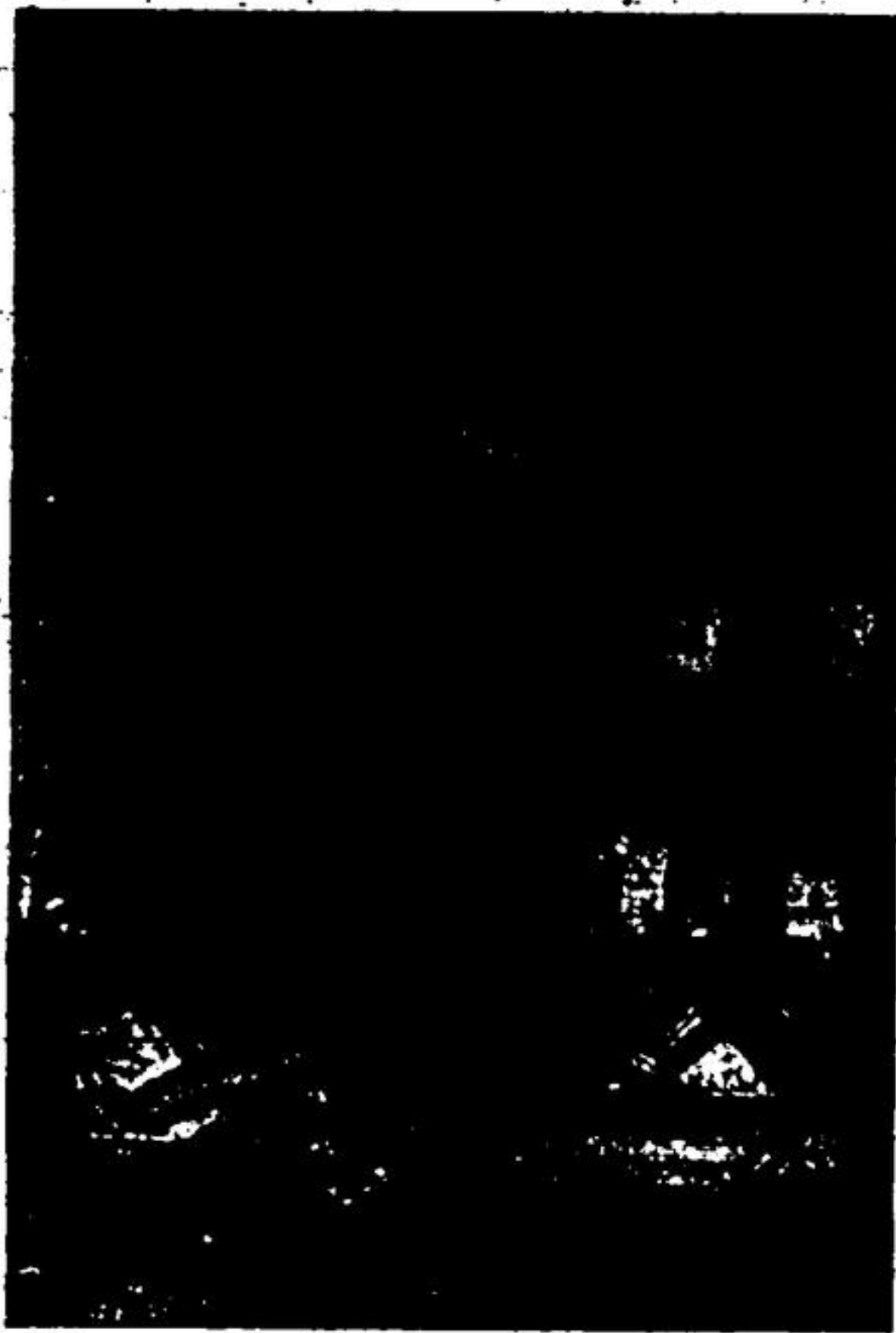


Rolling Stones Gather Fancy Names

THEIR LIFE NOW SWITCHBOARD, SHINY STONES



John Farmer uses vice to crack rock.

He was born with Dr. C.V. Williams assisting at the birth. Dr. Williams, a best door neighbour for some years, suggested that Mr. and Mrs. Farmer run an answering service for him and Dr. Thompson, since "they might not have enough to do".

No Indian Chief

Well, the Answering Service changed all that. From the two doctor service, the clientele grew to seventeen, and the phone with a few buttons grew to a switchboard with a capacity of eighty lines.

Now every doctor in town, plus a veterinarian, an optometrist, a painter, a chiropractor, and a lawyer use the service. Only an Indian chief seems to be missing.

"It's a twenty-four hour a day, three hundred and sixty-five day a year job", Mrs. Farmer remarked, "in fact, I can hardly sleep out the door to hang my wash".

Many people seem to think that an answering service is an information bureau, says Mr. Farmer. One frantic caller wanted to know, "Are there cocktail bars in Brampton?" Will another enquire, "Where can I hire a car?" Perhaps he was in a hurry to get to Hamilton.

Kicking Around

The second career... "The Rock and Gem Shop" is off to a flying start with an order from Eaton's in Waterloo, and they hope to keep right on with the rocks, and leave that old rocking chair for the old folks.

polish them, and put them in settings.

"People have no idea what they are walking on and kicking around comments Mrs. Farmer, as she lapses into a language strange to this reporter's ears. She speaks of Jasper, Jasper with quartz, Lake Superior agates, lace agates, red tiger eyes, amazonite, and sodalite. Rocks with the interesting name of "Apache Tears" have a legend that during the Apache wars, the tears of the Indian maidens for the fallen braves, turned into the beautiful black stones. There is also a real Canadian jade, and a poor man's jade, called "Adventurine".

Yehaa These Weeks

However, their beauty is not revealed without work and time. First the stones are tumbled in what looks like a small cement mixer, with coarse sand, and with fine grit, then with tin oxide, and finally with sugar and soap. The process takes over three weeks to complete.

When they are beautifully polished and smooth, they are sorted out, and mounted in settings as earrings, cufflinks, tie clips, sweater clips, bracelets and pins. "When you give one of these as a gift, said Mr. Farmer, "they are forever, they won't crack, peel or break."

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Mrs. Farmer at eight-line switchboard.

While some may dream of retiring to that old rocking chair when the alarm clock finally stops calling them to work in the morning, J.P. Farmer, of 38 Main Street South, on retirement from the Provincial Paper Mill, took up two new and possibly more demanding careers. Together with Mrs. Farmer, they began a twenty-four hour a day answering service, and more recently a "Rock and Gem Shop", not to be confused with a rock and roll shop.

THE GEORGETOWN GARDENER

Getting a Head Start

GORDON LINDSAY SMITH
R. R. 1, Georgetown

Two big allies in combatting the late springs and relatively short growing seasons of Canada are fluorescent lighting and the electric hotbeds. The use of these will permit us to sow garden seeds in March or April and have them from six to eight weeks grown when it is safe to plant outside.

Where one is particularly interested in a certain variety of tomato, petunia, pepper, or other tender flower or vegetable, and is never sure of getting the same as started plants later on, the only sure way is to buy the seed and grow the plants oneself.

Here a set of fluorescent lights in the basement or an electrically heated hotbed will prove invaluable. And of course where one needs a fairly large supply of tender plants, it is very much cheaper and more satisfactory to grow them, at home. Neither the lights nor the hotbed are difficult to set up but before doing so, one is advised to procure a good government bulletin or other manual on the subject and follow the directions carefully.

Spring Clean-Up

While waiting for the ground to dry there is one job that can be tackled any time. This is spring clean-up, a sort of housekeeping of the flowerbeds, lawns and vegetable gardens. Old brush, weeds, leaves and other unattractive material should be raked up. Shrubs, trees and vines should be pruned with all dead wood removed, and any injured branches removed. Any dead fruit left on apple, pear or plum trees should be gathered up and if disease is suspected it is best to burn. If one has not done so in the fall, early spring is also the time to cut off and burn the old asparagus tops, last year's raspberry canes, old tops of peonies, iris and the woody annuals.

Some of this material may be piled on the compost heap, covered with a little soil and watered down. But where it is woody or suspected of harboring disease or wintering insects it is best put on the bonfire. Even in this case however, there will be some worthwhile salvage if we sprinkle the ashes over the garden. This adds potash and also tends to keep the soil more open. Most experienced gardeners regularly save the wood ashes from the fire place and sprinkle over garden, and especially rose beds.

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Mackenzie Gets Contract for Acton High School Addition

A Georgetown firm, J.B. Mackenzie and Sons Ltd. submitted the lowest of six tenders for the construction of a new 10 room high school addition at Acton. School Board members and architect Don Hatfield opened the sealed bids Thursday evening of last week. Before construction can begin or a contract let, the Ontario Municipal Board and the Municipal Works Assistance Department must first give approval after studying tenders.

The following are the tenders opened during the special meeting: J.B. Mackenzie and Sons Ltd., \$214,850; A. Battaglia Construction Co. Ltd., Guelph, \$230,000; Len Kriss and Co. Ltd., Guelph, \$230,790; Robertson Yates Co., Hamilton, \$233,800; McNally Construction Co., Georgetown, \$230,815; Droy Construction, Clarkson, \$348,220.

Acton and Equeusing and Nagsaweya townships will share the cost of the new addition but after grants and a loan from the Municipal Works Assistance Department it is expected the cost to each municipality will not be too great. Estimated cost for the school was set at \$285,000.

Job Conditions are Good Employment Office Says

The number of persons placed in employment during the month of February by the National Employment Service was 265, almost the same as the number placed during February one year ago, however a significant drop in the number of persons registered for work was noted.

At the end of February, 1964, there were 1540 persons registered for work, a drop of 227 from one year ago when there were 1777 persons registered. This is a decrease of 420 from the 1960 persons registered for work at end of January 1964.

Employment conditions continue to be very good, particularly in the manufacturing industries and in the domestic construction field.

The Brampton office serves Chinguacousy, Caledon, all of Dufferin County and part of Equeusing Township including Georgetown.

Mladen Zarkin of Nansaimo, B. C. is the 1964 president of the Canadian Chapter of the International Real Estate Federation, an affiliate of the Canadian Association of Real Estate Boards.

NORVAL

To mark Education Week, Norval Public School held Open House on Monday evening, March 2nd. Mr. J. Reed, principal, had the students write a paragraph about the occasion and several good articles were turned in. Following is one of them written by Lois Clements.

On Monday night, March 2nd, there were about 64 guests at the Open House, which was held at Norval Public School from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. There were two trustees at the Open House, Mr. Mac Sprowl, who brought greetings from the School Board, and Mr. Russell Miller. The program consisted of many things. First the parents and the other guests looked at the pupils' books. At about 8 p.m. there was a show of gymnastics, by 12 of our pupils: Kathy Carter, Penny Reynolds, Nancy Faulkner, Marie Fendley, Tommy Eyre, Richard Busby, Billy Aubin, Blair Youmans, Edward Miedzinski, Billy Cunningham, Douglas Campbell, and Bobby Cunningham. Kathy Carter, who represented the school in the Equeusing Township Public Speaking Contest, gave her speech. It was about "An Outstanding Scientist — Alexander Graham Bell". After that everyone had some lunch — which was coffee and raisin bread. The Open House was held on Monday, because from March 2nd to March 8th was Education Week.

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- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 three-oz. pkg. lemon-flavoured gelatin

Peel orange. Scrape off most of the white membrane. Put peel, pulp and cranberries through a food chopper using medium blade. Combine with pears and sugar. Prepare gelatin according to directions on package. Chill until thick as unbeaten egg white. Add in cranberry and pear mixture. Pour into 1 1/2 qt. mold. Chill until firm.

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