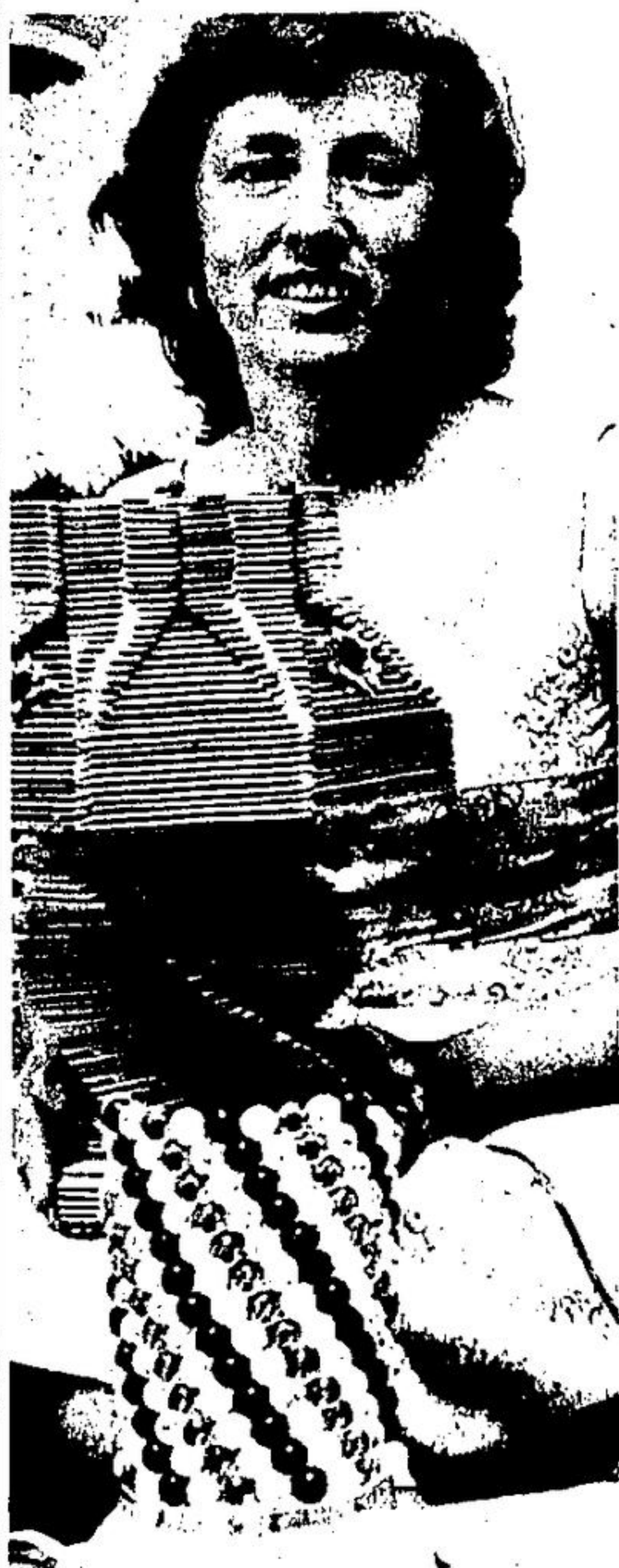


About the Hills



Frances Siderus displays some of her craft work.

BIRDS, CRAFTS PROVIDE JOY

Liberated women would have us believe that being a housewife is a dull, dreary existence full of cooking, cleaning and waiting on a family. The Herald found a Halton Hills housewife who handles all those chores with a smile and squeezes in some hobbies as well.

Frances Siderus of Georgetown raises canaries. Her husband, George, has built her an aviary in part of their basement. In it she has seven canaries, a pair of white finches with red beaks, and a Japanese quail. Beside these she has two pairs of canaries nesting in individual wire cages and two pairs in a large wooden cage.

Since her father raised canaries, Frances has been acquainted with birds all her life. She was raising them several years ago but sold them all to a pet shop when the family went on a long vacation. This past winter she decided to take up the hobby again.

Frances also sews, plays the guitar, gardens and freezes or preserves the produce, makes string and styrofoam pictures and makes lamps. Her wooden lamps have bases and shades made entirely of popsicle sticks. The large size needs a thousand sticks. They cost about \$5 in supplies but would be even more expensive if she bought the sticks in a craft shop instead of hardware store, she says. She wires the lamps herself.

She also made lamps with marbles but found they are not as satisfactory because the glue dried and let them crumble. Even Crazy Glue won't last, she says. A book from a craft shop started her making lamps, Frances says, but now she creates her own designs. She finds that hardware stores often sell supplies cheaper than craft stores.

Frances taught at a craft day at the Woodbridge Christian high school last year and will be there again next year too.

A native of Lippstad, West Germany, Frances came to Canada with her parents and some of her family in 1952. She and George have lived in Georgetown for 10 years. They have four sons, John, 13, Ronald, 9, Timothy, 3, and Leonard, nine months.

Limehouse news

By MRS. A.W. BENTON
Herald correspondent
We are sorry to learn that Mr. Sam Mileham is a patient in hospital in Georgetown. We hope for his improvement soon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, 20 Sideroad are entertaining his sister and family from Kent, England.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hannah and Michael motored to the east coast where they attended the Scout Jamboree, toured the island, and visited Boston before returning. Son, Doug returned with them.

The three Limehouse Scouts have returned from the fourth

Canadian Jamboree held in Cabot Provincial Park, Prince Edward Island. Lee Inoson attended as part of the patrol from second Georgetown led by Bob Barber and Lyle Campbell went with the patrol from first Georgetown under Brian Ferras.

The boys all had a good time even though it was windy and a few tents blew down.

The program they had for the boys was excellent and they enjoyed seeing the island and having Anne Murray there. They would like to thank all who helped in sending them there. David Hannah was one of the staff there.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE...

A challenging job in animal health

By KAREN WARD
Herald staff writer
Barb Taylor, is the only animal health technician in Halton Hills, and since her involvement as treasurer and membership chairman on the board of directors of the Canadian Association of Animal Health Technicians, realizes how lucky she was to land a job at the Georgetown Animal Care Clinic.

At a monthly meeting with other board members, complaints of other animal health technicians are brought to light. "A technician must complete a two-year program and when a student graduates," Miss Taylor said, "he or she is worth more than just sweeping out kennels."

An animal health technician is qualified to collect, process

and report on specimens for clinical pathology, expose and process radiographs, prepare and administer medication, and give treatments on the prescription of the attending veterinarian. She said. The technician also assists in carrying out medical and surgical procedures, which is a professional job. Some students are working in labs... some have even taken further courses to work in human labs. There are one-year courses given at community colleges for animal care, but graduating students are not qualified for lab work. Veterinarians seem to mix up the courses, she said, for why else would he hire a technician and not use a

technician for his full potential capabilities. For this reason, and because some technicians are on a low pay scale, the association of animal health technicians has applied to the Department of Agriculture and Food to get certification. "There will be so many graduates in the next few years, she said, "that if a student cares enough to take an extra exam to become licensed, a veterinarian will have to recognize the person's qualifications." "Of course, she added, this doesn't force vets to hire a licensed technician, or pay a certain salary, but it does raise the standards for technicians

and give them something to fight with." The association is hoping for January, 1978, as a licensing date. Miss Taylor graduated in 1973 and has worked in Georgetown since. "I was one of the lucky graduates who was hired for what I was taught," she said.

She loves working with animals and said pets offer a challenge when they are hurt, because they can't tell you where the pain is. When she first started, she became involved with many of the animals in the clinic and wanted to take several animals home. "You learn to refrain yourself though, or you'd end up with a couple of kennels at home."

Any high school graduates interested in becoming animal care technicians, she said, should be aware that only three courses are recognized by the Ontario Veterinary Association. These are at Centralia College, Huron Park; St. Lawrence College, Kingston; and St. Clair College, Windsor.

The association offers membership to any animal health technicians who have graduated from a college that is recognized by the OVA, and she said the same will apply for students who wish to become licensed.

Rental protection should stay: region

Halton region has asked the Ontario government to ensure some form of protection exists for tenants once rent controls are lifted.

Council last week added the suggestion to a series of recommendations contained in a housing study unveiled at planning committee two weeks ago.

The study calls for encouragement of senior citizen and low income rental housing; a rationalization of all federal and provincial housing programs; increased assistance by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for home buyers; and an end to rent controls.

"I believe some form of rent protection is needed to protect

tenants from exorbitant rent increases," Burlington Coun. Ben Ciprietti said.

Earlier chairman Ric Morrow called out of order a suggestion by Burlington Coun. Walter Mulkeewich that the planning committee review its suggestion to lifting rent control legislation and provide council with some alternatives once that has occurred.

Mr. Morrow ruled that alternatives do not come under the jurisdiction of regional council.

Mr. Ciprietti suggested that the province investigate the controls system in Quebec where controls are only imposed in areas where there is a shortage of housing.

McKeough grants belt exemption

Ontario treasurer Darcy McKeough has granted an exemption to parkway belt regulations to allow the construction of a \$2.5 million regional headquarters.

The exemption, the last hurdle facing Halton Region in its attempts to construct a new facility, came two days before contract tenders for the building could have become void.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett said the building permit for the headquarters was issued at 11:30 a.m. last Wednesday.

McKeough overruled two objections in allowing the exemption and approval of the site at Queen Elizabeth Way and Highway 25.

One of the objections, from Botterell Warehousing of Oakville dealt only with the cost of the project and not with an exemption under the parkway belt regulations. The other objection came from the region's present landlord Peter G. Lush Associates.

Mr. Lush had fought the proposal in two actions: a hearing before the Ontario Supreme Court to quash the bylaw approving the project which is almost \$500,000 over budget; and by opposing the provision for a parkway belt exemption.

Two weeks ago he dropped the Supreme Court action and his objection to the exemption was overruled by the provincial treasurer.



Barbara Taylor with friend Whiskers following surgery.



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