



Ted Tyler Travel Service now has Reservec, a computer terminal with a direct tie in to the main Air Canada brain. Ruth Scott and Dolores Tyler, front, and Ted Tyler, Pat Cauley and Shirley Lashby have all been trained on the electronic age wizard.

First in North Halton

Tyler Travel has Reservec II

New computer equipment at Ted Tyler Travel Service is going to shave a lot of time off booking a vacation.

Tyler's is the first travel agency in North Halton to receive an electronic age wizard, the Air Canada Reservec II.

The computer terminal was just recently installed and Ted, Ruth Scott, Dolores Tyler, Pat Cauley and Shirley Lashby have been busy going to school, even doing homework at night, learning how it works. Instant reservations.

that's what the Reservec offers. No more sitting in the travel agent's office waiting while he makes numerous calls on the phone plotting out your trip.

The terminal at Tyler's gives the office direct access to Air Canada's master computer, the brains of the airline and dozens of other travel services.

And because Tyler's is plugged right into the computer there is less human involvement at both ends and so less chance of error. He says the chance of error is "virtually eliminated."

Besides booking your flight, confirming your booking in a few winks of an eye, the computer takes care of car rentals, can plot an entire itinerary, book a room at one of 550 hotels around the world and fill the customer in on ground transportation services, ski and weather conditions, the aircraft's configuration and even order special dietary meals for the flight.

Tyler says it is "darn near a multi-access system." Flights with local and regional carriers like Nor Ontario Air Great Lakes, Nordair, and big

carriers including British Airways, United, CP, US Air and American Airlines can be booked through the Reservec II with more hotels, services and carriers being added all the time.

Tyler's has been on the waiting list for the machine, it usually takes two years on the list before the Reservec II materializes but because of the local firm's volume of business a year was shaved off the wait. In February Tyler's will receive the second component in the system, which features automatic ticketing.

Most farmers raise crops or animals, however, at least one Acton farm couple is raising a bumper crop of tourists.

Frank and Lucinda Freeman, 5th Line north in Erlin Township, are members of Ontario Vacation Farm Association.

Farm vacations cultivate new experiences for city folk or people who have not been on a farm for ages. Like regular corn and beef farming it is a business except the crops are in terms of people.

"We've had to turn down many this year," said Lucinda.

The Freemans first started their vacation farm about a dozen years ago, because they were not making enough money from the 100 acre farm.

Neighbours told them they would get nothing

but trouble. "Neighbours said you'd get people you wouldn't like and who'll steal," said Frank. "We learned to keep prices up and you get good people."

If there are disadvantages to having non-farmers in one's home for a time, the Freemans don't speak of them. "This turned out to be so interesting. We've met people from all over," said Frank with enthusiasm.

From all over? The registry marks the visitors' homes: Hawaii, Stroud, Florida, New York, Warren, Michigan, Toronto, London, England, Coldfield, England, St. Catharines, Argentina, Batesburg, South Carolina, Glasgow, Scotland, Kildare, Ireland and other points north, south, east and west.

One of the Freemans' current guests, Irene Lanier, is from Oakville. Mrs. Lanier was searching for a vacation retreat such as the dude ranches in Alberta where she lived for many years. Her daughter and son-in-law checked the vacation farm association and soon after she met the Freemans. She is spending a week on the Freemans' Cedar Lake Farm.

Another guest is S.S.V. Dickens who is in the midst of a 13-week vacation with the Freemans. Dickens said he discovered the holiday

on a farm idea in the pages of Fodor's Guide.

Dickins, who is retired like Mrs. Lanier, has found farm vacations are not all relaxation, Frank puts him "to work" gathering in some bales of hay and hoeing in the garden, and fixing fences. "They really have extremely fine food here," said Dickins.

The vacation farm association publishes a booklet with hints to vacationers such as: make reservations as soon as possible, don't take your children to the farm if you can't control them, do try and fit in with your hosts' house rules, don't forget your camera.

The association lists 21 homes, both the wife and husband must agree on opening up the farm, in Ontario. Another Acton area farm vacation retreat is Charles and Doris Burt's Brendor

Country Retreat, at R.R. 2.

Some vacationers use the farms as a place to get away from it all. They come to read, or to walk, to paint or take photographs. Foreign visitors have used the Freeman's home as a springboard to other sites.

One English couple, according to Frank, arrived and later rented a car. Off they went to

Toronto, Gravenhurst, Midland and Niagara Falls.

And there is plenty of repeat business. One elderly woman has passed, in four years, 26 weeks with the Freemans.

There are satisfactions other than the dollars for the Freemans. "It makes us feel good too," mused Lucinda. "You see people come. They're so tired all

they want to do is sleep." After a few days though, they are refreshed.

Some visitors stay for only an afternoon and dinner. Just time for a meal and a stroll. Others, like Dickins, stay longer.

And what do vacation farm operators do for a break? Lucinda and Frank went half way round the world, to New Zealand, for a family reunion.



S.S.V. Dickens, one of the guests at Cedar Lake Farm, enjoys an afternoon sit with hosts Lucinda and Frank Freeman. The Freemans operate one of the province's 22 vacation farms.

News digest

Achilles towing

Achilles Motors was awarded the light and medium towing contract in Acton by Halton Regional Police Commission.

In Georgetown light and medium towing went to Fred's Towing and Durante received the contract for Milton. Heavy towing across the Region was awarded to French's Towing.

Sod turning

Acton councillor Ross Knechtel, a member of Halton Hills building committee's new library-cultural centre was on hand last week for the sod turning ceremony. Mayor Peter Pomeroy turned the first sod for the big project being built in Georgetown.

Solicitor leaves

Halton Hills has lost one of its solicitors. Ray Steele, formerly with the Georgetown law firm of Helson, Baines, Steele, McMillan, Kogon and Jarvis has joined the legal firm of Hassard and Elliott with offices in Simpson Towers, Toronto. Helson, the senior partner in the firm will continue as town solicitor.

Firefighters' award

Halton Hills fire department walked off with a prize at the recent Firefighters Association of Ontario convention in Milton. Halton Hills placed second to Milton for the best appearing company with fewer than 20 firefighters in the grand parade.

Fall brochure soon

The information packed Halton Hills Recreation Department's fall issue of Community and Leisure Activities will be available to residents on September 3. The 32-page brochure will be mailed to Acton and area residents. Community group leaders and special events are listed as well as activities of the Halton Board of Education, Credit Valley Artisans, the Murray Memorial YMCA, Halton Region Conservation Authority and the Acton Community Services Centre. If residents do not receive a copy of the orange and brown brochure, they are asked to telephone the recreation department at 877-5185 and ask for extension 60 or 19.

Job may be retained

Halton's employment representative may be saved from unemployment.

Regional Health and Social Services Committee agreed last week to extend the employment of the Welfare department's Employment Representative.

Rennie Vivian, Social Services Director, said the employment representative, works with the local Canada Employment Centres in assisting to find jobs for welfare

recipients and other clients of the department.

He explained that the position was first established in July 1979 with directions that it be reviewed after a year.

During that time, he said, the social services department has taken on 364 clients, 126 of which have become employed.

To the end of June, that has amounted to a saving of \$38,180 with a projected saving of \$76,360 to the

end of the year. The salary of the Employment Representative is \$15,419.

"It is expected that the same good results and better will be realized in 1981," Vivian wrote. "The work and results will continue to be monitored and if future accomplishments are as gratifying, this may be an area to consider for expansion."

Council will be asked to approve the extension.

Correction

An item in last week's newspaper said J.C. Duff had obtained his commercial licence to operate a pit beside his existing pit in Limehouse.

This is incorrect. Duff has merely reached the stage of notifying the public of the intention. Then a 30 day time period elapses when any objections can be made to the Ministry of Natural Resources. The last day for filing objections is September 10.

If there are no objections the application for a commercial licence will be dealt with by the MNR after the September 10 date.

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