

HUNTERS, GATHERERS

Looking for Flow-Blue

By ANDRE  
There's Minjon and Winton and Chelsea and Pratt Pearl-ware and punchbowl and plates with a view. Some thing Noritake may be where it's at. But collectors are hunting elusive Flow-blue.

Last Tuesday I paid a visit to Erin and spent a pleasant informative evening in the Stanley Park auction room.

One can often find really good pieces among the general family bric a brac and there are plenty of tools, both ancient and modern. Then too, there is auctioneer Dan Bailey. He knows his merchandise, will answer questions on it honestly and he has the added happy merit of being a natural wit.

I was vaguely hoping to find a piece of early 19th century Flow blue china but that night, no luck. Auction rooms are like bookstores, you can browse contentedly secure in the knowledge that nobody seriously expects you to buy anything unless you find exactly what you're looking for. There's always at least one hour to inspect what's offered before the sale begins. This is your chance to pinpoint the articles you wish to add to your collection, then assuming you have come armed with a small magnifying glass, examine the items first for flaws, then for identifying marks on the bottom.

A pocket book of manufacturer's ceramic marks will, in time make you a real pro; however, there is no quick way to recognizing china and the only thing I can offer is a skimpy summary of dating whereby you can recognize at least, the overall period. (see below).

The blue and white china called Flo-flow - or flowing blue is the collectors dream and the counterfeiter's delight.

There are over two hundred patterns and a century of manufacturing since Josiah Wedgwood first introduced a cheap but aesthetic way of using Cornwall's cobalt to decorate his stoneware.

Many people thought that the charmingly cloudy effect of color flowing over the pattern lines was a potter's mistake, but this is not so. Potters had been in control of the colour for many years and there is no doubt that this new method of transfer was quite deliberate.

The early patterns still used Chinese themes. Names such as Chingan and Chapoo were often marked on the foot of the dinnerware.

There was no copyright and so companies pirated designs freely producing wares not only in the Staffordshire potteries but in Scotland and many other parts of Europe.

The newer flow-blue developed around the latter part of the century and the early 1900's. It was characterised by sharper designs and gold was used as an outline. The chinoiserie still persisted, the people unwilling to part with their willow pattern.

I can remember Sunday teas in Dundee with my great aunt; cucumber sandwiches and plum cake on octagonal platters and the blue and white tea set with its

lovers on the bridge wept over by a willow and followed by a furious father, with the symbolic doves fluttering endless above.

But the platters began to change radically following the high wave of nationalism in the U.S.A. Americans began to put away their gold and painted china in favor of the new blue and white.

Soon the Staffordshire potters were turning out enormous quantities for export using designs both patriotic and sentimental; "Washington crossing the Delaware" "Scenes from New Orleans" "Boston House" etc.

Our local auctioneer Mel Smith from Glen Williams is highly knowledgeable about flow-blue. Being a man for all seasons, Mel keeps his auction barn open all year round and hopes that there will be more flow blue to sell during this fall and winter. Only about thirty pieces have gone through his hands since spring.

There's no doubt collectors are seeking it avidly in spite of the hazards of being landed with a fake. I questioned him about this seamy side of the subject.

"Fakes have been circulating in Canada since before 1900", he said. "One method is to buy up quantities of fairly old but plain earthenware transfer the design, re-age it articially, glaze it, fire it and hey presto... instant flow blue."

Never be afraid to ask your auctioneer whether the piece being offered is real or a reproduction. He'll give you a straight answer for he dislikes counterfeiter's as much as anyone does.

There is, however a fairly foolproof way by which you can determine the authenticity of early Staffordshire for yourself.

Weigh the article in your hand. It should feel light, have a bluish glaze and a slightly wavy surface when looked at edgewise.

The flatware should have three still marks near the rim or below the surface making it practically impossible to counterfeit.

Sometimes if you are collecting a particularly elusive pattern a visit to an antique dealer will prove more fruitful than waiting for a chance find in a sale. VICTORIAN ANTIQUES, has several worthwhile pieces as well as commemorative china display.

Keep watching your newspaper for these estate sales and good hunting...

**HINTS ON FINDING FLO-BLUE**  
1810... Name of printed pattern  
1842-83... diamond registration mark.  
After 1850... "Royal"  
After 1860... "Lid."  
After 1875... established"  
1884... Registration numbers  
Circa 1891... "England"  
20th century... "Made in England"

Region to hire legal team for Site F

Regional council took two hours last week to ratify a decision it made two weeks earlier.

Haltom region will continue to seek legal counsel from a team of lawyers recommended by former regional solicitor Mike Martin to gain approval of Site F as a landfill location. The two-hour debate centred on a recommendation by Burlington Mayor Mary Munro who sought to overturn the council decision supporting Mr. Martin's recommendation.

Mr. Martin who resigned his position last week to return to private practice said the region requires expertise in four

areas: applications before the environmental protection or assessment boards; the Ontario Municipal Board; actions for damages or injunctions; and applications to quash by-laws or seek judicial reviews.

Mrs. Munro, who continued her running battle with Chairman Ric Morrow for consistency in allowing introduction of recommendations to council's committee of the whole dealing with landfill issues, said she disagrees with the need for four separate law firms.

She believes it would be more costly than hiring a single firm to handle all aspects of the application for approval of Site F. These firms considered for such a role would likely have the expertise in all four areas and not have to employ outside assistance or seek to gather data, she added.

"The opponents seem happy with one lawyer," Mrs. Munro said. "It is complimentary to Mr. (David) Estrin that the region needs four firms to oppose him."

Coun. Tom Sutherland said he favors one firm to handle all aspects of the case. Should the firm require outside assistance it could hire someone.

Oakville Coun. Mac Anderson called the move to one legal firm as a "step to further problems with Site F."

He said Site F has "a tremendous well versed opposition on the outside and some on the inside (council)." He said Mr. Martin was paid to offer advice to council and that is what he did before leaving.

"No matter what we do with Site F, we're making it far more difficult than it already is," he said.

Coun. Pat McLaughlin of Burlington said a single firm would seek to employ someone from within when that person may not be the best person to represent the region in a particular area of expertise.

There was no indication that there would be a savings on legal costs by employing one firm, Coun. Jack Rafitis of Burlington said.

Milton Mayor Don Gordon predicted that costs for the action could exceed \$100,000. He feels that a team of lawyers would spend more time on the telephone co-ordinating data than a single firm.

The matter was originally brought to council as correspondence and a motion to receive and file it drew fire from Mrs. Munro who maintained a precedent had been established for the receipt by committee of the whole staff reports on the landfill question.

Council overruled the motion and dealt with it in committee of the whole.

Among the four firms recommended by Mr. Martin for use by the region is Helson, Baines, Bellegem and Steele of Georgetown. The Others are: McCarty and McCarty; J. E. Sexton of Oster, Hoskin

and Harcourt or Spencer Stewart of Jarvis; Blott, Fejer and Pepino; W.D. Dunlop of Burlington.

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Ballinafad news

By WINIFRED SMITH  
Herald correspondent

We were glad to hear the good news that Christine Quackenbush was able to leave hospital last week and is convalescing at her home showing some improvement every day.

Sympathy is extended to the McLean family who recently suffered a bereavement when Mrs. Ada McLean suffered the loss of her sister Mrs. Cleave, who died recently in Acton rather suddenly.

Janice and Joan Wright twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Wright are attending the George Brown College in Toronto. They have enrolled in the school for Graphic Designing. We wish them every success in this interesting course.

The Yemens had their annual family reunion at the Ballinafad Community Centre on Sunday Sept. 18. Several of the members attended church service here before attending the festivities at the Hall.

A few residents from Ballinafad attended the Anniversary Service at Limehouse on Sunday where they met friends and a former Minister Dr. C. Cochrane who was the guest preacher.

This long spell of wet weather is seriously affecting the usual activities of farming at this season of the year. Potatoes and turnips are ready to take up, to say nothing of the many acres of corn grown in the area. There are complaints that much smut is seen in the corn crop due to too much rain.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Residents concern over plan

The following is a letter sent to The Herald for publication. Last week's paper carried a small article indicating that Mr. Piliutti no longer intended to build apartments at the end of Hall Road. One could sigh with relief until one read further and discovered that the intent was to use that area for

road access to build homes on the flats, creek land, once ravine area of the open space backing Fagan, Rosefield and Wilson.

This area, while zoned R2 in the original plan, was left empty by the developer as open space. Houses in the

development were sold on the basis of this being open recreational space with the assurance that it would be given to the town or conservation authority. All purchasers were charged premiums of \$200 to \$1,500 for these ravine lots and subsequent resale was on the same basis. However, the land was not needed over to the town, as first promised, because the town neglected to ask for it! Subsequently there was a dispute with S.B. McLaughlin Associates. It was to have been rezoned in 1973 and went to planning board but because of the shuffle of changeover to regional government this was never passed.

Both the developers and town have indicated that the land would be unsuitable for further development due to watershed, access, and conservation problems. Consider for a moment the Metcalfe experience and the serious danger of over-developing these ravine and watershed areas. In 1969 this area was flooded badly due to inadequate storm sewers at which time the town dug up the creek. The problem was inches of water. The considerable damage resulting was not covered by any insurance. If the town allows Mr. Piliutti to fill in and build here, a serious problem area in the past, who will pay for possible future damage? The planned access road will be built on a steep embankment. Are you willing to pay for a new one when it slips away in the Spring?

Strange I always believed that councillors were elected by the people and paid by the people. I believed that they were pledged to examine and weigh problems and to make decisions benefitting the people.

Georgetown is already below standard in conserving of open space. We need it. If you care call 877-8757 or 877-6701.

Brenda MacKay.

Readers questions  
Acton library meet

To the editor of The Herald:

Does our library board know what it is doing?  
The plans for a new Georgetown library in Cedarvale park were presented in the Acton library?  
When nobody from Georgetown showed up the board members expressed surprise! I feel that the board can't be that naive. Maybe the purpose of having the presentation in Acton was to make it difficult for Georgetown citizens to be there?  
To me, this illustrates how unwilling our library board is to discuss the options in a reasonable way. The board does not seem to understand that a great many of the

library users love the old library building and all it stands for. We want it preserved and an addition built onto it.  
Georgetown has more than enough new buildings built in the last 20 years. Banks, stores and churches galore. All of them are architecturally horrible, or at least undistinguished. We are not able anymore to build the kind of gem the old library building is.  
The library board, of all our institutions, seems to actively oppose our growing love affair with our heritage.  
In a nutshell, that is the real tragedy of the present dispute.  
Sincerely,  
John Sommer,  
Gallery House Sol.

Support the Y  
in fundraising

A copy of a letter to Georgetown "Y" in response to its appeal for funds.  
To all "Y" leaders and volunteers:  
None of our citizens should overlook the fact that the "Y" provides a focus for neighbours helping neighbours as a local organization. It brings Georgetowners together, and listens to their current needs in order to build a programme tailored to our own people.  
In these days of the "mass society" we need just this kind of help in preserving the close community feeling.

I sincerely hope that every person who has benefitted from "Y" programmes can stop to imagine what he or she would be deprived of without your organization. Just visualizing the hours of work put in by "Y" volunteers should bring a surge of support.  
Good wishes are commendable, but the "Y" also needs our financial backing.  
Thanks for your time and the expertise which you have applied over the years to our needs.

A. Callaghan

University women meet

By HELEN TAZZMAN  
Dagnia Strautnieks was hostess of the annual Wine and Cheese Party held by the University Women's Club. At this gathering, newcomers were introduced to the club and awards were presented to outstanding graduates of the Georgetown District High School.  
Carolyn Bird, who is enrolled in Agricultural Economics at the University of Guelph, received a \$200 award in absentia. Julia Treviranus, a student in Arts and Science at the University of Toronto, received \$150. Julia's goal is physiotherapy.  
Money for awards and other community projects is raised

at the annual University Women's Book Sale.  
As in past years, the club will invite the public to hear guest speakers and panelists on current issues. "Francophones in Ontario" will be the subject of the open meeting on Nov. 1. "Our Concerns about Nuclear Power" will be discussed later this winter.  
Plans have also been made for a wide variety of interest groups. These range from an investment club to mechanics and cross-country skiing.  
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-and-  
IN THE MATTER OF a reference to this Board by the Honourable John R. Rhodes, Minister of Housing, of an application by Ontario Hydro to amend the Official Plan for the former Esqueving Planning Area (now in the Town of Halton Hills) to permit the construction, operation and maintenance by Ontario Hydro of high voltage transmission lines and uses incidental thereto, and the said lines entering the Town of Halton Hills at the west boundary thereof and then in an easterly direction across parts of Lot 6, in Concessions I, II, and III and then southerly into the Town of Milton and from the Town of Milton, southerly within part Lots 1 and 2, in Concession V out of the former Township of Esqueving (now in the Town of Halton Hills.) Minister's File OPC-0012-17(3)-A

APPOINTMENT FOR HEARING  
THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD hereby appoints Monday, the 24th day of October, 1977 at the hour of ten o'clock (local time) in the forenoon at the Old Esqueving Municipal Building, in Georgetown for the hearing of all parties interested in supporting or opposing this application.  
If you do not attend and are not represented at this hearing, the Board may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings.  
In the event the decision is reserved, persons taking part in the hearing may request a copy of the decision from the presiding Board Member. Such decision will be mailed to you when available.  
DATED at Toronto, this 21st day of September, 1977  
SECRETARY  
 R772102  
Ontario Municipal Board  
IN THE MATTER OF Section 35(22) of The Planning Act (R.S.O. 1970 c. 349).  
-and-  
IN THE MATTER OF an appeal by Ontario Hydro for an order directing an amendment to By-law 54-51 of the Town of Halton Hills, as amended by By-law 76-95, to permit the construction, operation and maintenance by Ontario Hydro of high voltage transmission lines and uses incidental thereto, the said lines entering the Town of Halton Hills at the west boundary thereof and then in an easterly direction across parts of Lot 6, in Concessions I, II and III and then southerly into the Town of Milton and from the Town of Milton, southerly within part Lots 1 and 2, in Concession V out of the former Township of Esqueving (now in the Town of Halton Hills)

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EXPLANATORY NOTES RE RESTRICTED AREA BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPEAL AND OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT REFERRAL  
The existing restricted area by-law permits Agriculture and Open Space uses on the subject lands. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to permit the construction, operation and maintenance by Ontario Hydro of high voltage transmission lines and uses incidental thereto as shown on the draft schedule attached to the proposed by-law.  
The existing official plan designation of the subject lands is Rural, Recreational, Conservation, Hazard Lands and Special Policy Area. The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to permit the construction, operation and maintenance by Ontario Hydro of high voltage transmission lines and uses incidental thereto within the corridors shown on the map attached to the draft official plan amendment.  
The proposed official plan amendment corresponds with amendments contained in the restricted area by-law amendment appeal.