Even though we've had a relatively mild and snowless winter, the thought of a warm sunny cruise to blue waters does something to my mind.

When I was shown the following ad from the

Globe and Mail: "Sailors crew needed as passengers, 4 month cruise to Antilles via Bahamas, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Virgin Is. Leaving Fla. Jan. No experience necessary, Cost \$2,800. Write Captain R. B. Leeming, R. R. 1, Rockwood." It was all I could do to stop from selling the children and joining up.

Captain Bruce Leeming turned out to be a young bearded adventurer, who makes his home in Eramosa Township, when he is home. He's also brother to Rick Leeming of Cedar Creek Farm fame.

Owner of a thirty foot sea going cruiser, Bruce enjoyed an exciting trip to the Caribbean last year from September '78 to June '79.

Bruce has owned the "R. Heritage" for five years, refurbishing it and turning the single master into a long term four berth cruiser over the years. Prior to this his various sailing experience included teaching the art at summer

Frequent trips in the "R. Heritage" up and down the St. Lawrence and around the Great Lakes convinced Bruce he wanted to take the big

With a crew of two, Captain Bruce left Canadian shores in September of '78 for his first attempt at ocean going sailing.

All was fairly uneventful until the sailors left Savannah, Georgia where they stayed a few days. Until then they'd been pushing snow all down the east coast and wanted "to get some quick experience."

They found it in their first storm off the Georgia coast.

"We were over confident," says Bruce, "We didn't check the weather-we just wanted to go sailing again."

The little ship battled "one heck of a storm" as it headed south to Florida, a four day sail away. They had to stay well out in the ocean because of an elaborate buoy system offshore. The sister ship the "R. Heritage" was tavelling with actually hit two buoys, Bruce recalls.

"The captain was a bit blind and his mate slept

Gulf stream crossing

After the two-and-half day storm-"It was crazy"-calmer waters in Florida were reached. The crew spent a total of five weeks sailing around Florida, the Keyes and the Everglades, before taking off across the Gulf Stream for the

Bahamas. They kept waiting for the Gulf Stream to quieten down before attempting the crossing, their first major sea crossing. They'd heard horror stories of the treacheries of Gulf Stream waters and didn't get going until they had the company of eight other boats. The whole fleet left for the Bahamas at 3 a.m., rather full of wine, and only the "R. Heritage" actually travelled the whole distance.

Bruce and his mates loved the Bahamas and were pleased after making the "big one"-A Gulf Stream jump in a small boat.

"With a 30 footer, I've got to watch out for my environment. Gathering confidence as they travelled, the

crew explored Haiti and then spent two months on that "wild and crazy" island, Jamaica. "We were lucky we were Canadians," acknow-

ledges Bruce, "An American boat means more trouble. They (authorities) think you're only there for two things if you're an American-spying or drug trafficking. If you're Canadian, they know you're fun loving-you can get away with much more."

Bruce found his share of trouble on the trip. however. His mate ran afoul of a mugger in Savannah-la-Mar, Jamaica, and the crew had difficulty with some of the revolutionary types. However, they found having a black Rastafarian (a Jamaican cult) with them helped them become the natives.

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The crew rented cars and toured Jamaica, really enjoying their stay until the call of the sea took them off again to Cuba.

Cuba quiet Bruce said he could have spent a lot of time on the western tip of Cuba, it was so quiet and picturesque.

However, they had to get back to the U.S. coast before hurricane season and they hit the open sea once more. During the five days it took to reach the States,

the "R. Heritage" weathered one of the worst storms Bruce says he ever hopes to be in. "We spent five days looking for the U.S. and waiting for the boat to break up. It was like being in an eggshell hitting a brick wall every time we hit one of those big waves.

"We swished around the cockpit like a rag in a

For five days the crew slept little and ate fitfully. Bruce said he even heard voices at one point. But it must have been his guardian angel because the "R. Heritage" came through. "It was the biggest test of my life,"

They lost their lifeboat, quite a bit of gear washed overboard and some of the fibreglass matting around the bulkheads cracked. But they survived and continued to putter around the Bahamas for a few more weeks before putting the boat in a Florida marina.

The "R. Heritage" has undergone more endurance tests since Bruce left her in Marina hands. She got crashed ashore during Hurricane David last September, has been vandalized and is presently "absent without leave." A young man, who is supposed to be maintaining the boat in the marina, has been travelling around the coast on the boat sending "wish you were here" cards to

Once he manages to catch up with his boat again, Bruce will be taking the boat out for more adventures. He has great plans for running charters and syndicating travel cruise boats.

He's hooked on a sailing life and says, with a dreamy far away look, the bad times were worth all the good experiences he had. Captain Leeming will be off again, soon. Don't

you wish you were going with him?



Capt. Bruce Leeming

### Asparagus farmer charged

Fourth Line farmer face off in provincial Casey Boss and the Ont- court March 14. ario Asparagus Growers

Marketing Board will Fire call

Acton firefighters went to Bill Gibb's home at R.R. 4, south of town, Monday afternoon...

There was no damage resulting from the chimney fire, according to Fire Chief Mick Holmes.

R. Ritchie

runs again

Robert Ritchie is again running in Halton in the

election as an Independ-

Ritchle finished fifth in

The 41-year-old public

accountant is running on

a platform focused on the

Colorful Minister of

Finance John Crosbie will

visit Halton riding and

maybe Acton on Feb-

Progressive Conser-

vative candidate and MP

for Halton, Otto Jelinek,

announced Monday night

that Croshie, who is noted

for his wit, will be coming

to Halton during this

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Jelinek hopes his guest

can start his day in Acton

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for growing asparagus without a licence and for denying access to his fields to an asparagus

inspector.

The board charges Mr.

Products Marketing Act

Monday to set a trial Mr. Boss said in a tele-

provincial court in Milton

Mr. Boss appeared in

phone interview later: has not sold asparagus. "We like free enterprise; He said he first knew of we do not like to be con- the charges when he re-Boss under the Farm

> when he grew asparagus four weeks ago. it was for the fresh markets rather than to be sent to a cannery. Since formation of the

than a half acre of board, Mr. Boss said, he

Mr. Boss said that from the board about A fee is charged by the board for growing more

ceived them in the mail

#### Convention budget set

A fund of \$18,300 has for regional spending to been set as the top limit attend conventions.

#### Rezone land to industrial

The proposal, accord-

planned development to

There were no ob- adequate sewage capajections at Halton Hills city for the project. Planning Board to an Acton rezoning bld, tures a road with access which if granted final ap- to the highway. Lots with proval, will increase the a minimum size of 2.5 amount of industrial land acres would back on to the railroad tracks. in the town.

Planning board sent the application for re- ing to the application in zoning of about 70 acres August, is compatible north of the CNR tracks with existing industrial and west of Highway 25 uses to the east, and from rural to industrialgeneral on to council last Tuesday night.

A study by Halton Region and the town shows Halton Hills has an insufficient industrial base. according to town planner Mario Venditti. The proposal also squares off the industrial park, he

The board gave some consideration to an 18-lot industrial subdivision proposed by Alteo Construction, for the site last August.

Planner Venditti reminded board members of the proposal and added that the clients for each parcel are, as yet, unknown.

In response to a question from Esquesing councillor Russ Miller, the planner said one or two spur lines from the CNR tracks could be built into the subdivision pending on the type of industry that locates

Town services do not go as far north on Highway 25 as the proposed project, said the planner. They are, however, "not too distant from the propterty," he added.

Venditti indicated to board members there is

are to be reserved for The Alteo proposal picrailway spur.

light industry and the larger sites, at the rear, for industries using the Conditions on the ap-

#### No smoking at council

No clouds of smoke drifted in the air at Monday night's council meeting, as councillors

include traffic and drainage studies and a plan of subdivision. The road into the subdivision is also to meet town standards.

smoking ban effective

It was council's way of

supporting National Non-

Smoking Week, which

that night.

plication set by the town

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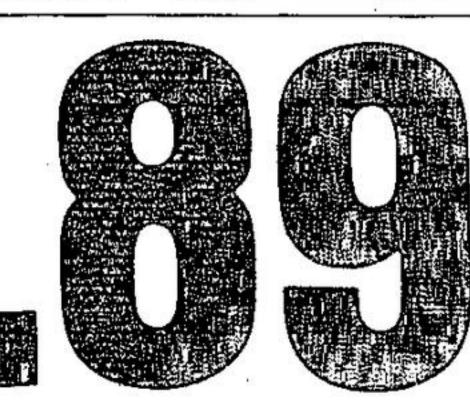
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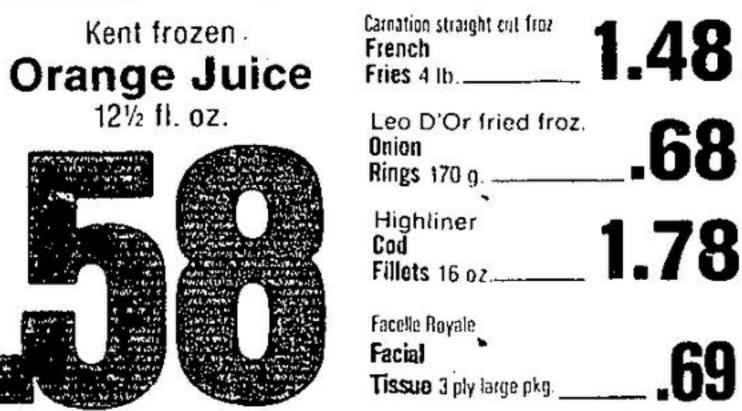
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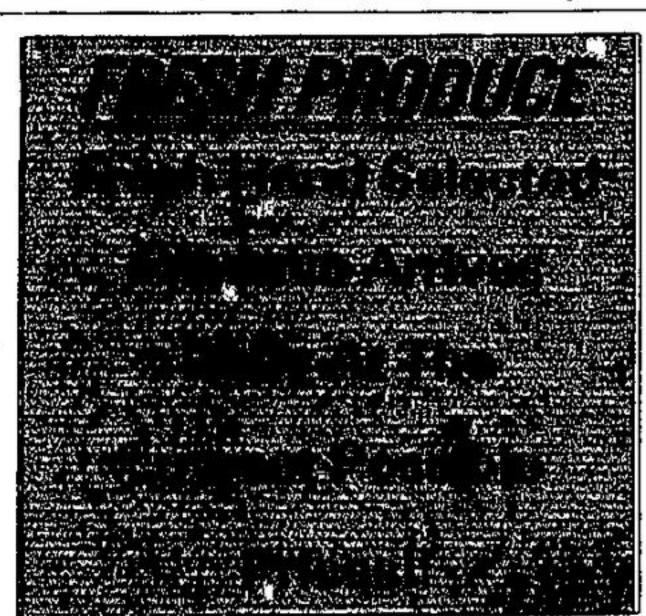
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