

# Lots to recall from 1959

The date was June 20, 1959.  
The location, Greenwod United Church.

The occasion, our wedding.  
That was 52 years, six children and seven grandchildren ago. However, as most folks our age are prone to say: "It seems only like yesterday."

And it does, despite the fact millions of experiences and miles of memories have resulted from two soft-spoken words - "I do".

While I can't remember where I laid my glasses; hung my keys or put my teeth, I vividly recall every minute of that afternoon.

Like the car I drove, a burgundy 1959 Chevrolet with wings on the back; the suit I wore, a blue serge with a white puff in the pocket; the trip we'd take, to New York City and the house we'd buy with a \$5,000 payment and a \$7,000 mortgage.

No, back then, the six-kid thing hadn't yet crossed our minds. Had it, Jean would undoubtedly have cast herself in the role of *Runaway Bride*.

And still be running.

While at age 30, (Jean was much younger), I never expected I'd last so long. After all, three score years and 10 equals 70. That would make four decades of wedded bliss a maximum. I've already exceeded the anticipated limit. Every day's a bonus.

Admittedly, a lot of water's passed under the bridge since '59. So what was it like 52 years ago? To help re-discover, Susan, our eldest, recently presented us with, among other things, a brochure entitled Remember When.

It's amazing.

For example: TV favourites back then were - Father Knows Best, 77 Sunset Strip and The Price is Right.

The Montreal Canadiens won the Stanley Cup and the Los Angeles Dodgers were World Series champs.

John Diefenbaker was prime minister of Canada, Leslie Frost was premier of Ontario and Dwight Eisenhower was president of the United States.

The average Canadian income was \$5,016, the average rent, \$97 a month, a new house cost \$12,400, a new car cost \$2,250, university cost \$1,250 per year; gasoline was 25 cents a gallon and a movie ticket cost \$1.

Ten pounds of sugar cost 89 cents, a gallon of milk \$1, a pound of bacon 63 cents, a dozen eggs 29 cents and a loaf of bread 20 cents.

Hit tunes of 1959 were - The Battle of New Orleans by Johnny Horton, A Big Hunk of Love by Elvis Presley, Heartaches by the Number by Guy Mitchell and Lonely Boy by Paul Anka.

Most popular singers were - Doris Day, Frank Sinatra, Connie Francis and Jim Reeves.

Top box office movies were - Ben-Hur, North by Northwest, Some Like It Hot and Sleeping Beauty.

The Barbie Doll was introduced.

Singer Randy Travis was born in Marshville, N.C.

The Avro Arrow project was terminated and the St. Lawrence Seaway was opened.

The Hudson and Nash car companies were combined to become American Motors.

Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper died in a plane crash during an Iowa snowstorm.

Jacques Plante was the first ice hockey goaltender to wear a protective face mask.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper was born.

Jim Thomas and Jean Pascoe were married.

Yes, 1959. It was quite a year!



**Roaming Around**  
with Jim Thomas

Jim Thomas is a Stouffville resident who has written for area newspapers for more than 60 years.

## PORK BACK RIBS

We'll have our back ribs on sale this week at the meat counter, and hopefully we'll have enough. I say this because we've run out of the meat feature a bit early the last couple of weeks. What makes our back ribs so good? First, we buy more marbled pork - that streakiness makes them more tender and juicy. Secondly, we don't have the insipid little tail hanging from the one end (you would normally pay full price for it if you shopped elsewhere). Thirdly, our pork is not 'seasoned', which means that it's not cut from pork loins that have been injected with water and phosphate to make them juicier (just imagine the thinking behind that); and lastly, our price is very competitive because we cut our own pork. So think ribs this week, perhaps with our Montgomery Inn Sauce - or any other. We have lots to choose from! Reg. \$9.95/lb.

**25% OFF THIS WEEK**

## MAC & CHEESE

This is, as you know from the past, one of my fave at-home dinners. Long ago, it used to be Kraft dinner, but as life evolves, I graduated to my mother-in-law's version of adult KD, on a much higher plane in a culinary sense! In my easy chair (if my kids aren't in it) watching a Jays game... and this. It's all you'd want! Warm it up, and life is good.

Reg 10.95  
Serves 2-3  
**25% OFF THIS WEEK**

## ALBACORE TUNA

Our fresh fish feature this week is Albacore Tuna, hailing from the west coast. Although in fillet form this can be poached or pan-fried, I'm thinking that grilling is the best way. As a seasoning, I would consider making a sweet onion and tomato relish to serve with it, or if time is pressing, some of our bruschetta.

**\$16.95 THIS WEEK**

## WHAT'S HAPPENIN' OUTSIDE

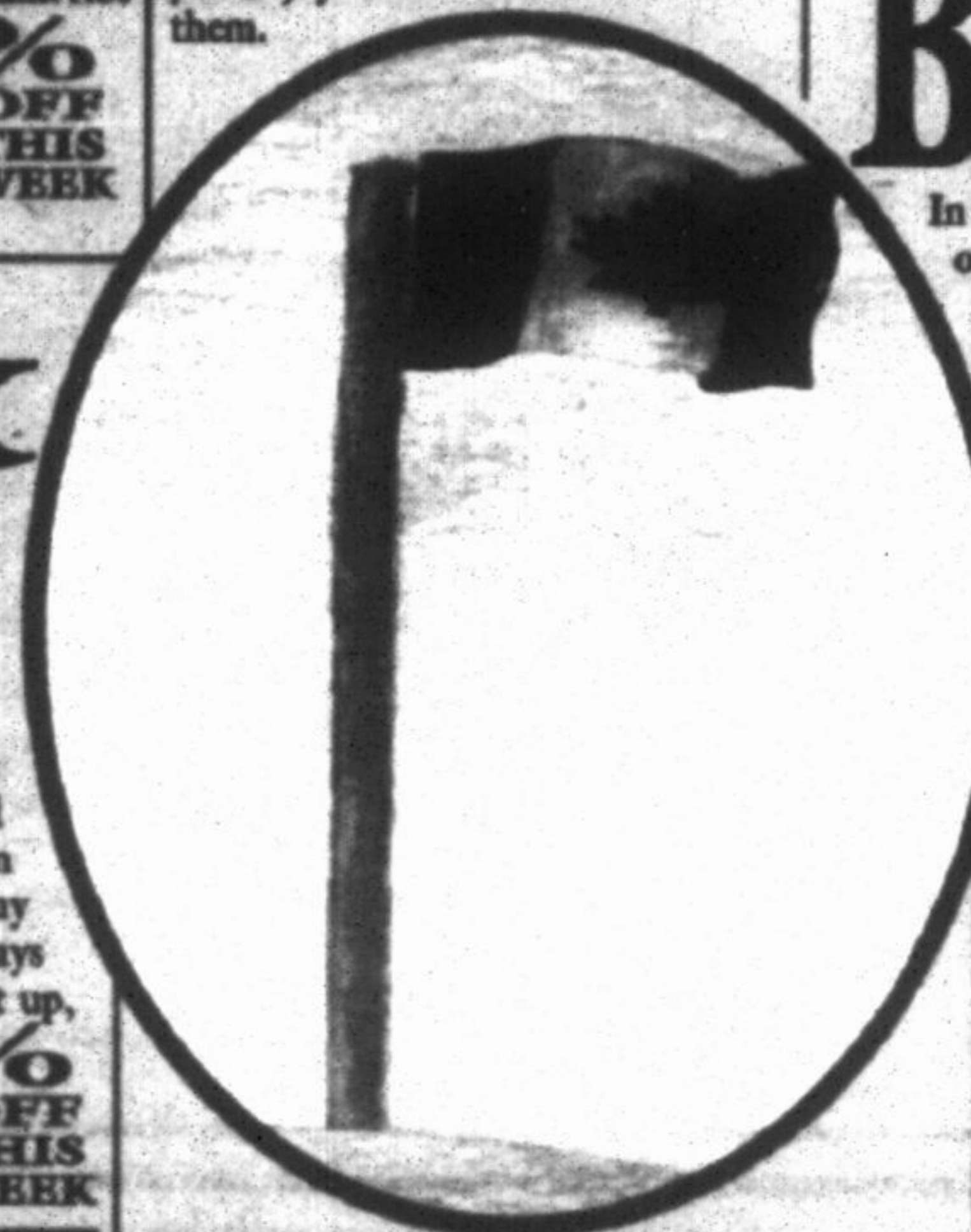
This week we're doing our annual free potting week. We're waiving our standard potting fee so if you have tired old house plants or outdoor containers you have yet to plant up, bring them in! We even have New Zealand sphagnum for re-potting orchids. All of our 4" annuals will be on special this week for half the regular price. It's the perfect week for all you folks who have some containers that you have yet to plant. Come in and see us!

## N - HONEY BLAZE - NECTARINES

As the season unfolds, these are the premium variety of nectarine. To the untrained eye (or palate), nectarines may seem all the same, but it is not so. Just like the apple category, there are many varieties, ripening at different times throughout the season. When you get to this variety, it's like striking gold. The flavour is rich, and the aftertaste is sweet... two things that are good when it comes to fruit. The window of availability here is about two weeks, and it's the time when our fruit basket at home is filled to the brim with these.

Now, the **\$1.99** A POUND price of...

might not seem like a deal but it is the approximate cost of these beauties, and we hope that you enjoy them.



## WHAT'S COOKIN' AT THE DELI!

Our Canada Day salad feature will be our Roasted Potato. It's made with wedges of potatoes which we've oiled, seasoned, and roasted, all dressed with a mayo dressing with sweet onions, green onions and bacon chunks. Delicious! Reg. \$1.69/100g

**1/3 OFF THIS WEEK**

We've made a Slow-Roasted Butternut Squash Soup. It will be available in the fresh soup counter adjacent to the milk fridge. No need for big cooking time here, as the micro will work great. Serves 3-4

**\$5.99 EACH THIS WEEK**

We've made a Sweet Pineapple Salsa to go with your pork, chicken - or even tuna. We use sweet peppers, pickled red onions, some Oriental chili sauce, thyme, chives and other 'spices', so it has a bit of tang, as well. 240g size

**\$3.99 EACH THIS WEEK**

## S - CHEDDAR - SAUSAGES

These are made with coarsely-ground fresh pork, a few mild spices, and lots of grated old cheddar. They have a beautiful and long flavour but be a bit careful, because the cheese holds the heat a bit more and they can give you a jolt if they come right from the grill. Reg. \$5.99/lb

**25% OFF THIS WEEK**

## MUSKOKA LETTUCE!

The first shipment of our ORGANIC Muskoka Lettuce is in. It's a great time of the year when it arrives because salads become that much more fun.

## OUR BEEF - BOURGIGNONNE

In our big kitchen, we've been making copious amounts of our beautiful Beef Bourguignonne. To me, this is big-time comfort food... something that we all need nowadays. It's great with mashed or scalloped potatoes, even egg noodles or spaetzle... all you need to do is thaw and warm it. All the work's been done. Serves 3-4. Reg. \$18.95

**25% OFF THIS WEEK**

**WE'LL BE CLOSED CANADA DAY**

## WHAT'S BAKING - THIS WEEK -

It's Strawberry Time!! Local strawberries are in season once again and we are making strawberry specials using these tasty beauties. We'll be making:

**Strawberry Rhubarb Pies** Reg 10.95  
9" - Lattice or streusel top pies full of local strawberries and rhubarb with a little bit of apple and a good amount of orange peel, spiced with cinnamon and ginger. Also available frozen unbaked in our freezer section.

**Strawberry Scones** Reg 1.69  
Our delicious scones full of diced strawberries with a good amount of orange peel and Grand Marnier added to the mix.

**Strawberry Jelly Rolls** Reg 15.95  
Light and refreshing! Our popular jelly roll made with diced local strawberries. We'll be rolling these all day long, every day! But they will go fast, get yours while you can!

**Mini Strawberry Maple Cheesecakes** Reg. 3.49  
How much more Canadian can you get! We take local strawberries, dice them and marinate them in maple syrup, cinnamon and nutmeg, then bake them into mini cheesecakes with graham crusts, topping them with more fresh glazed strawberries.

All these items will be priced at... while quantities last. **25% OFF THIS WEEK**

We are also making Maple Leaf sugar cookies, cupcakes and whole cakes to celebrate Canada Day!!



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