

Their business is growing



SILVER MEDAL WINNER—June Fraser graduated from the Garden Centre Merchandising program at Sheridan College not just with a Board of Governors' Silver Medal but also a lot of plans for the future. With her is Tom Crookston (centre) of Norval who coordinated the college program, and Barry Breadner, who placed second in the intensive course.

June Fraser and Barry Breadner both wanted to get involved in business that promised to grow. They both did and their futures look as bright as the fruits of their efforts.

June and Barry, both residents of Georgetown, graduated, first and second respectively, from the Garden Centre Merchandising program at Sheridan College. With the course successfully behind them, their hardest choice now, it seems is what to do with their newly gained talent?

The options thanks to the wide curriculum of the Sheridan course, are numerous.

Mrs. Fraser, who lives on Dufferin Street, is trying to fit her newly discovered talents at gardening, landscaping and just plain growing flowers into a future that also must include her growing family. She noted that the Sheridan course, under the supervision of coordinator Tom Crookston of Norval has just opened the doors for a possible future in architectural landscaping.

Considering that she topped the class of eight, plus earned a Board of Governors' Silver Medal for achieving A's in all segments of the course, she is already well on the way to realizing some of her more immediate goals.

Mrs. Fraser noted that she would like to eventually offer a landscaping service that an

ordinary homeowner, looking for a way to add a new look to his property, or a new house owner wanting to do something with a bare lawn, can not only afford but can also take his time doing.

"The larger nurseries offer a service," she said, "that tends to be too expensive and also, often, is just too ambitious for an ordinary homeowner to tackle. I would like to see a service in which a homeowner, wanting a change, can come, be told what could be done—for a slight fee of course—and then do the work himself over a number of years. A little bit this year, a bit the next year..."

She would eventually like to set up just such a service but that will have to take its place behind other more immediate goals such as raising a family and perhaps taking a further course at Guelph.

Barry, a resident of Moultrie Crescent, is mixing a bit of business with a bit of learning at the moment. The young graduate of the Garden Centre Merchandising program is already making some use of his talents. He's now working at Braeside Farms but expects to eventually move on to Guelph for a more detailed four-year course on growing and nurturing plants.

The Sheridan course, he added, provided a great chance to gain practical experience while, at the same

time, seeing whether he was really interested in the field of horticulture. The course, under the complete guidance of Mr. Crookston, a well-respected instructor in the field, does just that.

The program provides an in-depth study on all aspects of the garden centre industry. Some instruction covers the retailing side of the nursery industry, from merchandising and salesmanship to the operation of a cash register. Students are also required to learn plant characteristics (pest recognition and control) and soil properties. As students acquire more knowledge from the basics of this program, their special skills will be readily transferable throughout the area.

This program functions, on a co-operative basis with garden centres and nurseries in the Toronto-Hamilton area. The program comprises 20 hours per week of instruction, from Monday to Thursday.

The program's curriculum includes: garden centre merchandising, plant characteristics and recognition, plant diseases and pests, soil chemistry, human relations, merchandising and salesmanship, oral communications and retail mathematics.

It's a 20-week course offered through Sheridan College's Brampton campus.

Halton considers new headquarters site

A site in the Hwy. 25 area is to be recommended to regional council Wednesday as the

future administrative headquarters for Halton Region.

Regional government currently operates out of two floors of offices in a Burlington

office building.

A subcommittee has been studying the feasibility of purchasing a number of sites on which to establish a permanent headquarters for the region.

The region already has an option to purchase on the site that will be recommended to

council Wednesday, said subcommittee member Archie Donaghey, councillor for Ward 3 in Oakville.

Donaghey said the committee has used criteria such as availability to the public and serviceability of land in its search for a suitable site.

As well as being the site of

regional council and committee meetings, regional headquarters would also house Halton's welfare department as well as planning, legal, clerk's and public works offices.

The lease on its rented offices expires at the end of 1976,

although Donaghey said there has been talk of extending the lease if a building on the permanent site can't be erected in time.

A site was to be recommended at the last regional council meeting nearly a month ago, but some Burlington councillors asked that the matter be set aside because Burlington Mayor George Harrington was having a proposal prepared for purchase of another site in Burlington.

That proposal has not come forward yet and it should be treated no differently than any other developer's proposal, said Donaghey, recommending that a council decision be made Wednesday.



OWNS AWARD WINNING COW—Fred Nurse, RR2 Georgetown, (right) was presented recently with a "Starlite 200 Club" by Lowell Lindsay, sire analyst at United Breeders, thanks to the efforts of his cow, Nurseland Starlite Blanca (GP). In 305 days as a two-year-old she produced 17,851 pounds of milk and 891 pounds of butterfat. Her

record works out to 198 percent of breed average for milk and 213 percent for fat.

United Breeders is presenting the awards to the owner of any daughter of the superior production sire, Roybrook Starlite, that reaches twice the breed average for production. So far 14 Ontario herds have qualified.



FISHING FOR GOLD! Mark Lindauer was held by Cheryl Kelly of 351 Delrex Blvd. last one of the approximately 200 children who attended the Muscular Dystrophy Carnival Friday afternoon. Standing with Mark is one of the helpers of the event, Ian Mercer.

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