



# They'll try anything

By Jean Mullin  
Daily Times Staff

Six years ago, Debbie Duncan, 23 and Veronica Lanik, 21, were typical "city-slickers."

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 help 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 said.

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 "crazy" 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 bosses?"

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 businesswomen 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 more."

"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 Lanik said.

"I think we'll be able to make money 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.



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

## Clergy Comments

# Superstitions

By Richard Ruggie  
St. Alban's and St. Paul's Anglican Churches

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-paint, so I skirted around the outside of the ladder. There are good reasons behind some of our superstitions and taboos.

The problem is, that, by believing in bad luck, you can avoid bringing it to happen. The soccer association in Kenya is trying to put a stop to witchcraft 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 containing 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 magic has been at work.

We "more enlightened" people, however, observe our own superstitions. The next time you go into a high-rise,

look on the elevator panel for the button to the 19th floor. When the Queen visited 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 notion that 13 is unlucky, the notion that is unlucky, given particular credence when people with that sort of outlook noticed that there were 13 present at the last supper.

Almost every daily newspaper carries an astrology column. Self-proclaimed masters of the occult and of the mysterious can make good livings selling 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 he convince me that I was mistaken? His only response was to put me on the mailing list, and for years the organization sent out their high-powered advertising

(once in grape-scented envelopes) inviting contributions to the "good work".

In our day, we've been sold 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 faith in ourselves: become 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 or get ahead.

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 arbitrary whims of the supernatural. Some put their faith in themselves, but that is a lonely and a fragile venture.

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 impersonal 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 unbelief", 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.

## 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 Sargent Road.

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## Pastor Peter Ralph

# New Pastor at Alliance

Peter Ralph was inducted as the Pastor of the Georgetown Alliance Church during special services held last Thursday evening.

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

Special guests of the evening were: Rev. Richard Ruggie, 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 Ingram.

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

"My congregation is very receptive and they are all very

warm people. Both the Church and the town have given myself and my family such a warm welcome."

Pastor Ralph will be studying towards his ordination during the summer months and hopes to be ordained 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 Ralph began his studies for his Master of Divinity degree.

The past year Pastor Ralph was the Associate Pastor of the Centremount Alliance in Hamilton.

The Georgetown Alliance Church was formed in town in 1966 with Paul Collins serving as the first Pastor. The

congregation then met at Cedarvale Park. In 1969 Pastor David Phillips assumed 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. E. which was formerly the Baptist Chapel.

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 family."

As for Georgetown, "I think Georgetown is a community with a future and we intend on finding our future here as well," stated Pastor Ralph.

Pastor Ralph, his wife Sharon and their two children, Aimee and Becky, are presently living in Acton.



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.

**CORRECTION**  
Through an error which occurred in the Herald office one item in the  
**Young's Pharmacy**  
Sidewalk Sale Ad last week, was incorrectly priced. The item was "SCOPE" and the correct price was \$1.47 for the 24 oz. size. Through our error the published price was 47c.  
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