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Real Estate

MARKET PLACE

Halton winners

Halton Holstein owners had several winners at the 1978 Ontario Spring Show held May 6 in Stratford, under the eye of judge W. J. Knapp of Galt. A total of 142 animals were shown by 78 exhibitors. George E. Dixon of Georgetown had the first prize junior yearling, an Apache Citation Stylemaster daughter, Mar-dix Jamie Stylemaster. Highest placing three-year-old in milk and winner of the Stonetown Farm trophy was Dixon's Mar-dix Shelly Ultimate, a daughter of Quality Ultimate. M. D. Wingrove of Camp-

béville had the highest placing four-year-old in milk bred by exhibitor, Allangrove Unique Mary, a daughter of Agro Acres Unique. Harry Moore of Terra Cotta and Bert Stewart of Hornby exhibited Spring Hedge Phoenix, a Puget-Sound Highmark son, to take first place in the bull calf class. Third prize in the bull yearling class went to Indian Garden Farm, Acton, of Indian Garden Joel. Another Halton exhibitor with a third prize ribbon was Fred Nurse of Georgetown on Nurseland Fury Rosette in the dry three- and four-year-old heifers.

Injured in crash

A Mill Street resident was hurt in a car-van collision on Mill Street during the afternoon of May 16. According to Halton Regional Police the car driver, Teddy Newberry of 25A Mill St., was slightly hurt in the collision. Police estimate damage to the two vehicles to be \$3,500 in total. The van was driven by Kevin Brandford of R.R. 2, Georgetown.

Here comes the sun!

Stan Collett of the Halton Hills energy conservation centre shares the following information on alternate energy sources:

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Here Comes the Sun
 With the depletion of the world's supply of fossil fuels, accompanied by an ever-increasing cost for their extraction and marketing; it is imperative that alternate sources of energy be developed for wide consumer use.

There are a number of alternatives available but perhaps the most attractive—and certainly the least controversial—is solar energy. While it is not the complete answer to energy crisis—but then what is?—it is at least a viable partial solution and most important—it is inexhaustible and does not have to be imported.

It may seem a strange choice of energy for Canada with our long winters but, in point of fact, there are only two or possibly three months in the year when there is not enough solar radiation to provide appreciable heat. But then, in Canada, it has never been claimed that solar energy will take over all heating requirements. Even Southern Ontario is not Arizona or the Negev Desert. Consequently, until technology moves far ahead of today's mode, auxiliary (or current-conventional) heat sources will be required as well. Above all, a very well insulated home is a prime requisite.

Most practical systems convert solar radiation into low-grade heat; that is, temperatures below the boiling point of water and designed for heating space, hot water or swimming pools. Proof that solar radiation is a practical solution is the fact that over 2 million homes in Japan and 220,000 homes in Israel incorporate solar devices, mainly for water heating.

There are various types of low-grade collectors but the commonest, most practical and least costly is the flat-plate collector which essentially consists of an insulated, flat blackened absorptive sur-

face and pipes or channels through which flows air or water. Collections can be mounted on a roof or rack, facing south and inclined at an angle.

Anti-freeze solution (or air) is used to transport the build-up heat in the collector to the storage tank and then to the heating circuit for the home or water supply. Most space heating is required when the sun is not shining. Storage of heat is therefore vital. Collected solar heat is stored in either water or rocks—the choice really depends on the transport medium. If water is used to transfer the heat, it is usually the storage medium. Rocks (or small stones) are normally used with an air transfer system.

A solar heat distribution system should be compatible with the existing heating system in the house—or in a new house—with the back-up conventional system chosen, be it natural gas, electricity or oil-fired forced air.

At the present time solar heating equipment is still new to the market and there is no extensive history of operating experience which proves a system will not have reliability performance problems. Systems can cost anywhere between \$1,000 and \$50,000, depending on complexity but with each increase in conventional fuel costs, the pay-off time becomes shorter.

The market is growing, not only in single family expensive homes but also with low-cost multi-family units. Considerable impetus is coming from the National Research Council which has set up a special section devoted to solar energy projects and which has a budget of \$9 million for 1978. It is still a long step before solar energy becomes a major component of the total energy field. However, in the United States it is estimated that by the year 2000, solar energy will represent 25 per cent of the total supply.

Given differences in climate and natural resources, there is no reason to doubt Canada's ability to approach that level as well in time for the 21st century.

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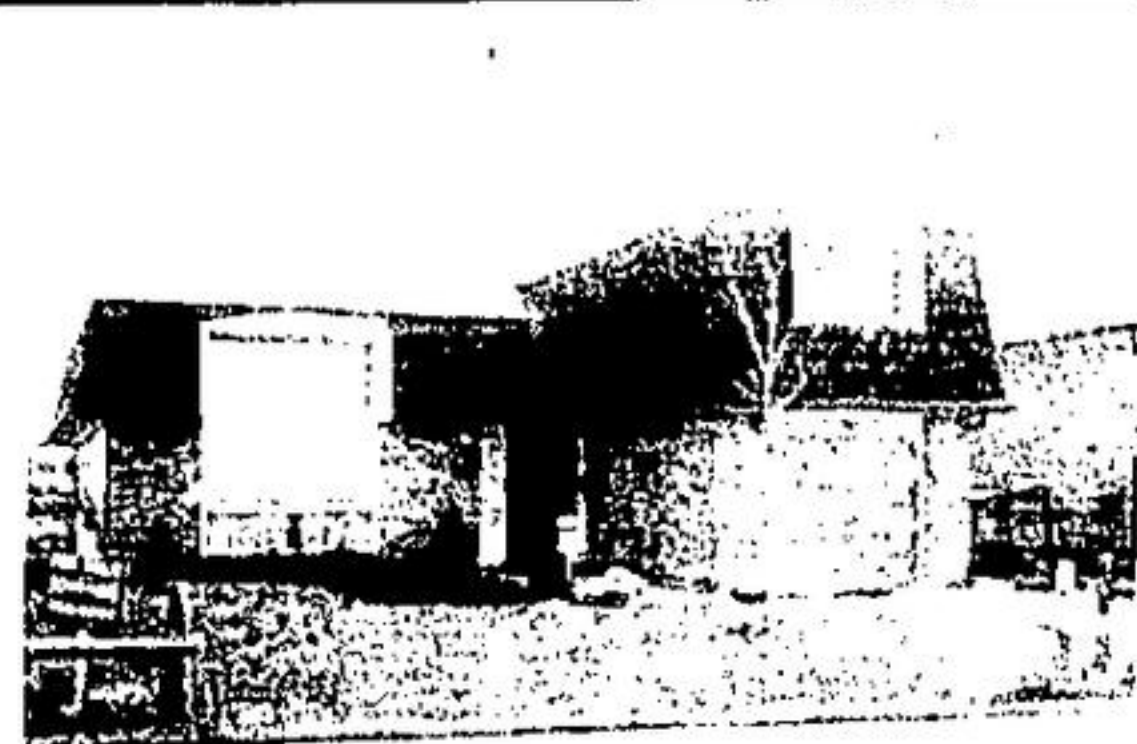
(ONLY \$49,400) See this brick bungalow set on a large lot, close to schools and shopping. It features 3 bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, spacious living room, full high basement, 4 pc. bath, and attached garage.

LOOK HERE—Located in a good residential area close to schools and shopping this cozy 3 bedroom brick bungalow also includes a living room, dining area, kitchen, 4 pc. bath, rec room and a large sun deck overlooking an extra large rear yard. Now only \$50,900.

ATTRACTIVE SIDE SPLIT located in a prime area close to Fairy Lake, this nine year old home features 3 bedrooms, living and dining area, eat-in kitchen with built-in stove and refrigerator, large 4 pc. bath with vanity, den, future rec room and laundry in the basement and garage. Asking \$57,500.

PICTURESQUE VIEW of Fairy Lake and set on a beautiful landscaped lot with two patios and a built-in gas BBQ. This attractive 4 bedroom brick side split also features two 4 pc. bath-rooms, eat-in kitchen with stove and fridge included, rec room with bar and more. Asking \$59,900.

THIRTEEN ACRE building site located on a paved road south of Acton close to Hwy. 25, 300' frontage, half bush, ever-flowing stream. Asking \$45,000.



JUST MOVE IN—It's immaculate and located with features every home buyer is looking for including a ground floor family room with fireplace, a separate dining room, 1 1/2 baths, spacious kitchen, broadloom, 3 bedrooms, and it's nicely landscaped lot is close to schools and playgrounds. Asking \$65,900.

WHAT ABOUT THIS spacious back split. It's been newly decorated and features 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, extra large family kitchen, a ground floor family room and laundry, broadloom throughout, and it's set on a large lot in Fairy Lake area of Acton. It's a must to see at \$56,900.

INCOME PROPERTY for only \$39,900, and a low down payment, this duplex could be a good investment for you. Centrally located and set on a large lot it includes a three bedroom apt. downstairs and a two bedroom apt. upstairs. Call today for further particulars.

GET STARTED in this centrally located two storey. It's covered with aluminum siding and has been completely remodelled inside. Features include 3 bedrooms, separate dining room, large bathroom, broadloom and garage. Priced at \$47,300.

NEW INDUSTRIAL BLDG. For sale or rent, 18,000 sq. ft. including offices, 23 ft. ceiling height, one acre lot, quality construction. Call for further information.



COMMERCIALLY ZONED—This aluminium clad 1 1/2 storey home may be used as a residence or for the operation of a home craft type business. It includes a living room, dining room, large kitchen, 3 bedrooms, garage, paved drive and the interior has been newly decorated. Priced at only \$43,400.

ROOMY FAMILY home centrally located close to all amenities. This brick two storey features 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, large living room and dining area overlooking rear yard. Lovely kitchen with roomy dinette, fully insulated and wired basement including 5th bedroom, laundry workshop, fruit cellar and future rec room area, carport and paved drive. Asking only \$55,900.

PERFECT LOCATION close to schools and set on an attractive lot overlooking the open countryside. This tastefully decorated split also features 4 bedrooms, a ground floor family room with patio doors, spacious living and dining room, broadloom, rec room including billiard table, garage and paved drive. Asking \$62,900.

IN MINT CONDITION and beautifully decorated throughout describes this 3 bedroom townhouse, which also includes 3 bedrooms, walkout from living room to patio, broadloom and a finished rec room with artificial fireplace. This one must be seen to be appreciated. Asking \$39,900.

TEN ACRES. Scenic high and dry sit close to Acton Meadows Golf Course, two acres bush, building permit available for spring building. Asking \$39,000.

Fraud cases increase — "non violent crimes"

Fraud is becoming a bigger problem than in previous years, according to Halton Regional Police detectives Bruce Richards and Keith Robertson.

The two men handle most of the reports of fraud in District One (Acton, Milton, Georgetown, Esquesing and Nassagaweya). Through their own experience they have noticed an increase in fraudulent cheques, credit cards and stolen identification.

Detective Robertson explains that fraud is safer and easier to commit than other crimes as there is no violence involved. He pointed out the suspect is usually a smooth talker and "a con man". In many cases, he or she already has a record.

The average jail term for someone convicted of fraud is two to three years, the detectives said. A bank robber, on the other hand, gets six to eight years, even though the fraud could have stolen as much or more than the bank robber over the years.

Cheques are the biggest part of fraud in this area, the men claim. They attribute this to the fact that more people are paying for articles with cheques, rather than cash. The pair admitted they are usually seven to ten days behind a fraudulent cheque due to the system the banks have. The explained when Mr. X writes a cheque on S bank to Mr. Y who has an account with T bank, the cheque is sent to T bank, forwarded to a clearing house, and returned to T bank. From there it goes to S bank, the original bank. If there is no money in the account, the cheque's signature is a forgery, or if the account is completely non-existent, this is not known until this stage. The bank in turn must notify Mr. X, if possible and ask him to cover the money on the cheque. If this is not possible, Mr. Y will be notified and asked to return the money.

Impersonators are also a threat to the institution. These are people who will go into a bank and withdraw money on someone else's account. They use stolen identification, forged documents and forgery to obtain the money this way.

The detectives stressed that if you have a purse or wallet containing identification stolen, report the theft or loss no matter how trivial it seems at the time. A stolen driver's licence can be used hundreds of miles away for identification if the theft is not reported.

Price switching also comes under the category of fraud. People who change the price tags are just as guilty as someone who passes a bad cheque, the detectives said. Shuffling an item and returning it to the store for a cash refund also has the same penalties.

Non-sufficient funds cheques are also fraudulent, the team said. One NFS cheque is considered a false pretense. However, if it is written out with the writer knowing there is not enough money in the bank to cover it, it is considered fraud.

Usually, the detectives said, one is a mistake, but two is considered knowingly NSF.

In most cases, they said, the police are not even notified. They explained the banks will simply make the writer aware of the error and let him rectify the situation. In some cases, if the customer has two accounts in the same bank, they will simply transfer funds.

Counterfeit money is not the problem in Canada it used to be, the police say. Since the inception of the new colorful bills, criminals have found them too difficult to copy.

If the store keeper realizes the money is phoney, and doesn't want "to get stuck with it", he could knowingly pass it on to a customer. In this case, the detectives said, the store keeper is just as guilty of passing counterfeit money as the original person who did so.

There are some ways to help ensure protection against fraud, the detectives said. If working in a store and accepting cheques, always ask for as much identification as possible. When the customer

drives away, the store keeper or employee should attempt to write down the licence number of the car.

With a credit card, Detective Robertson said, a telephone call should be made to that particular company to insure it is not stolen. Most companies, he said, require a phone call on any purchase over \$50 anyway. Once again, the employee is encouraged to get the licence number of the car driven. He explained that even if the identification is stolen, the thief is probably not driving a stolen car. Report all stolen identification to the police immediately.

Even though fraud is getting to be more of a problem, the detectives said, it is no worse in North Halton than any other area of this size.

The men cover an area of 270 square miles, and serve some 50,000 people. Detectives Robertson and Richards are part of a team of four. Constables Ian McNally and Ron Welch complete the team. Constable Bill McGarth, Identification Officer, works closely with the men.

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Pet of the week



FRIENDLY and hungry is the best way to describe this baby raccoon according to adopted parents, Kim and Jackie McMullen. The girls found the raccoon in their backyard on Bower Avenue. The three-week-old baby is fed warm milk by Kim from a baby bottle and will be put back outside to live when it gets a little older.