

Halton's History

Rexway Drive traffic hazard solved

30 Years Ago

Measures were taken by two town departments (police and engineering) to help overcome the traffic hazard of the Rexway Drive approach to the Highway. The much-travelled street had been a problem since it was created as a main traffic artery into the new subdivisions in the east end of town. The two departments worked out a feasible alteration of the highway entrance, the solution being that sandbags were to be organized on the entrance to create islands, therefore giving motorists an idea of what area to turn at (the street was wider than most when it was built and motorists didn't

know at what point they should turn). There were also two new exits created for people going east-bound and westbound on the highway. The sandbags were to be removed and permanent islands put in when the lanes construction was complete.

20 Years Ago

On Thursday, Jan. 7, there was a three-car collision on the corner of Mountainview Road and John Street East. The cars were operated by Sylvia Dearsley of Glen Williams, Sidney Williams of Grafton, and Maureen Walker from Georgetown. Altogether damage costs were

over \$300 for the Williams 1968 Toyota, \$20 to the Walker 1968 Valiant, and \$30 damage to the Dearsley car, a 1968 Ford. There were no injuries in the collision other than a headache and sore leg suffered by Shelley Williams, a passenger in the Williams car. There was also an accident on the Saturday night involving two cars at the corner of Delrex and Guelph. Daniel Engleby suffered from a possible broken hand when he crashed into David Osborne's 1967 Ford. Collectively, over \$1,400 damage was done to the two cars.

10 Years Ago

Halton Regional Police postponed a decision to issue bullet-proof vests to its officers until a survey of Halton officers and an investigation by the Ontario Police Commission had been completed. Halton Police Chief James Harding stated that out of 195 officers, 75 per cent said that they would wear the vests if they were

available. Chief Harding expected the study by The Ontario Police Commission to be completed within two to three weeks. The investigation was instituted to see if bullet-proof vests would prove to be an asset to the force. The Police Chief also felt the OPC was in favor of the vest idea, and felt if such was the case, the OPC would include the vests in the police budget. Some people, however, were concerned that the publicity about the vests would encourage some criminals to use firearms. Others were afraid police would shoot for the head instead of the chest area.

5 Years Ago

Town Council passed a bylaw prohibiting more than three cats per house if you live in an urban area such as Georgetown or Acton. The only exception to this bylaw would be licensed breeders. Concerning the bylaw, Mayor Russ Miller said, "I think three

cats are reasonable. If everybody on the street had three cats, my God, it would be unliveable." Councillor Gerald Rennie tried to explain that cat owners treat their cats like their children and emphasized how hard it would be to give one away. In response to other Councillors' laughter he said that Snowball and Cherry were treated like children in his home, and not like cats, which they are. The penalty for having more than three cats, upon conviction, was set at \$25 plus costs for the first offence and \$30 plus costs for subsequent offences.

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Webbs to the rescue

By KAY WILSON

Pinegrove Community Euchre had to make a quick move on Monday night last. Expecting the school to be warm as toast when euchre palyers arrived, they were shocked to find the furnace out, no way it would start. One member phoned Webb's Flowers to discuss the problem, as Webb's were to bring lunch. Well, said Keith, if you bring your chairs to sit on, you can come here, don't bother phoning, just come. In a few minutes, Marjorie Harrison opened the door and said - "We're here," so the euchre was on. Keith said "it was the fastest party he ever organized." Four tables played euchre, and winners were, Prairie Bessey, Spencer Wilson, Claude McLaughlin. Lucky draw, Enrico Caruso. Lunch was served by the Webbs and Marie Murray. Next euchre is January 21.

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suffered from recurring bouts of ill health. Fortunately, he enjoyed reading and was knowledgeable about many subjects. Although by nature, he was a quiet person, one of his greatest pleasures was having discussions with friends and acquaintances. He enjoyed the company of many of the "Townies" (the name he liked to call the people of the Town). He was generous and always willing to lend a helping hand to others.



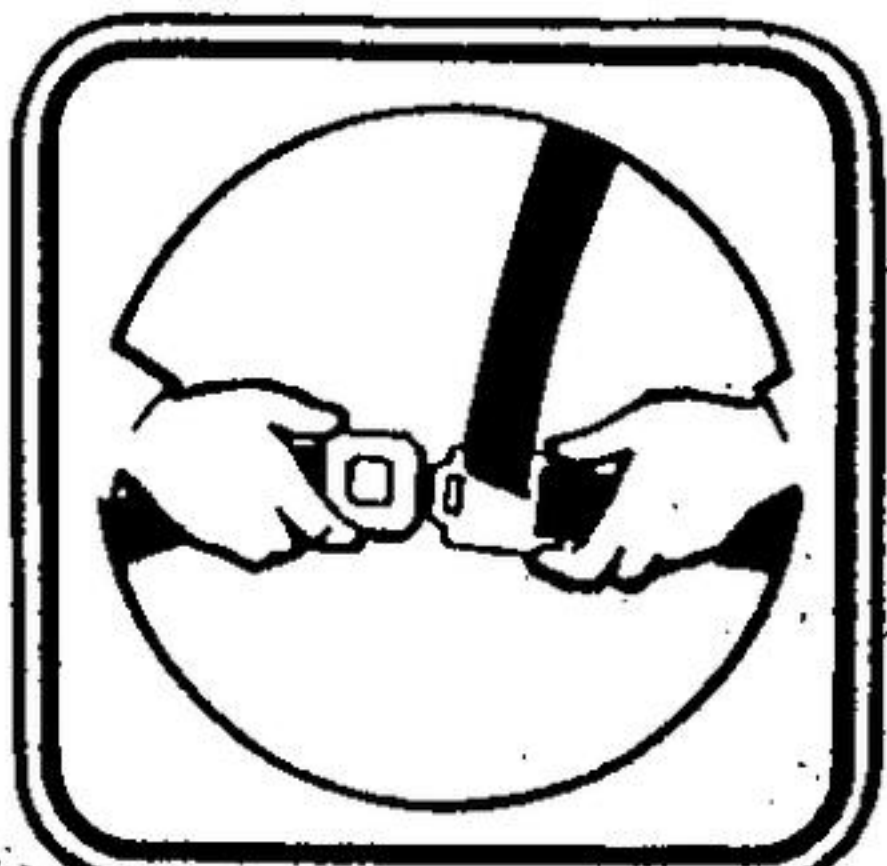
William Allison

After his sons, William and Robert, completed their formal education, they too became interested in farming and the family all worked together making their farm one of the most productive in Halton County. Bill was a member of the Dixie Presbyterian Church and later Knox Presbyterian in Georgetown where he found a great source of comfort. Reverend Peter Barrow conducted the service at the J.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home, Georgetown. Interment was in Dixie Union Cemetery in Mississauga. Pallbearers were Alan Cook, Tom Jackson, Len McCallum, Bruce McCallum, Lloyd Viney, Don Crowe, Don Lindsay, Jim McPhail, Jim McKay and Nick Lorito.

Obituary

William Thomas Campbell Allison - 1918-1990

Georgetown and area were saddened by the sudden death of Bill Allison Sr. of R.R.2 Georgetown, who passed away on Nov. 30, 1990, at Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton. Known to many of his friends as "Willie," his friendly greeting and his family's R.R.2 farm market on Eighth Line will be missed by many. He was a resident of Georgetown for 23 years. Before settling here, he farmed in Toronto Township (Mississauga). He was born in the Dixie, Cooksville area. Some of his ancestors were pioneers who emigrated from Ireland in the early 1800's. Three of his great grandfathers cleared land and established farms in Toronto Township and Peel County. His great grandfather, Andrew Allison, had first emigrated to the U.S.A. He then left his relatives there and came north to Canada (Andrew's sister was the mother of William McKinley (1843-1901), the 25th President of the United States). During the early years of Bill's life, he was a skilled skater, hockey player and coach. After education at Port Credit High School he farmed on the family farm. However, because of the rapid expansion of Mississauga towards becoming a city, he soon was forced to seek another area suitable for farming. He chose the Georgetown area and settled on the 8th Line of Halton Hills, "old Esquesing Township." This proved to be a wise choice, as well as keeping friends of the past, he now made new country and town friends alike. The past 20 years he was a member of the Georgetown Fair Board. He attended and helped sponsor local hockey teams and was always keenly interested in politics. Many times during his life, Bill





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