

"Step aside dear, I'll handle it"

As the old saying goes, it's so handy having a man around the house, but in this day and age more and more women for one reason or another are coping alone with problems cropping up in a home like leaky faucets, extinguished pilot light, hanging wallpaper and flat tires.

To this end the "Y" in Georgetown held a "Fix-it" Workshop last Wednesday where experts in plumbing, wallpapering, fire safety, electricity, natural gas and automobiles answered questions or showed the women attending how jobs around the house could be safely and simply done.

Plumber Spencer Amos told the women how to repair that most common of household problems, a dripping tap. First shut off the water in the house then open the faucet lowest in the house to drain all the water in the system, he said. Then, remove the faucet handles to get at the cartridge containing the worn washer.

Mr. Amos advised that the washer seat also should be replaced to ensure the tap will no longer drip.

One valuable tip he gave was to put the stopper in the sink so not to lose down the drain the various little screws and washers from the faucet cartridge.

As there are so many different makes of faucets, Mr. Amos suggested that the worn parts be taken to a plumbing supply company to get the correct replacement parts, "after you've shut the water off."

Single handle faucets, although more expensive than double-handled ones, need repair less often, Mr. Amos said. But when they do it's best

to purchase a repair kit containing the tools needed and instructions, he said. Any repair job is simpler if the correct tools are used, he added.

Washers in the east end of Georgetown need to be replaced about each year and a half while those in the west end about every two and a half years and every three years in the country, he said, because of the hard water in Georgetown.

During the afternoon a number of the women went to North Halton Ford to learn from Terry Hay and Steve Green what goes on under the hood of a car and how to change a flat tire.

Under the hood Steve showed the women how to check the oil, but nobody knew how motor, the power steering, the transmission as well as the water level in the radiator, the fluid level in the hydraulic brake master cylinder and the correct tension of the fan belt. As well, he showed them how to start a car with a flooded carburetor. (Remove the air filter, insert a screwdriver or some other such tool to keep the carburetor open and start the engine.)

Back at the "Y" other women sat in with Fire Chief Ken Buikema who reviewed for them some of the dangers which can be avoided by using common sense and being well prepared for the emergency of fire in the home.

Chief Buikema told the women that a period of transition in fire service is now underway in America. Previously people were warned not to start fires, the

chief said, adding that everybody believed in the advice but nobody knew how to follow it up. Now more people are becoming aware of fires and their causes, he said.

Chief Buikema recommended the use of smoke detectors in the house. There is a 75 percent reduction in fires in homes by use of the devices, he said because the fire can be discovered while it is still small and contained. The detectors must be placed in the most advantageous location, the chief said, adding that he would be glad to advise of the best location for any particular house.

Heat detectors, which sound an alarm when a temperature of 160 degrees Fahrenheit is reached, are good in certain locations, the chief said but not without smoke detectors.

He said the whole house can be full of smoke and everybody dead and the heat detector still may not have sounded the alarm.

The chief also discussed the dangers of overfusing. He said that using the blue, 15 amp fuses would prevent even old wires from overheating.

"If you overfuse," Chief Buikema said, "your wiring acts the same as the wire in your toaster."

As for aluminium wire, although it had been approved by Ontario Hydro, "unofficially it is not so good," Chief Buikema said.

Hugh Campbell of Georgetown Hydro also was present to tell the women of the mysteries in the fuse box, an occurrence between various kinds of fuses and the mark to look for on electrical fittings suitable for both copper and aluminium wire. The mark is (CuAl or CoAl).



YOU CAN FIX IT YOURSELF was the theme of a workshop the "Y" had for women last Wednesday. On a trip to North Halton Ford a number of the women watched one of their

members changing a tire. Looking on is Steve Green who answered the women's questions and demonstrated the correct way to do things under the hood as well as change that flat.

During his talk with the women, Mr. Campbell defended Hydro's rate structure which charges more for rural users than for town users. Hydro provides power at cost, Mr. Campbell said.

Union Gas Company was also at the "Fix it Workshop" giving the women information on how to properly relight a pilot light which has gone out and how to care for a gas water heater.

Dianne Bulckaert told the women that lime and mineral deposits build up at the bottom of a gas water heater and retard the heating rate.

She said that because the water in Georgetown is hard, one or two gallons of water each week should be drained from the water heater. If the deposits have solidified, expert help will be required to take the heater apart and remove the deposits, she said.

Dick Walters showed the women the safe way to light an extinguished pilot light.

Georgetown Decorating Centre was represented at the workshop by Shirley Bergama who advised the women how to hang wallpaper so that it comes out straight all around the room and won't peel off later. The most important thing to do before wallpapering or painting is

make sure the surface is clean. Ordinary household cleaners were not adequate to the job, she said, advising the women to use trisodium phosphate instead.

Although she would not recommend that beginners try

to hang foil wallpaper, she said that having the proper tools and equipment always makes the job easier.

Said one woman who attended: "Am I ever going to impress my husband with all the stuff that I know."

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GDHS students plan this summer

For years, this controversial question has been annually discussed by parents, students, and teachers: Is the summer holiday from school too long?

Georgetown District High School students don't believe so. Many have well-planned their months of freedom to include both work and travel; others will continue their education by taking courses.

Grade thirteen student Henriette Fokkens was accepted into the six-week French Total Immersion Course, funded by a government bursary.

Lea-anne Woodward, a grade 13, can enjoy the cottage country while she's earning money. The owner of an arts and crafts shop in Bracebridge has hired her for the summer.

Aspiring actor Robert Stubbs, grade 11, has applied to take a theatre course at a camp in Hamilton.

Anne Oghen and Susan Douglas, both in grade nine, have enrolled in gymnastic schools.

So he can commute to Toronto to work, where there's "more money", Steve Tucko of grade 10 has been busy fixing up his car.

Bill Shaw, grade nine was lucky to get one of the few jobs available in Georgetown. He'll spend the summer working as a dispatcher for one of the local taxi companies.

After saving the money she earns the first part of the summer at a take out restaurant, grade ten student Jayne Bell plans to take a trip to England before classes commence in September.

Before training to be a fitness instructor at George Brown College, grade 13 student Cindy Hayes wants to earn some money, but hasn't been employed yet.

A permanent job is what Jennifer Hall, grade 12 graduate, is looking for.

Grade nine student Phil Buck is taking his Kawasaki 100 to a cottage in Bracebridge, and intends to do a lot of swimming and water-skiing between trail rides.

Kevin Wofen, also of grade nine, would like to work but is under age. He's looking forward to a two-week motor trip to Lake-of-the-Woods.

Drum lessons are on the agenda for Craig Peter of the band "Eclipse", who plans to head to Florida with his buddy Brian Hastings.

For some students, summer travel is merely for pleasure, but others venture away from home wherever employment opportunities lead them.



DICK WALTERS of Union Gas points out to the women who attended the "Y" Fix-it Workshop last Wednesday how to determine where the pilot light is on a gas furnace.

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Enjoy the season by taking advantage of the facilities at the CVCA parks.

The Belfountain Conservation Area in the Niagara Escarpment Gorge is famous for scenic lookout points, and the West Credit River is suitable for swimming.

As in all parks, picnic tables, washrooms and fireplaces or

barbeques are provided. North-east of Georgetown is the 350-acre Terra Cotta Conservation Area, which has a concession booth, convenient for campers, and a one acre swimming pool, which will open in early June.

To make reservations for camping, write to: Terra Cotta Conservation Area, General Delivery, Terra Cotta, Ontario.

Campsites cost \$2.50 per unit per night and a season pass is available for cars for \$25. The parking fee for car entrance to Terra Cotta and Belfountain is \$2.50.

Halton Hills objects to Milton

Halton Hills is considering filing an objection with the town of Milton about plans presently before Milton council for an estate residential housing subdivision in part of the former township of Esqueping that, through regional government, has been included in Milton.

Although plans for the new subdivision were not discussed at last week's meeting of Halton Hills subsidiary planning board, town planner Mario Venditti did point out that there were several features of the plan that he was not pleased with.

Everyone loves a parade

The Pied Piper may not be there, but the kids of Georgetown will be Saturday, May 29. That's when the first ever Georgetown Children's Parade will be held.

Children on bikes, children on trikes, children with pets, children just by themselves will all be on parade through downtown Georgetown that day.

developed on fairly good agricultural land, he explained, which is in direct contradiction to regional development guidelines. He felt it was likely that the region would be very critical of the plans.

Esqueping Councillor George Maltby commented that it appeared the developers of the subdivision were pushing it through quickly in order to have construction completed before the 500 Kv line towers were built nearby.

The Halton Hills planning board tabled any action on the plan until a further study was carried out by the town's planners.

The only stipulation the Joycettes have set out is that parents of very young children accompany them during the parade. The route will take them from Remembrance Park to the fairgrounds.

couraging all young people to enter. There will be ribbons for everyone and also special ones for kids who are judged to be the best entries in various categories of paraders.