are doing something they enjoy, which makes my job more enjoyable," he smiled.

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A new feed shows promise if the yield is improved—with laying hens, the number of eggs per amount of feed used.

It may be advantageous to the farmer to pay more initially for a high-yield feed.

He may find that he uses less of the new product to produce the same amount or more eggs than he used to get from his old feeding program, Dr. Welton pointed out.

The ingredients of the feeds developed at the research centre are secreted in the microchip maze of a Maple Leaf Mills computer.

The feed business is a highly-competitive field with its share of secret formulas and production techniques one company doesn't want the others to have.

TAP WEALTH

Dr. Welton can sit behind a computer terminal at the research centre and tap into a wealth of formula information from Maple Leaf

Mills feed division headquarters in London, Ontario.

By punching in what he's looking for in a given tonne of feed—what protein to energy ration he has in mind—and the costs involved, the computer can work out a recipe in a few blinks of an eye. It will list the ingredients in terms of their percentages per volume of feed, and break it down further into vitamin, mineral and protein content, crude fibers and so on.

Dr. Welton can also ask the computer to list the ingredients in terms of how much each will cost him to make up the final price of the feed.

The person who really benefits from the research centre's work is the farmer, Dr. Welton said.

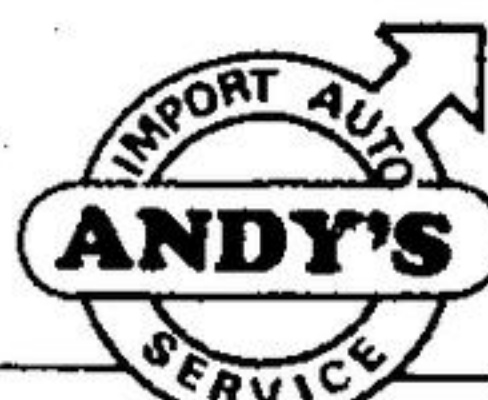
By adopting one of the company's feed programs and working with a consultant to make it successful, the farmer can devote more time to raising livestock for the market.

Otherwise, he may end up losing valuable hours grinding and mixing his own feeds and keeping track of how well they work.

There are also programs available, Dr. Welton said, in which the farmer can grow part of a feed program, while Maple Leaf Mills provides the remaining ingredients to complete the package.

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Block Parents in town

By PAT JOHNSON
Herald Special

The Georgetown Block Parent Program, which is non-profit and presently non-funded, was formed in 1976.

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Liaison with the local police department through the Safety Officer, and with school principals is essential to the success of the program. Each year a film, is shown to kindergarten children by which they learn when to use a Block Parent home.

The present two-person executive committee is responsible for over 700 Block Parent homes. There is a desperate need for volunteers to assume administrative duties in publicity, fundraising, film education, sign control and delivery, street and area captaincy, etc.

Most importantly, a well-staffed committee would enable the program to maintain an effective "communication network" in the event of an incident to a child.

You are invited to join us at 7:30 p.m., May 1 at Holy Cross Separate School. We will be pleased to discuss the program and to accept your name as a volunteer. Replace signs will be available at the meeting.

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