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We Welcome You Back to the Old Town

The Road to Yesterday

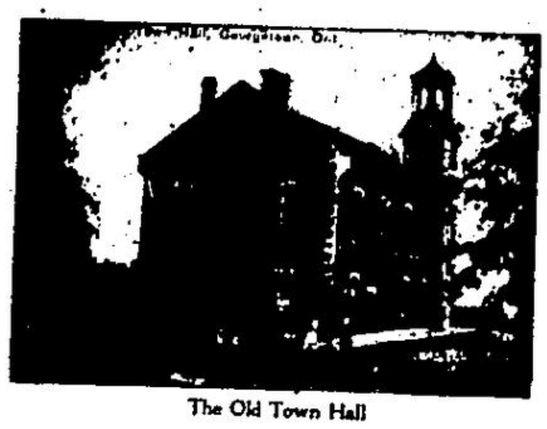
They seek the road to yesterday,
Who wandered far away.
Hoping to find the enchanted paths
They trod in childhood's day;
Seeking the old-time faithful friends,
With whom they used to roam,
The country church, the village school,
The harbor lights of home.

How oft in fancy they have lived
Those youthful days again,
Revisited the old home folk,
Recalled the summers when
The school house closed, tasks laid aside
Each day in pleasure bent,
Exploring wood and field and stream
With simple joys content.

And now they've come to meet again
The friends of early days,
Again to capture old delights
'Mid memory's musty haze.
Though ardently they seek the way
And plain the pathway seems,
The distant road to yesterday
They find alone in dreams.

—Helen B. Anderson.

Georgetown Main Street in 1890



The Old Town Hall

Georgetown Reaches 100th Birthday

The year 1837 is a memorable one in the history of Georgetown. It marks the occasion of the hundreth anniversary of its incorporation. The record of the town's progress during this hundred years, from an obscure community, to a prosperous and populous town, is a narrative of splendid achievement that reflects great credit upon the long line of distinguished citizens who gave such unselfish and devoted service to the community in which they lived and laboured. The development of Georgetown was due, in a very large degree, to the calibre and character of the worthy men who directed its affairs. The growth of the town, from the first, was along broad and stable lines. These men were giants in their day, and they built better than they knew. They not only built the strong foundations of business and industrial progress, but being men of versatile gifts, they gave their time and energy to the development of the religious, and educational institutions of the town. As a result Georgetown achieved the distinction of being a modern and progressive town with all the attractions and advantages which make it a desirable place of residence. In consequence it has become known as a beautiful town of comfortable and commodious homes.

C.N.R. Time Table

Effective April 25th
(Standard Time)

Going East

Passenger	8.10	a.m.
Passenger and Mail	10.00	a.m.
Passenger and Mail	6.30	p.m.
Passenger for Toronto	9.20	p.m.
Passenger, Sundays only	8.31	p.m.

Going West

Passenger and Mail	8.34	a.m.
Passenger	3.36	p.m.
Passenger and Mail	8.30	p.m.
Passenger Sunday	11.19	p.m.
Daily Passenger, (except Sunday)	12.33	a.m.

Going North

Mail and Passenger	9.45	a.m.

Going South

Mail and Passenger	6.32	p.m.

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Bobby—"Mary, we have lived together for 50 years, and I haven't mentioned you once, have I?"
Mary—"No, Henry, but you have tried hard enough."

The Old Home Town

I hear you calling me . . . those dear old streets . . . the old school house and knife-cut desks . . . the old town hall and its road shows . . . the happy little Sunday school . . . Jim and Andy, Sarah and Sadie, the dear old gang, and those grand old picnics. And to think that I will see those happy faces, those dear old places . . . in the old home town. It makes me young once more.

Your Old Home Town Awaits You

Georgetown Centennial

OLD HOME WEEK

SEPTEMBER 2nd - 3rd - 4th - 5th

All events on Daylight Saving Time

SEPT. 2nd, 9 P.M. — CENTENNIAL BALL
at which costumes may be worn.
Two Bands — First-class Orchestra
Colorful and Picturesque

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SEPT. 3rd, 2 P.M. — HIGH SCHOOL REUNION
in High School Grounds
Fifty-two Classes will be represented

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SEPT. 3rd, 6.30 P.M. — CENTENNIAL BANQUET
in Armouries
The Toronto Contingent will march from the High School Grounds to the Banquet headed by the Georgetown Pipe Band.

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SEPT. 3rd, 9 P.M.—GRAND MUSICAL PAGEANT and Massed Band Concert
in Georgetown Park, in the area enclosed by race track
TEN BANDS TAKING PART
Cavalcade of events effecting Georgetown and Esquesing Township.
Fireworks — Interlude
An unforgettable Night
Band Entertainment after the Concert and Pageant

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 4th — SPORT IN PARK
Details to appear on posters.

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SUNDAY MORNING — HOME WEEK SERVICES
in the United Church, Rev. D. A. Moir and others taking part.

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SUNDAY EVENING, SEPT. 5th
Community Church Service in the Park. Details later.

A Brief Historical Sketch of Georgetown

It was in the year 1820—just 107 years ago—that the first settler came to Georgetown. His name was George Kennedy, an uncle of George Kennedy who took such a prominent part in the affairs of the village in later years. It was after this first settler and founder that Georgetown was named. For a number of years previous to this, the place was given the rather undignified name of "Hungry Hollow."

The growth of the community as the outset was very slow, for seven-teen years after George Kennedy arrived (namely in 1837) there were only three families in the place. These were: Marquis Goodenow, Sylvester Garrison and George Kennedy. The first child was born in Georgetown in the year 1824. She became the wife of John Higgins and died in the year 1888.

In 1827, the Barber Brothers moved here from Dundas and started a woollen mill, and in 1853, the paper mill, which after developed into Georgetown's greatest industry.

The first store was opened by John Sumpter in 1840, who was appointed the first postmaster and who, upon his death, was succeeded by L. W. Goodenow. The second store was opened by James Young in 1842. The hotel was opened in 1842 by Mr A. M. Bush. One of the first brick houses built was near the present home of Mr. J. B. Mackenzie.

Georgetown was incorporated as a village in 1864 and by 1871, that is, 27 years after the first settler arrived, the population had grown to 1500.

The first Reeve of Georgetown was James Young, the second, Francis Barclay, the third, John R. Barber, who held the office for ten consecutive years; the fourth, Daniel McKenzie.

In 1864-66, the Grand Trunk Railway was constructed from Toronto to Stratford. The present station was built at that time, also the Credit Bridge—the latter at a cost of about a half-million dollars. By the year 1877, Georgetown was claimed to be the greatest manufacturing centre in Halton.

A volunteer fire company was formed at the station with John R. Barber as captain, R. D. McMaster, lieutenant and G. S. Goodwillie as ensign.

In 1886 a monthly stock fair was established in Georgetown. It was held in the market square, when here on the 4th Friday of every month, hundreds of cattle from the farms of adjacent townships were bought and sold.

The Public School was built about the year 1870 when the staff consisted of five teachers. The High School building was erected in 1897, opening with two teachers: M. S. Clark, principal; E. Longman, assistant.

The first church was built in 1840. The number grew until by 1890, Georgetown had seven churches.

The first town hall was built about 1850; the present hall about 1880.

The first skating rink was built in 1876, after a company with a capital of $1,000.00 had been formed for the purpose.

The Georgetown Academy was built in 1866 by a Dr McVicar of Toronto. It continued until 1875.

The first chartered bank in Georgetown, namely the Bank of Hamilton, was opened in 1875. The first manager was Mr Colquhoun of Hamilton.

The Georgetown Water System was constructed about the years 1890-91. The estimated cost of the main system was $60,000.00 but it was completed for $38,000.00. The balance was used for necessary extensions.

It is interesting to note the evolution of street-lighting in Georgetown. Fifty years ago, the streets were lighted with oil lamps elevated on posts about ten feet from the ground. The total cost of street lighting at that time was about $75.00 a year. A private company was then formed and with electric power generated at Glen Williams, both streets and houses were lighted for the first time by electricity. This system, good in its day, was superseded by the Hydro.

Speaking of athletics, Georgetown's most notable organization was the Aetna Lacrosse Club, which brought many honors to the town about 40 years ago. On more than one occasion, they won the championship of Ontario. Some of the champion players were: Frank Watson, Robt Erwin, J. M. Moore, Jack Watson, Robt Scott, Dave Guthrie, H. B. Henderson, Thos Wheeler, Will Sutton, A. B. Bradley, Will McKenzie, Charlie Erwin, John McKenzie, field captain, John D. McGibbon, manager. These won the Intermediate Championship of Ontario in 1896-98.

The purchase of the driving park took place over thirty years ago from Thos Rose and Thos. Ruston, who, for years, grew hops on the property. Previous to that our fall fairs were held in what was known as the market square, the drill shed then located south of the present library, but since moved to the park, being used as the agricultural hall.

The Herald newspaper was established in 1866. This was not the first newspaper venture in Georgetown for, prior to that time a paper was started but did not succeed. The plant, I believe, was moved to Milton, and from that time, there has been issued in the County Town a paper called "The Milton Champion."

Georgetown Business Places
60 to 80 Years Ago

MAIN STREET: West Side commencing at the extreme North:
Station of the Hamilton & N.W. Ry.
Opposite—Owen Gibbs' Hotel.
Donald McKinnon, blacksmith.
Dr Standish, frame house.
Dr Ree — W. W. Ree.
T. Statham, tinsmith.
Chas Thayer, furniture.
Culp & McKenzie, carriage shop.
R. D. McMaster.
Frank Taylor, harness maker.
Herald Printing Office, upstairs.
W. P. Moore, hardware, plumbing.
Grant & Thompson, general store.
Bennett Hotel.
McLeod & Anderson.
Post Office.
John McDermaid, grocer.
Dougald Reid hardware.
Mechanics Institute.
John Ballantine, coal.
John Cole, butcher.
Dr Starr.

CHURCH STREET
John Rae, tailor.
Thos Phillips, insurance.
Dr Wm Freeman.
Dr Wright, Dr Hume.

YONGE ST
McCallum & Watson, livery.

MAIN STREET: East Side
Brewery—Brinkerhoff.
Thompson House.
W. P. Moore.
Creelman Bros.
Travis, furniture.
Annie Clark, ice cream.
"Doc" (James) Cain, barber.
W. T. Jackson, grocer.
S. M. Robinson, dry goods.
T. J. Wheeler, jeweler.
Wm Leslie, music and bookstore.
Wm. Donelly, music and bookstore.
J. H. Jackson, music and bookstore.
Wm Thompson, grocer.
H. W. Wright, grocer.
Nicholas Armour, jeweler.
Clark House.
Geo Morrow, druggist.
Francis Barclay—A. D. Thomson.
Wm Austin, boots and shoes.
Hugh McKay, grocer.
Thos Ruston, druggist.
John William, furniture.
C. M. Clark, baker.
Dr. Webster.
Bank of Hamilton.
Dr. Ranney.

MILL STREET:
D. Gant, barber.
Jas. Buck, butcher.

GUELPH STREET:
"Champion" Printing Office.
Town Hall.
R. N. Orr, monuments, where hydro building now stands.
John Meadows, bakery.

JOHN STREET:
Dayfoot's Tannery and Shoe Factory.

WATER STREET:
Harry Speers Hotel.
Watson's Tannery.
Lawrence Saw, flour mill.
Alex. Grieve, blacksmith.
E. C. White's envelope factory.
Aldous & Ryder, planing mill.
Wallpaper and Window Shade Factory.
R. W. King, steam boilers, etc.

AT THE RAILWAY STATION.
The Exchange Hotel—John Higgins, proprietor.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Manse, Radville, Sask.
August 23, 1937.

To the Editor:

Dear Sir—In these days of dust, drought, wind and grasshoppers, many people are asking, "How are the people of the drought area standing up under the sledge-hammer blows that Nature has dealt them during these past eight years? What keeps them still standing on their feet, looking with hope toward another year? What keeps them from losing heart and giving way to dark despair? What keeps them from going insane as they look out on barren fields for the eighth successive year? What gives them courage as they stand amidst their worn out implements and decayed homes, their bare cupboards and threadbare clothing, and whisper to them, 'Try again?' My answer to all these questions, an answer that I have found to be very satisfying, is found in one word, and that word is GOD.

I am glad to find that my answer is corroborated in a little poem entitled "My 1937 Prayer," written by Gertrude Wood, President of the Osthorpe Associate Society, Saskatchewan. It is a poem that breathes the spirit of Faith and Hope. Courage and Cheer, and finds "Through Faith's clear eyes that God is Love."

It is in the hope that this little poem may prove a blessing to many, both in the drought area and in other parts of Canada that I send it forth.

Lord, help me to forget the brown fields,
Storm-tortured, dry, wind swept, bereft of yields.
Let me not watch the stock dejected pass;
The sloughs are dry as rock; there is no grass.
Let me not think all day of garden plot
Where dusty ridges play, but plants are not.
Let me but see the trees, their leaves are green
And birds still nest in them and sing serene.
Help me to raise my eyes for this is June,
See white puffed June-blue skies and hum a tune,
Though as I gaze dust clouds — a yellow pall—
Sweep up and with dim shroud envelop all.
Yet Lord, my heart must rise these clouds above
And find through Faith's clear eyes that God is Love.

With such a spirit of Faith to help them, the people of the drought area will emerge triumphant.

Thank you, Mr. Editor, for giving space to this.

Gratefully yours,
(Rev.) J. T. Oswthrop.

MALE vs. FEMALE

Some folks will tell you that the female of the species is more deadly than the male. But traffic accident records of the Highways Department don't bear this out by any means. In fatal accidents last year, 94 per cent of the drivers were men; and in non-fatal accidents, 92.3 per cent of the drivers were men.

Although these figures do not show the relative number of male and female drivers, still it refutes the old adage. But regardless of such an old and silly legend, if all drivers, men and women, would make up their minds that HIGHWAY DEATHS MUST STOP, there would be mighty few motor accidents.

Tourists

First Girl: "Why are you putting on so much rouge?"
Second Girl: "That Indian over there called me a paleface."

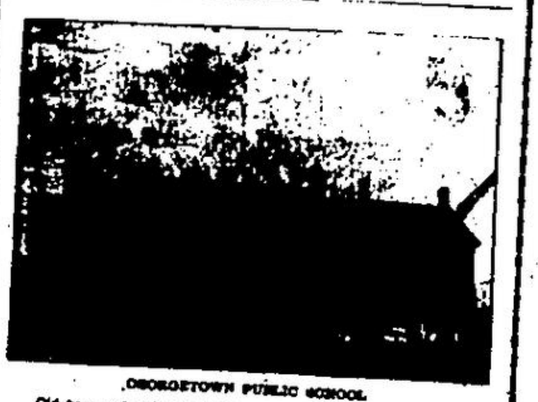
WELCOME

NEVER in the history of Georgetown has such an event been planned as this. The whole Town is yours—you can keep it awake or sing it to sleep—so long as you're happy we don't care. If you're not happy, see the Chief of Police at once.

Now loyal citizens, let's go! Break out the bunting, run up the flags, display the big welcome sign and show the old boys and girls what we can do. Crowd on all the ammunition and fire both barrels. We have put every effort possible into this week to make our Centennial Celebrations a fitting tribute to those who have labored for the old home town in the past and a toast to those who will labor for the Georgetown of to-morrow.

GEORGETOWN HIGH SCHOOL

The above picture is the Georgetown High School, where many students passed through its portals to receive higher education to fit them for responsible positions in the industrial and professional life of the Dominion and other countries.



GEORGETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Old boys and girls will vividly remember the above picture and it will no doubt recall many happy care-free days.

$2,000,000 BRIDGE PLANNED FOR CANAL

Provincial government engineers are making plans for the building of a new $2,000,000 steel bridge over the canal at Burlington Beach. According to plans the bridge will not be started until next year and will take about two years to build. The structure will be 150 feet long and have new road with an approach of 3 per cent. of an upgrade. A new four-lane highway will also be constructed over the Beach on the bay side.