



Holding a big snowy owl crafted from Terra Cotta designs on Mountainview Rd. is Mrs. Audrey Sluik, manager of Georgetown's only all-Canadian craft store which just opened last Thursday in the Georgetown

Market plaza. The Shoppe sells the finest in Canadiana such as Eskimo wall hangings, wood carvings, Indian dresses and necklaces, scented candles and coins and stamps.

Canadiana Crafts Store Is Open

The first all-Canadian crafts store opened last Thursday in the Georgetown Market plaza. Operated by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sluik, The Shoppe is tastefully decorated with Canadian handcrafted items many of which are made right in Halton county.

Pottery from the White Oak pottery studio in Milton and other ceramics from Terra Cotta designs on Mountainview Rd. are carefully chosen by Audrey Sluik who is the chief merchandiser for most of the Indian and Eskimo wall hangings, Eskimo note cards, seal key chains, wood carvings and scented candles which are crafted at Upper Canada Soap and Candles in Mississauga, Ontario.

Leo Sluik, a precision carpenter, has been renovating and decorating the store as he prepares to bring in his large inventory and stamps and coins. The stamps and coins will not be solely Canadian but will include world wide mint and centennial sets.

"I try to get things you don't see very often," said Mrs. Sluik, "you know, special things." Beautiful woven tapestries and clothing will be coming in from Quebec, Mrs. Sluik said, to be added to the seal key chains, silver rings, Indian beaded shirts and embroidered dresses and handcrafted bookmarks.

Mrs. Sluik feels that The Shoppe is just what Georgetown has been waiting for since presents and Christmas gifts can be purchased without having to drive to Toronto. Although the entire stock has not arrived yet, Mrs. Sluik said that business has been brisk and that some items have already been sold out.

The Shoppe is also willing to assist local artists to show their handcrafted work. "I will display any local artist's crafts on consignment," said Mrs. Sluik, "and I'll keep them in the store for three months at which time they can be replaced with something else."

Leo and Audrey Sluik hope that The Shoppe in the Georgetown Market plaza can provide the finest in Canadiana crafts to this area which has already given them an appreciative welcome.



Probably the most treacherous strip of roadway in Halton Hills, this 12 foot section in Norval has a shoulder of less than three feet because heavy rains washed the embankment down onto the Credit River flats. The drop-off which is a sharp 60 feet has no barrier or guardrail to prevent motorists from plunging over if they accidentally stray too close to the road shoulder. The regions of Halton and Peel are studying the problem.

Repair Norval Road In Fall Says Peel Region

Maintenance work to repair a dangerous 60 foot embankment along the sixth line in Norval will not begin until the fall, according to Gerry Dolan of the Peel region road maintenance department.

"Our engineers have been out to survey the damage," Mr. Dolan said, "and we are trying to come up with the least expensive approach."

He added that a retaining wall would have to be constructed to hold the steep embankment from further erosion which has been taking place over the years.

Washed down onto the Credit River flats during the heavy spring rains, the embankment has left less than a three foot shoulder along a 10 foot strip of paved roadway. A potential

danger exists to motorists who may plunge down into the ravine if they accidentally stray off the narrow 44 foot road.

The road is an access route off of Norval's Sixth line. It borders the two regions of Halton and Peel although Peel maintains the road and Halton pays for 50 per cent of the costs.

A soil and drainage study was conducted two years ago by both counties who decided the cost of reconstructing the road would be too high and that the task of lowering the water table would be too inconvenient to area residents.

Jack Corbett, manager of design and construction for Halton Public Works, said Halton could not carry out an adequate repair job because of budgetary restraints.

"There is not enough money now," Mr. Corbett commented, "but we could look at a major reconstruction next year."

Mitchell Hunter, who owns a farm across from the landslide area, hopes the situation is corrected as soon as possible.

"The truck traffic along this road is high," he said.

"The gravel and cement trucks are a burden on this road and if we get another rain like the one last spring, this whole road will be out," he added.

Since the road crosses private property Halton and Peel counties may suffer additional complications to get permission to work in the area.

Mr. Hunter, whose property is crossed by the road, said, "I don't want to make trouble but if someone drives off the edge it won't be my responsibility."

"I have already notified the proper region authorities," he added.

Mr. Hunter suggested that guard rails or flex beams be installed to prevent motorists from veering over the embankment. "A simple hundred

feet of cable would temporarily do the job," he explained. Mr. Dolan admitted that the engineers' reports would be studied but that a major repair job such as this would have to be settled by both Halton and Peel county.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Applications are requested from residents within the Ward 4 area who are interested in serving upon the Halton Hills Planning Advisory Sub-Committee for the current year.

Applications should state relevant particulars and be received by the undersigned no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 15th, 1974.

G. D. Pritchard
Clerk Administrator
Town of Halton Hills
36 Main Street South
Georgetown, Ontario

Blue Jeans Are Booming

Have you noticed those crazy adverts featuring a bikini-clad girl plastered with tiny wagon wheels? If you haven't figured it out yet, it's advertising a jeans shop, the A.J. Place.

A. J. Place is owned and operated by Anna and John Coniglio (hence the store's name). John boasts that his place has everything in casual needs and enough of it to supply all of Acton, Georgetown, Milton and the surrounding area.

In the past two years the pants business has really started moving. John attributes it to the fact that the store is conveniently located and there is a wide selection of pants from which to choose.

John also says that pants and shirts, which he also sells, are needed by everyone and, because of this, he does not consider his a phoney business. He is providing people with something they need.

When he opened his My Lady Hairstyling shop in 1967 he was concerned about it being a phoney business. "They want you to make them beautiful."

Finally John and his wife decided to open a jeans shop in Acton and soon he hopes he will be able to start another A. J. Place in Georgetown.

John came to Canada from Italy in 1958 and lived with his brothers in Toronto for four years. Then he moved to Cambridge and went to a school of hairdressing in Kitchener. He met his wife at the school and they were married in Guelph where they lived for a number of years before moving to Acton. He now has two children, Johnny and Rose-Marie.

The Coniglios have a little dog that they are very proud of and they wanted it mentioned in this article. The dog's name is Pompi and his brother was named by an Acton paper as dog of the week. The Coniglios would like their dog named dog of the year and it would be no surprise if he was: Pompi was born with no tail.

Everyone loves Pompi and the customers all pet him when they come in to buy pants.



THE A. J. FAMILY
The Coniglio family: Anna, John, Johnny, Rose-Marie, and Pompi.

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If your service club or church group is planning an event soon, you're invited to have it listed here by sending the particulars in brief to The Editor, c/o The Herald. As notices are accepted on a first come basis, please send well in advance.

JULY 24 - curbside library, Limehouse School, with a story hour for ages 3-6. Begins at 2:00 p.m.

JULY 25 - curbside library, Ballinacra with a puppet show - 7-9 p.m.
- Golf tournament: at Georgetown Golf and Country Club. Equipment may be rented. Green fees \$2.50 per person. Members free. For boys and girls 13-18 years old.

JULY 26 - Dance at M.Z. Bennet Public School. Begins at 9:00 p.m. and features "RUSH". \$2.00 per person.

JULY 27 - Mountsberg Nature Area - "Birding for Beginners" - films and instruction and guided walks - bring your own binoculars - begins at 9:00 a.m.

JULY 28 - Brampton Flying Club all-Canadian air show begins at 1:30 p.m.

JULY 30 - films airshow - ages 7 and up - junior library - 9 Church St. - begins 2 p.m.

AUG 1 - Niagara Escarpment Commission is holding a bar-b-que at Kelso Conservation Area for their students (CUESTA) at 1:00 p.m.

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