

The McGibbon Hotel is a popular landmark of downtown Georgetown with a distinct history.

Firm 'whips' up exports

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What's a bubble gum plant to do when they can't get all the sugar they've measured out according to their secret chew recipe, down the hoppers?

Pull out the gyro whip that's what.

The latest invention of a Georgetown company, the gyro whip is being manufactured for use in silos, bins and hoppers, to get materials moving again or clear build-ups of materials on the walls of storage buildings.

An aluminum tube, two feet long and nine inches in diameter, the gyro whip is dropped down into a bin and blasts away loose material from its path with a specially designed whip of braided rope.

It took Northern Vibrator Manufacturing Limited of 82 Todd Rd. nearly three years and approximately \$400,000 to come up with this new machine.

"Nobody else makes anything like it," sales representative Bruce

Cartwright of Georgetown said. "It'll put us into exporting."

With a hand he pointed to a map of the continent, dotted with flags where American terminals exist, and said the company has already had a great deal of interest from these large storage buildings.

The initial market for the new product is these big terminals, partly because a gyro whip is too costly for the individual silo owner. The machine is selling for \$9,500, Mr. Cartwright said, and the optional positioning boom for it costs from \$6,500 to \$9,500 depending on the size of the bin.

The new machine means men no longer need to be sent into the bins with pick axes to knock down the packed material.

A dangerous job, it costs five to ten lives a year in Canada and the U.S.A., but it's one that needs to be done every couple of years if not every year.

If the silos, bins and hoppers aren't cleared

of the grain, fertilizer or other material packed in spots, there can be problems with fermentation, contamination and infestation, spoiling the fresh new goods being added. Also, the build-up material naturally causes blocking and reduces the effectiveness of the hoppers.

Most of the business for Northern Vibrators is from the sale of vibrators for hoppers, vacuum trucks and railroad cars.

Almost 18 years in the business, the company manufactures air, hydraulic and electrical vibrators, which, though they're powered by different sources, do the same thing.

The company is owned by two tool and die molders from Georgetown: Jack Sunnucks and Dennis Cartwright. The two men met while working their trade at Smith and Stone and left to start up their first company Die Mold Tool 20 years ago. That soon was followed by Northern Vibrator.

If this gyro whip takes off as expected, vibrator sales will likely also increase and work will have to be jobbed out to other companies, Mr. Cartwright said.

She shapes your nails for every occasion

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If you have a lot of diamond rings you want to show off, a new business in town can help you out.

Colombe Towler of Georgetown has opened Nails by Colombe in The Old Bank on Georgetown's Main Street.

"Most women with very short nails are hiding their hands," Mrs. Towler said. "The first reason women want to have this done is so that they can wear nail polish and look nice. It's flattering to the hand."

Mrs. Colombe adheres an acrylic nail, called a "Natural" nail, to the base of the real nail. As thin as a real nail but much stronger, the acrylic nail is then filed down to the length a customer desires.

Nail extensions are also glued on, and they cover half the real nail.

As the real nail grows, the acrylic nail or extension just grows out too. In six weeks, they can be replaced with another.

Two to six weeks after the nails are adhered and manicured, a repair job is required, depending on how quickly the real nails grow. Basically it involves filing and another manicure.

Mrs. Towler says nail polish stays on longer with the acrylic nails and dries in ten minutes, whereas real nails take 30 minutes to dry. The acrylic nails are treated just like real nails in terms of care, she said. Very strong, they last for up to three months.

"If a woman isn't sure I'll do one or two nails for her so she can see if she wants them all done," Mrs. Towler said.

As well as "Natural" nails, Mrs. Towler does regular manicures, ear piercing and sells Alo and Daree cosmetics. Within the next four weeks she hopes to have a hairdresser as well in her second floor shop.

"I got into this because I've been getting my own nails done for a long long time," she said.

High time good rural planning was done

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It's high time there was some good rural planning done, the mayor for Halton Hills said.

"I hate to see the rural community cut up too badly, but I guess that's a sacrifice we have to make. They're not making any more land," Mayor Russ Miller said referring to town growth that infringes on the rural area.

A rural resident himself, the mayor said it was unfortunate the number of farms that have been destroyed in Halton Hills, "but you can't plan retroactively," he said.

"I've always been viewed as a person opposed to growth," Mayor Miller said. "I'm not opposed to growth. I like to see good growth, not helter skelter growth."

He said he's opposed rural subdivisions because of the destruction of agricultural land. The mayor objects to people who say "we've got to have growth and it doesn't matter what kind it is."

Research helps farm progress

The Maple Leaf Mills Research Centre on Trafalgar Road draws only passing curiosity from the hundreds of motorists that drive by it every day.

But there's a good chance that the eggs and bacon they had for breakfast were that much more enjoyable because of the work that goes on behind the elongated, mostly windowless buildings.

When farmers buy Masterfeeds products, they're buying feed developed and milled by Maple Leaf Mills.

"We do research to produce scientifically-balanced animal rations," the research centre's administrator, Dr. Richard (Dick) Welton, told The Herald in a recent interview.

Interestingly enough, animal feeds are much more scientifically developed than many foods for humans.

Farmers in the business of raising poultry, beef or hogs need to ensure that the meat from their animals is top quality. At the same time, they want to keep their feed costs reasonable.

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By mixing a variety of grains, vitamins and minerals, researchers at the centre are developing fascinating feed products with the right balance of protein and food energy ingredients for animals which are just starting out, growing or being "finished" for the market.

Besides the administration and laboratories building, there are seven of the long, light blue buildings on the 152-acre property north of Regional Road Nine.

Two of the buildings are for pigs and five are for poultry—laying hens, pullets, broilers and roasters and about 3,000 turkeys.

What they're fed depends on a number of variables including age, type of animal, and the conditions simulated in the barns.

An experimental feed is rigorously tested several times under any number of conditions before researchers consider it to have a promising future, Dr. Welton, an animal nutritionist, explained.

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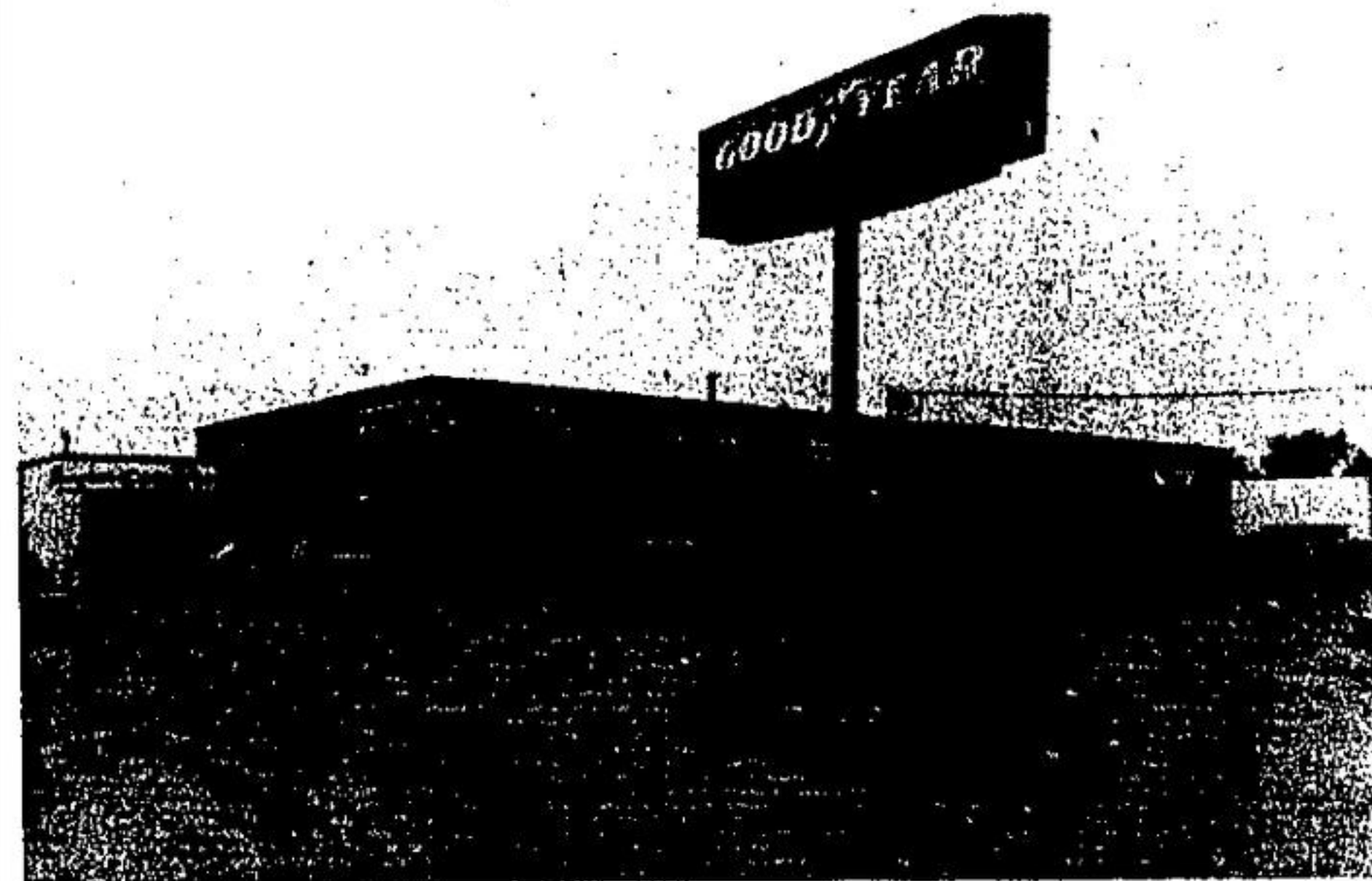
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