

Family planted seeds early for mail-order house

Herald Special
Very few Georgetown businesses can boast of sixty years of service. The Dominion Seed House is one. Opened in 1928, the Seed House has been providing mail order seeds across the Dominion since then.

The black and white two-storey building, set amidst beautiful gardens, has long been known as a local landmark. As west Georgetown is built up into a neon "Brampton-type" consumer haven, it offers a resting point for the eye. It is a natural oasis of green in a desert of asphalt and bricks.

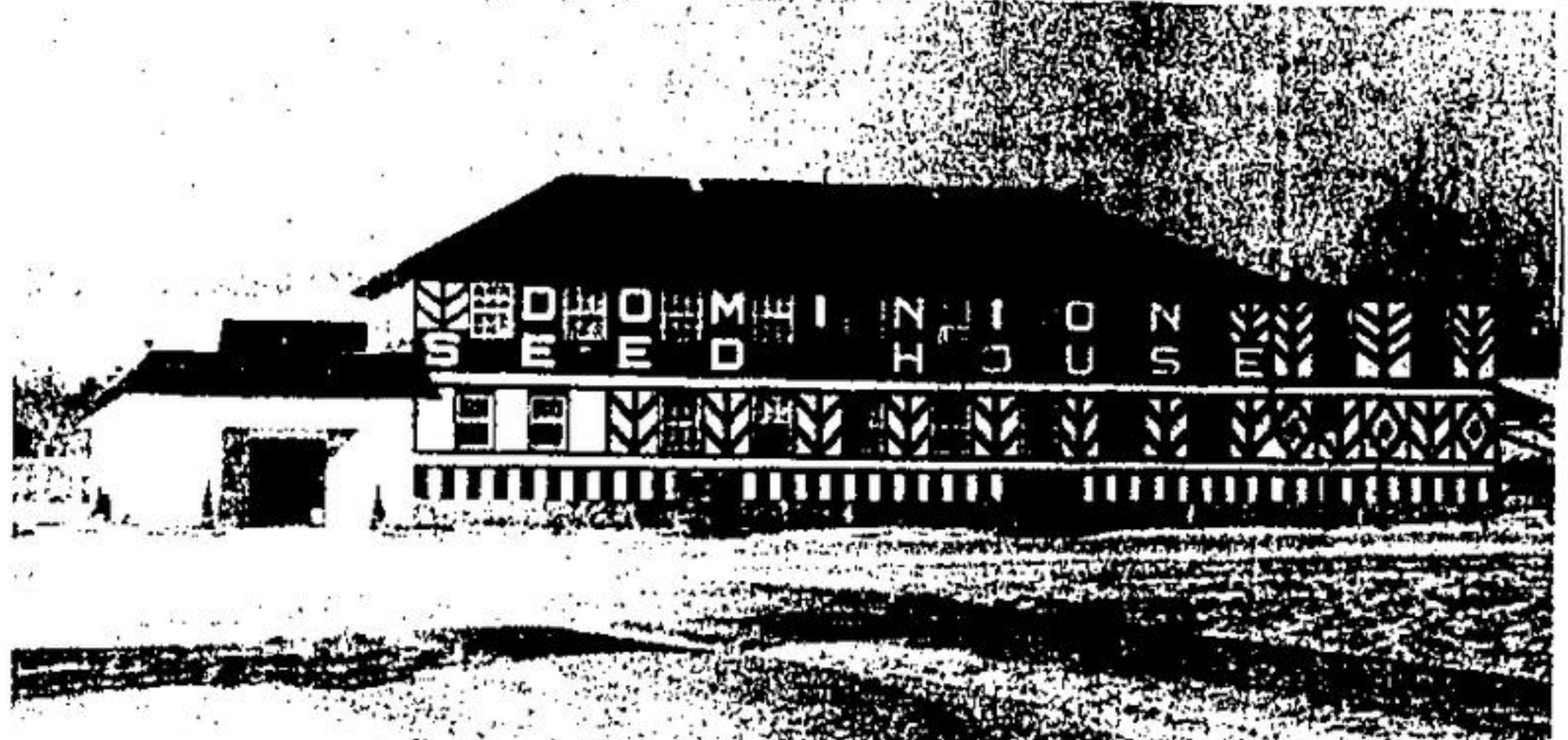
It is interesting to note that the business began almost by accident. William F. Bradley (1886-1953) worked the family farm, Cedar Vale for many years. Strawberries, raspberries and an orchard gave Mr. Bradley valuable experience. In 1923 he sold Cedar Vale Farm to the Armenian Relief Association. In 1927 it passed into the hands of the United Church of Canada. The Town of Georgetown purchased it as a park in 1968.

Mr. Bradley had formed the Bradley-Edwards Electric Company in 1922 and sold many electrical gadgets for the home. When the business experienced a slow period, Mr. Bradley began a small seed-trade business.

His objective was mainly to keep his employees busy. So began the Dominion Seed House. He used a portion of the family farm for the business, where it remains today. The first meeting of the Esqueping

Historical Society will mark the beginning of Dominion Seed House's diamond anniversary. The Society will meet Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dominion Seed House. Members and guests will be given a tour of the premises at that time.

The tour is open to Society members and interested members of the public. There is no charge to attend. Please consider joining the Esqueping Historical Society at its January meeting.



SOWING THE SEEDS-The Dominion Seed House has been a Georgetown landmark since 1928 when it began providing mail order seeds for Canadians. The founder of the business almost began the venture as an accident, using a slow period in manufacturing to his best advantage by employing workers in the seed house. You can learn more about the business by attending the Esqueping Historical Society's Jan. 13 meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Dominion Seed House. (Herald photo)

Georgetown hospital won't turn away AIDS patient

Any patient with AIDS will be able to get treatment at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital providing the hospital has the facilities to treat the secondary diseases.

Georgetown Hospital Executive Director Mark Rochon said the hospital has to refer patients to other facilities to conduct an AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) test but once a patient tests positive for AIDS he or she can receive treatment at the hospital.

The hospital would then invoke an isolation procedure to deal with the patient.

The procedure, similar to the one followed if a patient was found to

have a very communicable disease, such as hepatitis B, would ensure that physicians and hospital staff do not come in contact with the patient's bodily fluids, said Mr. Rochon.

Treatment at the hospital would depend on the "secondary disease" the patient has, said Mr. Rochon.

AIDS makes the patient susceptible to a variety of diseases and the hospital would treat a patient only if it is equipped to deal with that disease, said Mr. Rochon.

If any member of the hospital staff refused to handle that patient "we'd have to deal with that staff member," said Mr. Rochon.

The Executive Director was responding to a claim made by a former Chairman of the Canadian Bar Association committee studying the legal implications of AIDS. The chairman said any hospital, whose staff refuse medical care to an AIDS patient are vulnerable to civil suits and prosecution under the Human Rights Code.

"We have to deal with people with all kinds of diseases. Sometimes you don't have a choice," said Mr. Rochon.

"If a patient came to our doors with AIDS we would treat the patient," he said.

Disabled adults are competing in fast-growing computer world

Disabled adults are breaking into the quickly growing microcomputer job market.

At the Ontario March of Dimes, 38 students have mastered skills ranging from word processing to office automation. The agency runs a two-year training program which incorporates job placements. In January, a new program will instruct disabled adults in the operation of "business computer programs. At present, these programs serve as prototypes for vocational rehabilitation of disabled adults across the province.

"Many severely disabled students access the power of the microcomputer by using simple aids such as a key guard, a finger splint, a head stock or a mouth stick," said Ingrid Lehmann, Project Manager of the Microcomputer Applications Training Program.

"Some students also use a huge keyboard called a King Keyboard which assists adults with motor control disabilities, such as severe cerebral palsy," she said.

Over two six-month terms, students learn the essentials of computers and gain a firm grounding in word processing programs, a spreadsheet program and database management. In two alternating field placements lasting six months each, they work for companies ranging from Imperial Oil to a local food bank.

Tom Neil, 24, is one of 23 students now enrolled in the pilot project. In May of 1981 he had a diving accident which left him a quadriplegic. He has completed one computer job placement since coming to study with the Ontario March of Dimes.

"I just finished a placement at Toronto City Hall finance department and it was great," Neil said.

Curtis Fraser, a student from North Bay, will be working at a placement in Toronto General Hospital in January. Fraser, who has cerebral palsy, views his placement as a real opportunity to prove what he can do.

The real work is not always left to the students. Project manager

Lehmann remarked,

"The hardest part isn't the teaching - it's finding firms who are willing to offer student placements."

"Once the placement is made, participating companies are glad to have one of our students," she said.

Graduates have found jobs in government and business.

Lehmann explained how specialized instruction is crucial to help disabled adults crack difficult computer programs.

"If a physical disability prevents this learning, a person may have to learn these concepts in another way as an adult," she said.

A disabled computer consultant designed the databases for the Ottawa Regional Office of the Ontario March of Dimes.

"We hired Jonathan Burgess as a summer student, but because his expertise was so great, and we needed our office automated, we signed him on for a one-year contract. Now our office is automated," said Lise Boucher, a counsellor with the Ottawa office.

The Provincial Ontario March of Dimes Ability Fund campaign run

from Jan. 1 to Feb. 28. The target is \$1.2 million dollars to fund Ontario March of Dimes programs.

"The funds will be used for computer training, for vocational rehabilitation, camping programs, home support care, and assistive devices such as wheelchairs in communities all across the province," said Harry Lawson, chairman of the Ontario March of Dimes fund raising committee.

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Snowmobile gone

Sometime between Dec. 26 and Dec. 29 a 1979 Centurion snowmobile, valued at \$2,500, a hydraulic floor jack, valued at \$300, and a snap-on tool box containing numerous tools, valued at \$1,000, were stolen from a home on Lot 4, Concession 7 in Halton Hills. To gain entry someone threw a rock through a glass door leading into the garage at the rear of the house.

Driver threatened

Two Halton Hills males will appear in court on a charge of threat and transportation fraud. A 22-year-old and 26-year-old hired a taxi and when they arrived at their destination in the Steeles Avenue area refused to pay and threatened the driver.

Impaired driver

A 29-year-old will appear in court Jan. 25 on impaired driving charges. The Georgetown man was observed driving in an erratic manner Jan. 2 at 11:45 p.m. on Sinclair Avenue and Duncan Drive in Georgetown.

Window broken

Someone broke the front window, valued at \$400, of a 66 Nelson Crt. home sometime between 2:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Jan. 1.

Hyundai damaged

Sometime between 8 p.m. Jan. 1 and 10 a.m. Jan. 2 the fender of a 1986 four-door grey Hyundai was kicked in. Damage to the vehicle, parked at 232 Delrex Blvd., was \$400.

Spot check

Impaired driving charges were laid Jan. 3 at 12:15 a.m. following a spot check at Young and Arthur Streets in Acton. A 42-year-old Acton man will appear in court Jan. 25.

Items found

Items, which appeared to have been gathered from homes, were found in a wooded area behind Harold Street Dec. 31. The stolen articles include a red hockey net, extension cord, snow sled, Christmas wreath, snow shovel, outdoor Christmas decorations, red flood light and two outdoor lawn chairs. The property is at the Georgetown police station.

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Slipping gears

A 17-year-old Georgetown male discovered what happens when the car goes into reverse while driving forward. Jan. 1 at 5:30 p.m. a 1978 red Pontiac travelling southbound on the Ninth Line, got placed in reverse by mistake and spun out into the west ditch. The vehicle received light damage while no charges were laid.

Follows too close

A charge of following too close was laid following a 7:20 p.m. Dec. 31 two-vehicle accident on Guelph Street. A 26-year-old Georgetown female was driving her 1968 grey Chevrolet westbound on Guelph St. when it began slowing down for a stop sign. A 1965 brown Nissan, driven by a 16-year-old Orangeville male, was travelling behind the first vehicle and being unable to stop collided with the Chevrolet.

\$6,000 damage

A New Year's Eve accident caused \$6,000 damage to a 1964 grey Mazda. A 35-year-old Georgetown woman was travelling in the northbound lane of Trafalgar Road north of the 27th Sideroad at 11:20 p.m., when she hit an icy patch. The vehicle flew across the southbound lane into the ditch and roller over on its roof. There were no injuries or charges.

Loses control

Icy road conditions were responsible for a single vehicle accident

at 5:35 p.m. Dec. 31 on the Tenth Sideroad and Sixth Line. A 39-year-old Milton man was driving his 1981 white Ford eastbound in the eastbound lane of the Tenth Sideroad when he lost control on a sharp curve due to black ice. The vehicle slid from the road on the north side and struck a hydro pole. There were no injuries or charges.

Car ditched

A 1968 red Chevrolet received \$5,000 damage in a 9:20 p.m. accident New Year's Eve. A 67-year-old Milton woman was driving her vehicle westbound on the Tenth Sideroad approaching the Fifth Line when she lost control while travelling through a "S" bend, crossed the centre line and rolled over in the south ditch.

Taken to hospital

Two people were taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital following a collision between a car and van on Guelph Street at Hexway Drive in Georgetown Dec. 31 at 3:10 p.m. Passengers of the van, Laura Whiting, 5, and Julie Diamond, 7, were treated and released from Georgetown hospital. Police say a 1984 blue Dodge van, driven by a 33-year-old Campbellville man, was travelling eastbound on Guelph Street when it came to a stop at the Rexway Drive intersection to make a left hand turn into a private drive.

A 1984 blue Ford, driven by a 24-year-old Georgetown woman, was travelling eastbound on Guelph Street, when the driver saw the left turn signal of the van. The driver tried to stop but slid into the rear of the van due to icy road conditions. No charges were laid. Damage to the van was \$3,000.

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