

NOT EASY but nevertheless they're not afraid to tackle it. Debble Duncan and Veronica Lanik (at top) were busy last week

Superstitions

By Richard Ruggle

St. Alban's and St. Paul's Anglican Churches

look on the elevator panel for

the button to the 13th floor.

When the Queen visisted

Germany in 1965, the

stationmaster at Duisberg

arranged to change the

number of the platform from

which her train was due to

depart from 13 to 12A. The

paint, so I skirted around the ... notion that 13 is unlucky was "faith in ourselves: become

given particular credence

when people with that sort of

outlook noticed that there were

13 present at the last supper.

newspaper carries an

astrology column. Self-

proclaimed masters of the

occult and of the mysterious

can make good livings seiling

you their secrets of the

supernatural. Even the

churches, sadly, have

produced their hucksters of

miracles. Some years ago I

attended a "healing rally" in

Hamilton, where people were

promised that if they had some

illness or problem, to write it

out, and Brother Roberts

would personally pray for a

cure. I wrote that I thought he

was misusing people's trust

and giving them false hope-

could be convince me that I

was mistaken? His only

response was to put me on the

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There was a ladder leaning

against the store-front with a

painter at the top, lettering a

sign above the shop window.

Out of principle, I should have

challenged the superstition,

and walked bravely under the

· ladder. But I didn't want to

chance being splattered by

outside of the ladder. There

are good reasons behind some

of our superstitions and

The problem is, that, by

believing in bad luck, you can

often bring it to happen. The

soccer association in Kenya is

trying to put a stop to wit-

chcraft in the game. It can be

upsetting for a player to see a

witch-doctor for the opposing

side, dressed up on the

sidelines, directing curses at

you, Or the goal-keeper might

throw his cap on the ground

next to the post-the cap

commaining charms whose

magic is supposed to deflect

the ball away from the goal, I.

haven't noticed anything like

that when my sons have played

the game here in town, but the

coaches must sometimes

wonder whether a little black

We "more enlightened"

people, however, observe our

own superstitions. The next

time you go into a high-rise,

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dome to Church

magic has been at work.

taboos.

working on a home under construction near Bellinafad. It's typical of the tough and trying jobs the girls are willing to tackle.

to the "good work".

the importance of faith.

without caring too much where-

we place it. But faith needs an

object, and the prevailing

wisdom is that we need more

your own confidence-man.

Perhaps that, more than the

occult, is the modern taboo.

But faith is demeaned if it is

just a self-centred way to get

friends or get well or get rich

Though faith has many

dimensions, they revolve

around where we ultimately

place our confidence and trust.

Some people have almost

given it up, trusting in nothing

and hoping for nothing. Others

submit to the impersonal

forces of the stars, or the ar-

bitrary whims of the super-

natural. Some put their faith in

themselves, but that is a lonely

Christianity calls us to place

our faith in God, who may

grant us the strength to face

our problems rather than an

out to escape them. The

Christian message is not to

give up hope, but to hope in

God; not to give in to the im-

personal forces of fate, but to

trust in a God who loves us; not

to centre our ultimate

aspirations on ourselves, but

on the God who draws us into

the goodness of his life. Though

we may need to say, like the

man in the gospel appealing to Jesus, "Lord, I believe, help

thou my unbellef", we also

need to be wary that misplaced

belief is a form of unbelief. The

bible calls for faith, but not for

a blind one.

and a fragile venture.

or get ahead.

They'll try anything

By Jean Mullin Daily Times Staff

Six years ago, Debbie Duncan, 23 and Veronica Lanik, 21, were typical "cityslickers."

Today, they are so enthused with the great outdoors they have decided to depart from regular modes of employment to concentrate solely on their love affair with an

easy going, fresh-air life. Tired of the nine to five office routine, the two have embarked on their own business. They want to do chores and odd jobs for others. They offer to belp in the house, on a

farm or in a kennel. They paint buildings, garden, clean basements and attics, clean out stalls, train horses, bale hay and will even scrub floors and dress store windows. Both women are skilled with horses and Miss Duncan is a qualified riding instructor.

They've been busy setting up their new business for two weeks now. "It sure beats office work," Miss Lanik says. So far, they have been working part-time in the evenings because Miss Duncan was

still working in the office at the airport's duty-free shop. This week they attempted it full time. "We've had a lot of calls. It seems

promising. If business is as good as it is now we'll continue to do it full time." Miss Lanik

Both Miss Lanik and Miss Duncan moved to the Georgetown area with their families about six years ago. Both found they enjoyed being "farmers" and would never consider returning to the city.

Although the work they are taking up can be tiring and hot, they're enthusiastic. "We like it outside. No-one is telling you what to do and you can make your own schedule," Miss Lanik explained.

"You prime yourself for the heavy work.

We've had a couple of torn ligaments already." Miss Lanik said some people have told them they're "crary" but their families are behind them.

In fact, she said, it was her mother, Martha Lanik and Miss Duncan's mother, Midge Hampshire, who were the prime motivators behind the plan.

"When they realized we were unhappy (in regular jobs) they asked us why don't you do an independent thing and be your own

Miss Lanik has occasionally worked as a salesgirl. "I can take it for awhile but then I have a yearning for the great outdoors." The two busineswomen have not yet

decided what fees they will charge for their services. "We're still getting into money. We go and look at the job. If it's light work we charge less and if it's heavy work we charge

"When we baled hay, we did 600 bales in four hours and charged \$3 an hour each...That's a good price for that," Miss

because there are lots of people around who don't have time to do a lot of things - even scrubbing a floor."

Since both Miss Lanik and Miss Duncan have cars it won't be difficult for them to get from job to job. So far, most of their calls have been from the Brampton area, Miss Lanik said.

A person with a tiresome chore can phone 877-7319 or 877-2070 to enlist the services of the energetic pair.

Will they consider another joint business venture if this project fails to support them? "We are going to succeed," Miss Duncan optimistically insists.

and the town have given

Pastor Ralph will be

studying towards his or-

dination during the summer

months and hopes to be or-

dained by the end of the year.

After graduating from

Nyack College in New York in

1968 with his Bachelor of Arts

degree, Pastor Ralph took

over the position of Associate

Pastor of the Central Alliance

Church in Ottawa, After a two-

year stay at the Central

Alliance Church, Pastor Raigh

began his studies for his

Master of Divinity degree.

The past year Pastor Ralph

was the Associate Pastor of the

Centremount Alliance in

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as the first Pastor. The

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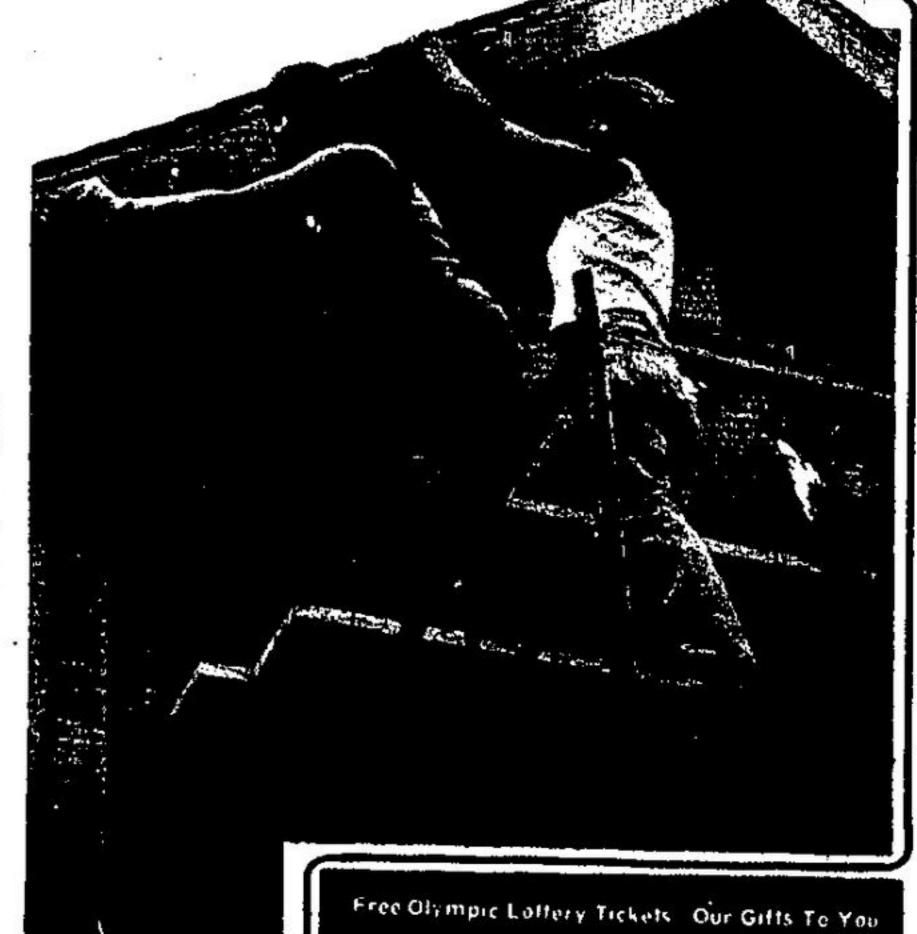
R. Hamilton, R.O.

M. Brown, R.O.

Hamilton.

warm welcome."

myself and my family such a Pastor David Phillips assumed



A LOVE of the outdoors prompted Debbie Duncan (left) and Veronica Lanik to quit their routine jobe and start their own add-job business instead.

Cedarvale Park. In 1969

charge of the church which

was moved to Centennial

Public School. In September

1974 the Georgetown Alliance

Church moved to solid grounds

after the purchase of the

church building at 14 Main St.

S. which was formerly the

The Church has a present

congregation of approximately

60 people and Pastor Ralph

stated that, "a small

congregation is much more

intimate. It becomes a

As for Georgetown, "I think

Georgetown is a community

with a future and we intend on

Pastor Ralph, bis wife

finding our future here as

Sharon and their two children,

Aimee and Becky, are

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Pastor Peter Ralph

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Peter Ralph was inducted as the Pastor of the Georgetown (once in grape-scented en-Alliance Church during special services held last Thursday velopes) inviting contributions evening. Reverend Ross Ingram, In our day, we've been sold

Pastor of the Rexdale Alliance Church, read the opening scriptures and extended "a" warm welcome to Mr. 'and Ingram." Mrs. Ralph, the congregation and to the special guests who attended the induction service. Special guests of the evening

were; Rev. Richard Ruggles. the Pastor of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Norval and St. Alban's Anglican Church In Glen Williams; Mike Armstrong, Councillor of Ward 4 in

Halton Hills; Rev. Mel Sylvester, the superintendent of The Eastern and Central Canadian District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance; Rev. Richard Barker, Pastor of the Centremount Alliance Church in "Hamilton and Rev. Ross

Pastor Raiph has been preaching at the Georgetown Alliance Church for a little over a month now. The 28year-old Canadian Theological College gradute is excited with new position in Georgetown.

"My congregation is very receptive and they are all very

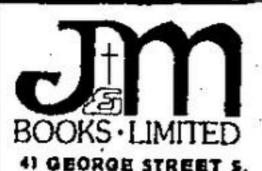


WELCOME TO GEORGETOWN, Pastor Peter Ralph was inducted as the new Pastor of the Georgetown Alliance Church last Thursday evening. Pastor Ralph (left) extends a warm greeting to one of the special guests present that evening, Reverend Mel Sylvester, superintendent of The Eastern and Central Canadian District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Sargent contract

Residents of Sargent Road-can expect to finally see some improvements to that street in the very near future. Town council has accepted a contract with Frank Vespi Construction of Brampton for reconstruction work on

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