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Cambridge archivist Jim Quantrell takes our readers back for a glance at events which occurred 10, 15 and 20 years ago.

EVENTS FROM 20 YEARS AGO

Fourth week of Sept. 1988

After serving as Cambridge's mayor for 12 of the city's first 16 years Claudette Millar announced that she would not run for re-election in the November municipal elections. Mayor Millar's withdrawal from the mayoralty contest left Cambridge councillor Bill Woods as the only announced candidate for the mayor's job. It was expected that Cambridge councillor Jane Brewer would announce her candidacy now that Millar had withdrawn.

EVENTS FROM 15 YEARS AGO

Fourth week of Sept. 1993

The Canada geese that were enjoying the safe and tranquil setting of the Galt Country Club on Coronation Boulevard were granted what might prove to be only a temporary stay of execution. City council had told club officials to meet with its neighbours before council would consider a request to grant an exemption from a city noise bylaw that would permit them to conduct a controlled hunt of the birds on the private golf club property. Council made the decision after receiving a petition signed by neighbours who were concerned about the safety implications of guns being used within city limits. Golf club officials had felt they needed the controlled hunt to thin the estimated 300 strong flock that was then living and depositing a significant level of droppings all over the golf course. The club had already tried a number of less drastic solutions to alleviate the problem. Club officials had received permission from the Ministry of Natural Resources to shake new eggs, a process that prevents them from hatching. Unfortunately golf club personnel were unable to locate all the nests and almost 100 new goslings still hatched. The previous spring club personnel had rounded up about 300 birds

and had shipped them off to a bird sanctuary. That provided about four weeks of relief but then the birds returned and the club was considering a more drastic solution.

EVENTS FROM 10 YEARS AGO

Fourth week of Sept. 1998

It was reported that in the coming week work was to begin on wrapping a 16-foot-wide boardwalk around three sides of the Southworks Factory Outlet Mall. The new boardwalk was to be installed to better accommodate the estimated one million visitors that annually made their way to Southworks. It was intended that the wide walkway would create space for boardwalk cafes and for decorative plantings to soften the stark walls of the building.

A city pro-life activist was in a Toronto jail on a charge of obstructing police during a protest at an abortion clinic in that city. It looked as if she might remain there for some time since she refused to promise the courts that she would not return to the Gerrard Street abortion clinic. She claimed to want a full hearing and was prepared to remain in jail for as long as it took to get it.

Rob Hall, an active member of the Galt Little Theatre and a recipient of a 1998 Bernice Adams Memorial Award, died after he was electrocuted while installing a blower motor under a cutting table at Tiger Brand Knitting. Preliminary tests by hydro crews indicated that an electrical panel was faulty. The Ministry of Labour was conducting an investigation into the accident.

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