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Old Toll Gate Is Part Of Home
June 1st Marks 50 Canadian Years For Mr. & Mrs. Joe Gage, Oak Ridges



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH GAGE

By Alex Sjöberg
For a rollicking good hour of fun, cheery reminiscences and fascinating heirlooms, one can't do better than visit the Joe Gages on Aubrey Street, Oak Ridges. And while these senior citizens might say they aren't feeling quite up to par, their zestful curiosity and interest in people and events makes one suspect they're just going through the motions of complaining so as not to tempt fate.

Old Watch
We drove down to see the Gages because we wanted to study a watch which has been in the family for four generations and is supposed to be about 300 years old. It's an extraordinary time-piece of hand-beaten silver equipped with a pinch-key which winds it, shifts the hands and operates the regulator. Manufactured by the John Pentrow Company of London, England, it was originally worth several hundred dollars.

"Only the lords and ladies of the land could afford one like it in those days," said Mrs. Gage, a small, lively-eyed person who carries her 76 years well. By what means it came into the possession of her husband's great-great-grandfather is not known. Stamped into the inside of the back lid is a tiny seal of empire, while the brass back-plate and air spring cover are artistically designed with scrollwork of an intricate pattern.

The watch hasn't been in use for 25 years but the Gages said in the old days its insides would be periodically cleared of accumulated dust by a blast of air from a bicycle pump, given a shot of oil and considered ready for another few years service.

Anniversary Gifts
While the Gages are rightfully proud of this ancient time-piece, they are equally proud of some scrumptious Golden Anniversary gifts from the five children and 12 grandchildren included are 15 ten-dollar gold coins, a 400-day clock, a hand cut glass decanter, a cocktail set, a tea service and a miniature pirate's chest which, said the Gages, was filled with chocolate gold pieces. "At first I thought I was holding the real McCoy," said Mr. Gage, his eyes glinting. "Gave me quite a turn."

The gifts were presented at a bang-up anniversary dinner when 38 persons sat down to food-heaped tables at the Summit Restaurant.

Background
Mr. Gage, son of an English harbour pilot, was born at Tyham, Kent, and Mrs. Gage, the former Emily Skinner, whose father was a railwayman, comes from the same county, from Canterbury. They landed in Toronto 50 years ago on June 1 where the groom worked as a cabinet maker for the Heintzman Piano Company until 1914 when, with the outbreak of World War I, he joined the services. "We returned to England," he said. "But as my military papers went down with a mail carrier, I never did get to do any fighting, and spent four years at aircraft work."

Back in Canada in 1919, the couple settled in Richmond Hill. Here, for \$75, they bought the toll gate structure on the Gamble sideroad, moved it to Brookside Road, Elgin Mills, and turned it into a sound house. "The owners of the toll gate building had died and \$100 was needed to bury them," Mr. Gage recalled. "We had only \$75 cash but were able to strike a bargain by throwing in a piece of furniture worth \$25."

In the intervening years the Gages operated stores in Toronto and district and Mr. Gage also spent several years as a gardener and, as a builder, helped put up the Loyal True Blue and Orange Home.

Old Coins
The Gages have four dozen vintage coins gathered during these years as storekeepers. Mr. Gage is partial to an 1839 English penny because that was the year of his birth. They also have one of the few remaining Queen Victoria sixpences, of the Jubilee issue, an 1837 Lower Canada half-penny and an 1854 Upper Canada Half-penny. Another rarity is an 1891 four-penny English coin, and still another is an 1820 Irish penny.

There are many others. Another object of interest is a 150-year-old cigar holder. The holder itself is a tiny shoe of red cherry wood complete with tiny brass toe and heel specks affixed to the sole and heel with wee brass nails.

Mr. Gage thinks there are going to be political upsets come the next federal election and anticipates the campaign with interest. He thinks the cost of living is high, striking unduly hard at low, fixed and medium incomes.

"It's not like the old days, you know," he said. "Why, when we started in Toronto we lived well on six dollars a week." But he is pleased that work conditions and welfare measures have helped ameliorate much hardship. The old days were tough on the working man, he claimed. "They were six-day weeks and that didn't leave people much time for self-improvement."

TOURIST ATTRACTION
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Local Jobs In Summer Program
Mild Winter Cut County Road Costs Will Be Reflected In Permanent Work

Like the ordinary householder, York County benefited from the milder-than-usual winter, members of County Council, in session last week, learned. The report of the Toronto and York Roads Commission started off with the happy sentence, "Winter maintenance during the past season, for the first time in several years, cost less than anticipated."

The period from January to April inclusive produced no extensive storms similar to those experienced in 1959 and 1960, the report said. The cost of snow plowing reflected these conditions and was considerably less than the amount allowed in the budget.

More Time - Less Sand
Sanding operations, on account of light snow and freezing rain, had to be continued for a longer period than usual, but less sand was used. A considerable quantity is left in stock piles and less will have to be purchased for the 1961-62 season.

Savings effected because of the less severe winter will be re-allocated to increase the amount of surface treating, gravel resurfacing and other projects of a permanent nature that can be done during the summer. Thus funds usually spent on necessary but unproductive service work will, this year, produce permanent improvements to the county's road system.

Fewer Breaks
Due to an extremely dry fall in 1960 with the resulting low water table and in spite of deep penetration by frost during the winter, very few breaks occurred in county roads as a result of the spring thaw. The amount of emergency patching normally required was consequently greatly reduced. Maintenance crews were able to carry out work of such a nature that, even though the season is later than usual, conditions are approximately the same as — or a little ahead of — other years.

The Commission's report specified the work which would be carried out this year. The program has been approved by the Department of Highways and as soon as financing is approved by the Ontario Municipal Board tenders will be called.

Local Work Planned
The following projects are scheduled:
Paving of the Maple Road from Bayview Avenue to the Don Mills Road — the eastward extension of Markham Road, as Richmond Hillers know it.

Paving of the Stouffville Road from Yonge Street to Gormley. This road was widened and levelled last year.
Grading and paving of the Aurora Road (Wellington Street East, Aurora, extension) from the easterly limits of Aurora to the third concession of Whitechurch.

Grading and paving of the Mount Albert Road from just west of Highway 48 to the Ontario County line.
In addition, plans for the paving of the King road from Nobleton to the Peel County line and for "channelization" of the Don Mills Road and Aurora Road intersection were submitted to the Department of Highways early in March for approval. Work at the latter spot will include a re-vamping of the present somewhat mixed-up intersection. Approval is expected in the near future and tenders will then be called.

Bayview Corner Work
Plans are being made by the Toronto and York Roads Commission for adjustments at the corner of the Markham Road and Bayview. A highway diversion of approximately 1,000 feet will be added to the county's highway system. Part of the original road allowance will be reverted to the township of Markham.

Necessary by-laws providing for needed expropriations were passed by County Council, but not until Deputy-reve E. J. Norris of Georgia Township questioned whether methods adopted by county officials in connection with expropriations were commendable.

County roads engineer Jack Retlie said that the greatest possible precautions to preserve good public relations were taken. Land, of necessity, had to be moved on to as soon as expropriation proceedings were started but owners were contacted first and the situation explained to them. He said that unless land was occupied at the right time a delay of a year in necessary road work might be encountered.

Everything possible was done to effect an amicable settlement with owners of expropriated property, rather than have a settlement effected by a court, said Mr. Retlie.

County solicitor Douglas Lucas confirmed the procedure but said that he would review the procedure again in order to make sure that the least possible amount of distress and disturbance was caused.

GORMLEY NEWS
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Socials
Congratulations to Mr. Keith Goodman who graduated on Tuesday night from the night course with the Canadian Air Career School in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Heise and Mrs. Elias Elliott attended the funeral of Mrs. Heise's brother's father, Mr. J. Baker, at Stayner on Thursday afternoon.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Bryson (Irene Mashinter) who were married on Saturday afternoon at the United Missionary Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoover left on Friday to make their home in Calgary Alberta.

Following prayer meeting, Mr. Mel Baker was appointed delegate to the Annual United Missionary Conference to be held in June at Stayner. Mr. Murray Bennett was appointed as alternate delegate.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hoover of San Diego, California, arrived at Malton on Friday night. Miss Ruth Hoover entertained her brother and his wife, and Miss Reatha Brillinger for dinner on Sunday.

All the Hoover family including Mr. and Mrs. John Hoover, of San Diego, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hoover and their family, and Miss Ruth Hoover had a buffet supper on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hoover of Dickson's Hill.

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2 bedside night tables
6 Glass base bedroom lamps
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2 Swivel hostess chairs
2 End tables
Several odd dining and kitchen chairs
Glass top coffee bench
Whiz Jr. bench saw
G. E. electric iron
9' x 10 1/2' Axminster rug
Rocking chairs
4 Piece bridge table and chair set
8 Day mantle clock
Odd bedroom dresser
Set bathroom scales
2 TV tables
Portable folding ironing board
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Set 5' x 8' curtain stretchers, new
Kitchen food grinder

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Chevrolet 55 model 1/2 ton pickup truck, low mileage and good condition
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Double bench emery wheel and mandrel
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36 ft. extension ladder
20 ft. section ladder
2 Step ladders
Small Quebec heater
Set B & M store scales
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Several 5' x 8' - 18' and 20' length timbers
4' x 4' and 2' x 6' planking
Odd part kegs of nails, various sizes
3 rolls of 1 inch mesh chain wire fencing, new and used
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