# Popular kitchen has now closed

By FIONA'A. SMITH Herald Special

Miss Smith is a Georgetown woman who worked the last three summers preparing and serving food in the internationally renown Spot on Seven on Guelph street.

Over a quarter century of food service has come to an end as the widely acclaimed Spot on Seven restaurant closed its doors. Miss Gladys Fraser, owner and manager, decided not to re-open this spring and is taking a well deserved and active retirement.

In June of 1956 a reporter from the Georgetown Herald first wrote about the "unusual structure" that had sprouted along Highway Seven on the outskirts of town. The idea of 'The Spot' had begun long before in the dreams of its owner.

Miss Fraser, an art teacher at the Montreal High School for Girls,

conceived of a restaurant to "serve only the best to only a few". Everything at 'The Spot' was to be fresh, vegetables grown locally. homemade soups, juices and desserts, and breads ovenwarm. Spot on Seven's reputation was earned by a concern for detalls.

Miss Fraser commissioned an original design from architect E.C.S. Cox. With its butterflyshaped roof and plentiful windows that opened on to the Credit River Valley, the restaurant offered diners a quiet evening in a charming country setting.

The interior of Spot on Seven, decorated in rich. rustic tones, was filled with articles collected over the years and if you were lucky Miss Fraser would explain their significance. For example, the copper clock had the twelve letters of Miss Fraser's name in the place of the

es were made with foundation clay taken during excavation. Many of the paintings on the walls were done by her former students; photographs highlighted her family history, staff and friends. Even the small soup bowls were hand

made by Miss Fraser.

In some ways 'The Spot' is hardly recognizable from photographs taken in the late 1950's when cows roamed nearby fields. A tlny willow tree planted by Miss Fraser's brother now towers over the restaurant assuring dining intimacy despite the commercial development over the years. But what never changed was Miss Fraser's commliment to good food, careful preparation and attentive service. This dedication brought diners from every corner the country and of

guaranteed their return

time and time over.

numerals; the hearth til- Every dish from the carned Spot on Seven the giant popovers to the lobster in cheese sauce was presented in a manner that illustrated Miss Fraser's belief that "cooking is the finest

admiration of the food services industry. In 1962, it was listed as one of the top restaurants in North America in Duncan Hines guide to fine

food, 'The Spot' has



Keeping the tables laden over the years at Spot on Seven were (standing, left to right) Sue Alexander, Marg Reynolds, Kathy Gastle, Sue Brown, owner Gladys Fraser, Lore Penkenin, (seated), Julie Phillips, Lynda Chadwick and Flona Smith.

(Photo submitted)

Canada; as well, food

columnists from En

Route, Fodor's Canada,

the Toronto Star and the

Globe and Mail have

praised the restaurant

Much of the credit.

#### SECTION A, THE HERALD, Wednesday, August 28, 1985 - Page 7 Happy Birthday, Mrs. Whaley

By KAY WILSON Herald Correspondent Happy birthday wishes for Mrs. Lena Whaley

who celebrated her 85th birthday at her son Ray's home Sunday. Now living in Milton, Mrs. Whaley and her late party. husband Gordon farmed for 35 years at the corner of Winston Churchill Boulevard and Steeles

Avenue, which is known as Whaley's Corners. Six of Mrs. Whaley's seven children helped receive the 106 guests: Eileen Hamilton of Wro-

#### Winning silver

By KAY WILSON Herald Correspondent

NORVAL - Leanne Wilson of Norwood. formerly of Norval, won third in the overall 4-H Beef Silver Dollar Competition held at the Erin fairgrounds Saturday. Proud grandparents are Spencer and Kay Wilson.

Leanne received a silver tray, 25 silver dollars and a mint collection as well as a medal-

xefer. Ray Whaley of grandchildren and 35 Norval, Jean Lane of Whaley of Brampton, Ken Whaley of Norval, and Carol Kerr of Milton. Lorne Whaley was

Mrs. Whaley's 24

great-grandchildren Georgetown, Keith were there with love and best wishes for the 85 year young grandmoth-A lovely buffet lunch unable to attend the

was served by the family.

#### **POW Convention**

By KAY WILSON Herald Correspondent

NORVAL - Gordon Brown and Bud Carter both of Norval, have returned from the National Prisoner of War Convention in British Columbia. On the way home, Bud visited his son Jamle and family at High River, Alberta.

### Please get well

By KAY WILSON

Herald Correspondent NORVAL - Get well wishes to Dorothy McLean of Norval and to Marjorie Lagerquist of RR2 who have both returned from a stay in Peel Memorial Hospital in Brampton.



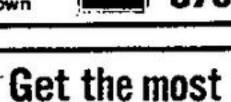
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