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Georgetown's Main Street - a shopping paradise

By JOHN SOMMER

Today I am going to be frivolous. I will try to lure you to Georgetown's Main Street, my favorite street in town.

This street is ready for the festive shopping rush of the next weeks. The lights and decorations are up on the trees, and lamp posts, and red baskets with small green spruce trees stand in front of the shops. It's such a happy, inviting scene that I decided, on a warm, sunny day last week, to walk "up and down the avenue" in pursuit of tempting specials the merchants on Main Street might have assembled for you.

I started at "McCarthy's Olde Tea Room". It was almost lunch time and the place smelled delicious. Debra McCarthy told me that she will serve dinner every Thursday and Friday evening from Dec. 8 until Christmas, in addition to her daily luncheons and teas, to accommodate couples who long for pre-season romance!

Across the hall, in "My Generation", I found signs that announced reductions of 20 per cent and even 40 per cent on very smart, young fashions by top designers, one of them Ralph Lauren.

Down the road several gingerbread houses and a scrumptious yule log in the window of "Cakes of Elegance" caught my eyes. This store is like a cosy coffeehouse in Vienna. Linda and Brian Gilmore are artists who create the most wonderful cakes from the best possible materials. They also have cookies, pastries and bread, all baked fresh every



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day here in town. And they serve strong, aromatic coffee.

Next door, "Irma's" and "The Final Touch" share the same entrance. "Irma's" is one of several excellent hairdressing salons downtown. Get set for the festive season. Getting your hair done puts you in harmony with the world! "The Final Touch" is a must for every lover of antiques. I spotted a superb pine cupboard from about 1840, an Empire Loyalist dresser from the same period, a Regency chest from 1837, also several elegant chairs, a cradle, hooked rugs and many other items, too many to mention them all. The "Village Shop" has beautifully embroidered, old-fashioned nightgowns that could take you and your husband (or lover) right back to a possibly more exciting age. To longer nights and colder bedrooms.

The "Village Shop" has also fabulous belts and big fashioned jewellery. Many items are on sale and reduced by 25 per cent.

At "Elizabeth's Fashions" I

saw great party gowns and paisley printed corduroy suits, as well as everything you might want for a Christmas wedding.

"Boughton Jewellers" next door has the best selection of Royal Doulton figurines in town, and "M.V.P. Distributors", next to Boughton's, has everything a sports-minded family could wish for.

At "Christiane's" I spotted wonderful peasant blouses and seductive silk suits at 20 per cent off.

Finally, at "H. and H. Clothing" (or "Henry's"), there is clothing for the elegant male: Dack's shoes, Savile Row sports coats, Bill Blass blazers and sumptuously colored, pure silk ties, that are impossible to resist. At "Cameron's Fashion" more evening wear, in particular ultra smart black suits by Piette Bertrand.

Food of a special kind is awaiting you at "Jeannette's Dutch Deli". There you find stollen, marzipan, chocolates, caviar, oysters, smoked eel. It's food that will tempt you to eat a bit more after you had already had more than enough. "Peniesworth" has almost new children's fashions for very low prices. "Fletcher's" has colorful winter boots and party shoes made in Italy, the "Connoisseur's Court" has fat angels and other festive decorations and gifts.

"Victoria Lane" is the store for the fashion conscious child, and Elen Henderson's party dresses as well as suits with a positively French flair by Ma Divine Clementine are the stuff little girls dream about.

"The Cellar" has opened again under new management and the menu is mouthwatering. How is this for dinner? Filet Mignon-Dover Sole Meuniere-Veal Sorrento-Pettuccini Alfredo. It's a poem, no?

"Goodlet's", in one of the finest and oldest buildings on Main Street, has everything you need for house and kitchen.

"Up, Up and Away" has balloons, toys and seasonal

decorations. "Food Stuffs" has baskets of all sizes besides all the tasty items in the store. "Cachet" has the best wrapping paper plus wonderful ribbons, boxes, bags, cards, paper napkins, painted bracelets from India, superlative glass and china, and last but not least true English jams and marmalades.

"Oxbow Books" has books, of course, but also calendars, cards and very elegant stationery.

"Pictures and Presents" has a huge assortment of candles in all colors, as well as dolls and stuff-

ed toys, and all kinds of pictures.

There are grocery shops on Main Street, and Chinese restaurants that serve exciting dishes. There is a music shop and a pharmacy, and several travel agents in case you can't stand the idea to celebrate Christmas in Canada.

And on Sunday, December 2, all shops on Main Street will be open for your convenience.

But best of all, this grand old street: Main Street, is the historical core of our town, the street shoppers have come to for over 150 years.



Artist exhibition

Well-respected water color artist, (left) James Collis of Glen Williams, discusses one of his works with an admirer, Allan Scully of Georgetown. Mr. Collis held an exhibit and sale of his works this past weekend and received a very favorable response from the public. Mr. Collis will be holding another exhibit and sale of his works this Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 126 Confederation St., Glen Williams, his residence, which also encompasses his art gallery. (Herald photo by Colin Gibson)

Water colors exhibit

Noted local artist, Linda Donais, will be holding an exhibition and sale of recent water colors through the month of December at Ballantyne's Country Store (formerly the Nickelodeon Country Store) just off Hwy. 7 between Rockwood and Guelph.

The artist herself will be in attendance this Saturday from 12 noon until 3 p.m., to discuss her work.

Further information on the exhibition and sale can be obtained by contacting Ballantyne's Country Store at 519-836-7567.

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