

New solar products firm opens Stewarttown office

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A new business offering installation of name brand solar products at a reasonable price has recently been formed and at least for a time its head office will be the Stewarttown residence of one of its partners.

Ray Gibson and his brother Murray, of Mississauga, have formed Halton Hills Solar Structures Ltd. to install such things as solar collectors and air conditioners manufactured by recognized companies such as Philips and Lennox for homeowners seeking quality

installation service.

The brothers have considerable experience in the building field and therefore know what is required to do a top job.

Murray has spent about 16 years in mechanical and electrical construction while Ray has more than 10 years in the construction industry and is an electrician by trade. His work has been with heating and ventilating systems in buildings.

Mr. Gibson says that the original plan to manufacture components that would make installing solar products faster and easier has had to be shelved for now.

"We have to crawl before we can walk," he says, "so we've decided to start with installing other people's goods."

If business is good enough and the demand seems apparent the brothers might consider starting a retail outlet. Manufacturing the parts that now have to be made on an individual basis to fit a specific building in order to install a certain type of solar product is still remotely possible but the brothers are not looking to that type of business until they have had more experience and know that their products would sell well enough to warrant mass production.

Originally the plan was to put the company headquarters in Halton Hills. Now Mr. Gibson says that they are using his home as a temporary location but will eventually move to Mississauga because that is where they envisage getting their business from the Metro area.

Mr. Gibson approached planning board last year to build experimental model homes on Trafalgar Road and was turned down. As a result he feels the interest in solar energy is not great enough in Halton Hills to warrant trying to remain here.



NEW ROTARY EXECUTIVE

The Georgetown Rotary Club elected its new executive at the club's first meeting of 1978. They are, from left to right, Rex Heslop, director; Bob Kallmeyer, director; Bob Simpson, secretary; Bruce McIntyre, past president; Fred Long, president; Barry Timleck, treasurer; Howard Briggs, director; and Rev. Peter Harrow, vice-president. Absent were Norm Bigg, Ted Watts and Bob Foskett, all directors.

ANN LANDERS

Husband knows better than doctor

Dear Ann Landers: This letter may be a matter of life and death — not mine, my husband's. He doesn't listen to me because I am only his wife. He reads your column religiously and thinks you know everything.

George has high blood pressure. His doctor has ordered him to lose weight (which he has done — but not enough) and to quit smoking. (He is down to half a pack a day from two — not bad.) Problem: George has stopped taking his medicine. The last time he went for a check-up his blood pressure was normal, so he doesn't think he needs the pills any more.

When I told him to call his doctor and make sure, he said, "I don't have to call anybody. If I get symptoms I'll go back to the medicine."

I know this is wrong. Please say something — Worrying On The Sidelines.

Dear W: There is no known cure for high blood pressure — but it can be controlled by CONTINUED medication. This means the pills must be taken for the rest of one's life.

The real problem is that approximately 22 million Americans have the disease (this is between 15 and 20 per cent of the adult population) and half of them don't even know it because often there are no symptoms. Untreated, high blood pressure can lead to stroke (700,000 new cases every year), heart disease, and kidney failure.

George, if you won't listen to your wife, please listen to me. Put your ear up close to the page so you can hear every word.

(1) Get your weight down to where it should be.

(2) STOP SMOKING.

(3) Use a salt substitute. There are good ones available.

(4) Get back on your medication, or your blood pressure will go up again. Hypertension cannot be cured but it can be controlled. (P.S. to all you physicians out there: Are you impressing your patients with the importance of continued medication or do you rush them out of your office so you can get through the staggering list of patients your nurse has overbooked for you?)

Ordered to stand trial

Dale Morette, 24, of 3 Dale Gate, Georgetown, has been ordered to stand trial in the Ontario Supreme Court on a charge of manslaughter arising out of the death Sept. 16 of Lloyd Sedore, a Georgetown father of three.

Judge William S. Sharpe who heard a preliminary hearing in Provincial Court here Wednesday ordered a ban on publication of evidence.

Morette was charged after Sedore, 45, an employee at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, died outside a hotel following an altercation.

Weather causes low turnout

Bad driving conditions resulted in a smaller-than-expected turnout for the Credit Valley Artisans' demonstration night at Cedarvale Cottage on Jan. 10.

The evening combined the group's first general meeting of the year with demonstrating of the various courses offered by the group this winter and spring. Instructors demonstrated pottery-making, silver-smithing and drawing and sketching. There were also samples of completed work on hand.

The first course, leaded stained glass, begins on January 18, with the other courses beginning on staggered dates, the last one starting in June. There will be courses in pottery, leather and weaving, among others. For further information, those interested can consult the Halton Hills Recreation Department supplement, or contact the Credit Valley Artisans' registrar, Carole Hubert at 877-6613.

Liberal task force in Halton

The Liberal Caucus task force studying local and regional government will hold a public meeting Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Junior auditorium of the E. C. Drury School in Milton.

The task force, created by Ontario Liberal leader Dr. Stuart Smith, is examining the duplication of services in local and regional areas, cost effectiveness of services, ways of making local government more accountable to the citizens and alternatives to the present system.

Besides the meeting in Halton, others are in Niagara, York and Durham. The task force's findings will be used to develop caucus policy and are expected to be made public by mid-March, 1978.

Pension assistance

District and local office staff of the Canada Pension Plan are available to assist recipients of the Guaranteed Income Supplement in completing their application for re-registration for the coming fiscal year. The staff will also assist recipients of OAS, Spouse Allowance and Family Allowance. Resident of Halton Hills can make inquiries at the Canada Pension Plan district office on Lakeshore Boulevard, Oakville or at the local offices on Nelson Street in Brampton and on Dundas Street East, in Mississauga.

Chairman of the task force is Herb Epp (MPP, Waterloo North). The members are Paul Blundy (MPP, Sarnia), Jim Bradley (MPP, St. Catharines), Eric Cunningham (MPP, Wentworth North), John Eakins (MPP, Victoria-Haliburton), Remo Mancini (MPP, Essex South), Gordon Miller (MPP, Haldimand-Norfolk), and Robert Nixon (MPP, Brant-Oxford-Norfolk).

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Dear Ann Landers: One of the women in this office said, "ALL married men fool around." I told her she was wrong and her statement was ridiculous.

Someone else said her estimate was high — that actually it's about 90 per cent.

A few others put in their 2c worth. Nobody but me guessed lower than 50 per cent. I have been married for ten years and I would bet my life that my husband has never cheated. Am I naive? Stupid? Overly idealistic? What do you say? — Married To A One-Woman Man

Dear Married: Valid statistics are hard to come by because this is one subject people lie about — a lot.

... If you want a curbstone opinion based on 23 years of people-watching, I'd say approximately 40 per cent of men married less than seven years "stray." After that it goes up to 70 per cent. At about age 55, it drops to approximately 50 per cent and tapers off from then on. Only death puts an end to philandering for some Romeo's — no matter what it looks like to outsiders.

Ann Landers discusses teenage drinking — its myths, its realities. Learn the facts by reading "Booze and You — For Teen-Agers Only," by Ann Landers. Send 50 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11995, Chicago, Illinois, 60611. COPYRIGHT 1978 FIELD ENTERPRISES, INC.



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