



ALL ROUND GUIDES

Julie Saunders received her All Round award the same award congratulates Julie on Cord Monday evening. Elaine Fenton (left) earning the second highest honor in Guiding, the only other member of the 6th Guide Co. to

Energy saving tips for farmers

Reducing energy waste on the farm can save producers money without affecting production, says Grant Webber, agricultural energy conservation supervisor for Ontario Hydro.

Mr. Webber suggests the following steps to help producers cut down their hydro bills.

Check insulation in ceilings and attics. Use insulations with a minimum resistance to heat transfer of R28 for ceilings. Insulation in the walls of farm buildings and residences should be a minimum of R12.

Check ventilation systems in animal housing buildings. The ventilation system should be tied in with the heating system. Make sure you are not pumping purchased heat outdoors.

Light only necessary areas. Keep light bulbs clean. A clean 60-watt bulb is more effective than a dirty 100-watt bulb.

Install dimmer light controls where practical, or install timer devices to switch lights off and on automatically.

Localize heat and light. Don't heat or light a whole area when part will do. Put up a curtain to keep heat and light in one section of the building.

Reduce heat in farm buildings to the requirements of the animals or birds. Many farmers are overheating buildings for personal comfort. For dairy cattle, temperatures of 7 degrees C or 45 degrees F are sufficient.



NEW LIBERAL EXECUTIVE

PART OF THE new executive of the Brampton-Georgetown Federal Liberal Association is down with the flu but some newly elected members were present at the association's annual meeting Wednesday. They are (left to right standing) Cameron Welsh, secretary; Sam Stubbs, vice-president for Brampton; Frank Allen, executive vice-president; George Henderson, rural vice-president; and Adib Shahib, treasurer. Sitting are (left to right) Alice Walker, Georgetown vice-president; Ron Nelson, president; MP Ross Milne, the guest speaker Doreen Leithwood, vice-president for Brampton. (Daily Times Photo)

Endorse death penalty

The reinstatement of the death penalty for capital murder received the endorsement of Halton Hills' finance-administration committee, Monday.

The committee declined, however, to endorse two further resolutions from the town of Collingwood asking for stronger gun control and for the abolition of passes from prison for convicts. A police sergeant in Collingwood recently lost his life while attempting to apprehend two convicts out of prison on passes.

The committee turned down an appeal from Operation Dismantle, a Toronto group attempting to have a Global Referendum on disarmament, and refused to follow the lead of Paris, Ontario, the first municipality to run a referendum.

Appeal launched

Lawyers for the Interested Citizens Group (ICG) representing land owners along the northern section of the Bradley to Georgetown transmission corridor appeared in the Ontario Supreme Court Tuesday seeking leave to appeal an expropriation order.

The order was handed down last year following expropriation hearings held at Durham. Since the matter comes before the court after deadline, a report will be published next year.

FAST TAKE-OUT SERVICE

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Work on gun control a tough job, Milne says

Getting the new federal gun control bill into law was difficult both personally and politically, MP Ross Milne (L.-Peel Dufferin-Simcoe) said Wednesday.

"I got hammered around pretty good about it," Milne told the Brampton-Georgetown Federal Liberal Association. "I did what I could to pass the gun control bill and I believe that we passed the strongest bill that was possible to put through the House of Commons."

Milne said tremendous pressures were put on some MPs by their constituents to stop the bill. This was especially true with rural ridings.

Despite the political and personal problems, gun control bill brought, Milne said it was worthwhile.

He told of an Ottawa policeman stopping him on the street to say "thank-you" for the bill.

"I felt rather good about it," he said.

"One of the greatest things about being an MP is you never know what's ahead of you," Milne told the meeting. Starting later this month Milne said he is again holding town hall meetings. An exact schedule isn't complete but

meetings are planned for Brampton, Bramalea, Orangeville, Georgetown, Bolton and Alliston.

In an interview following the meeting Milne declined to speculate about a date for a possible 1978 election.

However, he said, "I just feel down deep in my bones that we'll have a federal election. The adrenalin is going up a bit."

Commenting about separatism, Milne said, "Levesque has made it sure that Canada can't be the same again."

"I think we have responded coolly by reaching out to moderate people in both French and English Canada to show them that Canada can work," he said.

In his report to the association, Milne praised the efforts of the new association on his behalf.

"An MP is not only the person," he said, "but also the people who work with him. I think we've got a good viable riding association. This is unusual in a time in our history when fewer people are volunteering their time."

Goat adopted

Peter Branch, a sheep farmer near Hornby, has added a young Billy Goat to his livestock in an effort to keep dogs running at large from attacking his flock of 400. He said the situation has become serious and he is prepared to try an experiment with the three-month-old goat to see if its presence is effective. The goat, adopted through the Toronto Humane Society, was found running loose in downtown Toronto about a week ago.

Red Cross course

The Georgetown branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society will be giving a course in Emergency Services for "Workers" on Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Red Cross Cedarvale office. The course has been designed to prepare people for major and minor disasters. Since the mini-class is filling up with registrations, anyone interested in taking a future course can call the Red Cross office at 877-5233 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Snow, cold weather create winter euphoria

Those who hate winter in Ontario cite snow and cold temperatures as the culprits that annually slow down their lives, but those same conditions create a mood close to euphoria for winter lovers — better known as skiers.

Every year about this time, skiers young or old, novice or expert start itching for that first day on the slopes. Whether they thirst for demanding, dramatic runs or gentle, winding trails, they find them throughout Ontario's many ski areas.

From December to March (or even April), usually excellent snow conditions combine with snow-making facilities at many resorts to provide some of

the country's best skiing. Granted we don't have enormous mountains, but what we have makes for fine ski trails.

With over 400 well-groomed slopes, it's no wonder that family skiing is one of Ontario's most popular outdoor recreations. The variety of hill types at any one resort can provide families with spots for new skiers or accomplished hot-doggers without overtaxing or undertaxing anyone's stamina.

For the new skier, there is nothing to fear. Expert ski instruction is available from the Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance at most commercial ski areas. They'll teach the how and why of skiing in a fun

way... by doing it.

With five ski areas no more than 20 miles from town, at least one run of a mile or more at each resort and total trails of 75 miles, Thunder Bay is the Mecca for Ontario's skiers. Hill hopping can be inexpensive there too since Loch Lomond and Gandy Mountain have interchangeable lift tickets. And, as an added bonus, vacationing skiers may get a firsthand look at someone trying out Big Thunder's 70 or 90 metre ski jumps.

Further south near Collingwood, skiers can try the run of the province's largest ski area, Blue Mountain. A convenient 90-minute drive from most of southwestern Ontario, Blue Mountain boasts 26 trails and 17 lifts including a triple chairlift.

In operation for close to four decades, the resort features great ski trails, six restaurants, a new ski shop and can accommodate up to 6,000 skiers an hour.

And transportation isn't a problem either. Bus lines offer reasonable rates and quick trips to most ski areas in the province normally including the lift ticket in the over all price. Weekend, long

weekend and week-long packages are available through many bus companies. Accommodation, meals and free ski lessons are components of some tour packages.

For parents considering just what to do with the kids, Talisman ski area has the answer — babysitting services. It's a small, complete ski resort with snowmaking equipment and some excellent ski runs. Ares-ski facilities even include sleigh rides.

Skiers in the Ottawa region should remember Calabogie Peaks this winter. Located 60 miles west of Ottawa, Calabogie's 750 foot vertical drop gives skiers one run of a mile-and-a-half and, since it is a relatively new ski area, lift tickets are priced slightly lower than average.

If you're interested in skiing Ontario this winter, remember that there are advantages to winter vacations. Through the week lift prices are lower than Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays and the hills are less crowded.

For more information on alpine skiing and other winter activities in Ontario, contact: Ontario Travel, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2E5 or call collect 416-965-4008.



Thunder Bay provides Ontario's best skiing. Around the province there are over 400 well groomed slopes for family skiing fun.

The epitome of frustration

By SUSAN DE FACONDIS

Over the recent holiday season, I actually found myself seated in front of the TV set — mainly because it seemed the easiest place to temporarily park a listless body with a burned out mind — and suddenly discovered why I dislike television so much.

After years of avoiding the boob-tube and wondering what it was that set me apart from the rest of the country in this national pastime, I now know why. It is not so much what is, or is not, happening on the screen that is the turn-off, but the activities going on in the room around me.

On this rare occasion, surrounded by my family, I mistakenly sensed a preliminary feeling of togetherness, a shutting out of the cold winter evening. An event that, for me, quickly degenerated into instant insanity.

I never realized before, for instance, that the 'on' switch of a television set was a signal for intense hunger to strike my family. Not only did they all double up with hunger pains, but they insisted on doing it at staggered intervals.

Consequently, one was never free for a moment from the extra sound-effects that began with the slow and steady crunching of toast on my left hand side, followed by the chomp of potato chips on the right side, culminating in a positive cascade of crackling peanuts at the far end of the chesterfield. How is one supposed to follow Lt. Columbo's mumbling trail of clues while all this is going on?

Meanwhile, the commercial breaks were even worse. The moment all story action ceased, more violence broke loose amongst the viewing audience than I have ever witnessed on the screen.

"Move your stinky feet out of my face, turkey."

"Sit back, dummy. I can't see the Jolly Green Giant."

Then came eight o'clock and Teresa's bedtime. The burning decision was whether I should

miss the end of Columbo, never to know "whodunnit" or to delay and lose out on the beginning of the succeeding movie.

Having made a snap decision (never an easy task during the holiday season) I rushed the poor child upstairs, only to find that the tooth-brushing and goodnight kissing session caused me to not only remain eternally ignorant of how Columbo solved the crime, but I even managed to miss out on who was knocked off early at the start of the movie.

The absolute finish of my television viewing experiment however, came towards the end of the movie. Just as I was beginning to catch up on the story line of "who did what to whom," my husband suggested a cup of tea would be nice.

Never was tea prepared so quickly but, once again, in my absence the unknown villain was napped. So, the evening score thus stood at one missed beginning, two lost endings and a floor ankle deep in crumbs, not to mention damaged eardrums and seething sibling emotions.

Try it again, you say? Until the television stations do a re-run of the first and last ten minutes of every mystery programme so I can imaginatively piece them together with the familiar middles. I am going to stick to books. At least no one deprives me of the first and last pages.

Television? It is the epitome of frustration.

First crossing

In 1870, the first railroad train crossed the American continent. The train's baggage car carried five ice closets and a printing press; its smoking car contained a game room, wine room, barbershop, and newspaper office, and the remaining sleeping cars, drawing room cars, and dining cars included two library rooms, and two organs.

BOOKS Greek myth, fact studied in book

By IAN VORRES

Greece, the world's wealthiest depository of myths and sagas, has been unexpectedly enriched with the facts — already legendary — of Heinrich Schliemann.

Born of poor German parentage and lacking education, through incredible toil and dedication he came to dazzle the 19th century literary world with his theories and erudition.

His famed archeological finds, especially on the Greek island of Crete, ensured his lasting fame. His life indeed lacks none of the adventure, lustre and pathos of a classical Greek myth.

Every biography written on Schliemann so far has failed to untangle the man from the myth. Leo Deuel in his *Memoirs of Heinrich Schliemann* (Fitzhenry and Whiteside; 405 pages; \$24.95) has come nearest to success, though not quite.

Schliemann's biographers — and there has been a spate of books written on him — all agree on one essential fact: The man's phenomenal drive and self-discipline were primarily aimed at leaving his imprint upon history and in molding the saga that was to surround his name.

He succeeded beyond his wildest dreams, unearthing enormous golden hoards (by chance and mystic vision) at ancient Troy and in Mycenae.

Dr. Deuel's highly readable book is written with insight and compassion. The author has successfully interwoven a rich selection of excerpts from Schliemann's prolific writings with his own realistic analysis of events and data.

Adding to the reader's interest is an excellent selection of prints, drawings and photographs which vividly reflect the life and mood of the period.

The trouble, however, is that Schliemann's own writings, besides being dull and unimaginative, reveal little or nothing of the inner man. Obsessed with fashioning his own image for posterity, Schliemann kept his true thoughts and emotions to himself.

The reader's interest is therefore mainly sustained by the author's penetrating and vivid account rather than by Schliemann's pronouncements. The book could stand less Schliemann and more Deuel.

Despite the author's obvious familiarity with his subject, the "Schliemann puzzle" remains ultimately unanswered: What were the real aims and ideals of the man? Was his megalomania the basic driving force behind his many-sided personality? Were archeology and his romantic search for the Homeric tradition just a convenient facade to cover up interior motives?

If Dr. Deuel fails to give a

clear-cut answer in his book, no one probably ever will. The puzzle, after all, is part and parcel of the Schliemann saga. The truth lies entombed, beyond reach, in the marble mausoleum serving as Schliemann's grave at the Athens cemetery.

The author claims to have done extensive research among various original sources. One of the richest sources remains the Schliemann archives and memorabilia donated by his family to the Gennadius Library of the American School of Classical Studies in Athens.

As far as is known Dr. Deuel did not examine this material. It would probably have revealed some intimate aspects of Schliemann's character. In fact Athens is still haunted by living memories of the Schliemann era, and this could have also served Dr. Deuel as a source of valuable information.

This reviewer's grandmother at the age of 92, still recalled the glittering receptions at the Schliemann mansion in Athens, now housing the Supreme Court, in which Sophia Schliemann, Heinrich's hand-picked Greek wife wore like an exotic goddess the choicest jewels from Prizam's treasure — to the shock, envy and amusement of all Athens.

"Schliemann was a preposterous yet fascinating man,"

my grandmother used to sum it up.

NEVER FORGOTTEN

Greeks have never forgiven Heinrich Schliemann for bequeathing the Trojan treasure to the Berlin Museum instead of to Greece, which helped him keep it and secure it from the furious Turks.

Even his adoring wife, on whom Dr. Deuel could have dwelled more, had difficulty in forgiving him.

Regardless of any conclusions one may draw on Schliemann's character, the indubitable fact emerging from Dr. Deuel's erudite account is that Schliemann was responsible for arousing world wide interest in archeology, helping it achieve the status of a full science.

For this alone has place in history is secure.

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Human Computer

The average human brain—weighing three pounds, occupying one-tenth of a cubic foot, and needing only 25 watts of electricity to run it—can store between 10 billion and 100 billion items of information.



Light and shade, tan and snow, white and black make a pattern of lace-like tapestry near Cedarvale Park.