

Frontier days depicted at flower, garden shop



EMPLOYEES AT Frontier Florist and Garden Centre Ltd. arrange plants on a four tier stand in their main showroom. Left to right, Jane Hodge, manager Helen Laverty, standing, and Beryl Bennett.

Walking into Frontier Florist and Garden Centre Ltd. just east of Guelph, is like walking into another world. The transition starts outside with cedar rail fencing around the parking lot. It gives a western "frontier" look. Once inside the door, one sees a huge array of various plants and flowers. The walls are covered with authentic barn board, giving a rustic look, enhanced further by the surrounding greenery. Spoked wooden wagon wheels covered with more plants hang from the ceiling, as well as various other holders overflowing with healthy plants.

The Centre was opened October 1, by Don Tomlinson, owner of Rockwood Gardens. Helen Laverty has been hired as designer. She has taken floral courses at the University of Guelph, and has several years practical experience. Jane Hodge has

received her certificate from Humber College, and Beryl Bennett is very good with terrariums, according to Mrs. Laverty. Brad Tomlinson works on landscaping and delivery, and Denise Jones works part time.

Customers come from Guelph, Acton, Rockwood and Eden Mills and take advantage of the free delivery to these areas.

At the present time, the centre can handle all occasions. They do funeral and wedding arrangements, hospital, Christmas and Remembrance Day and other seasonal designs. They also have a wide variety of tropical, hanging, and flowering plants, and sell cut flowers of all kinds. Shrubs, evergreens, soil and fertilizer are sold in the garden centre. "There is nothing lacking in the flower or garden world," Mrs. Laverty says.

Opening soon is a gift shop,

which will be selling china, macrame, wicker objects, Christmas arrangements, wooden toys, stuffed animals and various other gifts. A huge fountain in the middle of this section will further enhance the business.

A separate room has been set aside where brides-to-be may select their bouquets and other floral arrangements.

away from the rest of the store. Weddings are the shop's primary interest, the manager said. She emphasized that the flowers should be arranged as soon as the dresses are chosen, and pointed out they are just as important as the gowns.

Mrs. Laverty said she has noticed, throughout the

years, that it seems European people in the area buy more flowers than Canadians. She said she felt perhaps they were more conscious of the beauty of flowers. University students also are good customers as some will buy one flower a week, to brighten up their small rooms.

"We are as close as your telephone" is the store's motto.

Viman's has 2,000 visitors

Manju Chandra has come a long way from the days she used to make arts and crafts at her home for friends.

Last October, she realized her expanding business had outgrown her Norman Ave. home. The family decided to buy a semi-detached house across from Foodland, where Mrs. Chandra was able to open up a full-time business. She named it Viman's Arts and Crafts Supplies Outlet, Viman being a combination of her and her husband Vijaya's names. She sold everything from jute to colorful beads to stuffing for children's toys. However, at the time of her opening, she realized some day she would want to expand—to build an addition

and make more room for her living quarters.

Last Friday, and Saturday saw this thought become a reality, as the store held their grand opening of their new addition. An estimated 2,000 visited throughout the weekend, some to shop, others to browse. A wide array of macrame crafts were on display, including owls, wall hangings and purses. Supplies of all kinds for all crafts were sold, and two special draws were held.

First prize winner of "la fontaine", a macrame hanging, was Jenny Wellesley, 301 Dixon Rd., Weston, who came to town especially for the store opening. A large owl wall hanging, second

prize, was won by Shelley Schipper, R.R. 2, Orton. Earl Steckley, manager of the Bank of Montreal, made the draws Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Chandra were both on hand to greet visitors while Mrs. Evelyn Clark ably kept shop. Mrs. Clark had organized the grand opening and also supplied the buffet, dinner and lunch for the store workers. To show her appreciation, Mrs. Chandra presented Mrs. Clark with "la fontaine" also.

Although the store is no longer in the actual house, it is still very much a part of it. A huge fireplace makes up one kitchen wall, and one section of wall in the store. The modern kitchen can be seen from the store. Just another reminder it is a family business, giving it a homey atmosphere.



Hold rape seminar

A discussion on rape will be featured in two seminars sponsored by the Sheridan College Centre for Women on Nov. 9 at the Oakville Campus and Nov. 15 at the Brampton Campus.

The sessions will include representatives from the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre, Darlene Chase and Barbara Hamilton. The discussion will examine the pros and cons of passive and aggressive reaction to sexual assault, rape from a legal point of view, the psychology of rape and how to get assistance after rape.

Concluding the seminar will be a short film entitled, "No Lies".

Following the seminar at the Oakville Campus, a two hour lecture on Sexuality—Yours and Mine, will be presented by Sue Johanson, from Toronto Planned Parenthood, in co-operation with the Child Studies Department at Sheridan.

The lectures are free of charge.

DRAW WINNER Jenny Wellesley, right, of Weston, was presented with first prize at the grand opening of Viman's Arts and Crafts Supplies Outlet. Owner Manju Chandra made the presentation, and Earl Steckley made the draw.

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