

Community in Focus

60th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Forsyth (Catherine and Charlie, a retired Y.M.C.A. Executive Director) celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary June 15th at the Royal Ascot, 26 Hall Road, Georgetown. There were 144 guests who signed the guest book.

Their daughter Margaret and her husband Ron Atherley with their daughter Janice and sons Peter and Stephen were the very capable promoters of the reception.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Johnston (a nephew) from Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Johnston (a nephew) from Edmonton, Mrs. Peggy Hardy (Catherine's sister) from Edmonton, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Johnston (a nephew) from Ottawa, Mr. and Mrs. G. Jones (a grand-niece) from Ottawa and her sister Janice and Mr. Kent Tailing from Mississauga, Mr. J.J. Forsyth

(another nephew) from Waterloo, Mrs. J. Boynton (cousin) from Oshawa, Mrs. E. Mandel and her daughter Sara (a niece) from Toronto, Kiwanis friends from Toronto, Kitchener, Aurora and Georgetown, Y.M.C.A. friends from Whitby, Toronto and Queenston, and Church friends from Willowdale United Church, Marsville and Norval United Churches.

Russ Miller, Mayor of Halton Hills, graciously presented gifts and a certificate from the Town and Garth Turner M.P. presented a beautiful photo of Queen Elizabeth on a greeting card.

The Seniors TV Production group of Georgetown and Acton took pictures for their TV program which will be shown at a later date on Cable 4 (local).

After a wonderful afternoon, 26 family members and a few friends enjoyed a dinner and took time to relax and visit with one another.



After 60 years of marriage, Charles Forsyth still wants his wife, Catherine, close by his side. The two celebrated their 60th anniversary with family and friends from as far away as Vancouver at the Royal Ascot Condominiums banquet hall Saturday. (Herald photo)



Flower show

Sniffing the delicate scent of the red rose which won her a trophy for the best red rose is Marg West (right). Hundreds of fragrant blooms were on display in the basement of Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown and a lot of the flowers were grown by Linda Baynes (left) who won several firsts and earned the trophy for most points overall. The flower show was put on by members of the Georgetown Horticultural Society Saturday as part of Pioneer Days in Georgetown. (Herald photo)



School orientation

Grade 6 public school students from Pineview, Park, Joseph-Gibbons and Limehouse Public Schools, who will be entering Stewarttown Middle School this fall, were given a school orientation Wednesday afternoon. Pictured above, Grade 8 Stewarttown student Joanne Meek (far left) and Lawrence Midwinter (seated) give a demonstration

of what goes on in woodworking class to (left to right) Claire Gregg and Nicole Teller of Limehouse P.S. and Darrel Esau and Carl Patten of Pineview P.S. Stewarttown Middle School has a present student population of 325 and it is expected to rise to 340 in September. (Herald photo by Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot)

British visitor a travelling man

By BEN DUMMETT
The Herald

Most would agree Sergeant Major Hugh Colridge has chosen a rather unique way to spend his retirement.

The 65-year-old retired British army parachute instructor passed through Georgetown Tuesday on a journey that has so far taken him through Australia, New Zealand, the Far East, the Middle East, the United States, and Western Canada.

A native of Cambridge, England, a place he describes as a "little village of academic pretension," Sgt. Maj. Colridge has been on the road for more than two years.

"When I retired three years ago I decided rather than tend to the rose garden, walk the dog, and sit in the pub, I'd put a pack on my back and wander the planet."

While in Georgetown, the Sergeant Major spent a lot of time sitting under a big old Maple tree on Guelph Street enjoying a can of tuna fish - his breakfast - and just watching the people pass by.

As he does in every community, Sgt. Maj. Colridge spent some time at the local Legion branches in both Georgetown and Acton, swapping stories with Legion members.

He started the Canadian leg of his journey in the west and travelled eastward. He recounts how travelling through the prairies was similar to "driving through a loaf of bread; the wheat fields were endless," he said.

Vancouver is the Canadian city the Sgt. Maj. has enjoyed most. "It's a cosmopolitan, sophisticated, 20th Century city with snow-capped mountains."

The Sergeant Major relies on the train, plane, his feet, but most of all, his thumb to travel the world.

"Hitch-hiking is the best way to meet people," he said.

For travelling companions he has a sleeping bag, a tent, a bottle

of brandy and a sense of humor.

After zig-zagging across the United States, Sgt. Maj. Colridge was glad to enter Canada. "I felt safer, more comfortable," he said.

He does have one complaint about Canada. "There is an absence of public washroom facilities. In almost every part of the world there are public washrooms, but in Canada you must enter a private establishment and buy something first."

From Georgetown, "the tramp" as he calls himself, is off to Quebec to "check out what all the controversy is about." To ensure he's not disappointed, the Sergeant Major has a large Union Jack sewn to the front of his backpack. "That should stir things up."

Asked when he plans to return home, the Sergeant Major couldn't say.

"I have no one in England to go home to. Besides England is crowded, there is no space."



The empty tuna can marks the end of breakfast for Cambridge, England native Sergeant Major Hugh Colridge, 65, who passed through Georgetown Tuesday during his "journey around the planet." (Herald photo)