LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Acton committee chairman replies to resignation call

To the editor of The Herald: Not being an individual who evades a challenge I would like the opportunity of replying to your editorial of January 25. I should thank you first of all since it is something of an honor in Acton to be 'ticked off' by the Georgetown Herald. ¿You have bestowed upon me a certain distinction. Now let me -reply to your editorial.

It has been stated the letter addressed to Council with my signature was an expression of , 'one man's opinion'. It is true I wrote the first draft of the letter. It was then considered a sentence at a time by the Restoration Committee and rsome changes were suggested

and incorporated. I pointed out to the Committee the final sentence was a fairly strong statement and asked if they wished it included. The Committee voted unanimously to retain it. The letter to Council was therefore an expression of the feelings of the whole Restoration Committee over the

YOUR WEEK AHEAD BY DAMIS

Social activities keep you constantly on the go. Save time for loved ones.

You may find by now you are in the

Information concerning tax matters or

You seem to have just the right answers on

the job. Beware of antagonizing a

The comforts of home and family are

especially attractive. Put your creative

shortcomings.

Put forth your views.

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ner brings rewards.

skills to good use.

superior.

TAURUS be rather extravagent—upsets the budget. Apr. 20-May 20 GEMINI

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You make a terrific impression on one May 21-June 20 you've admired. Put forth your ideas. MOONCHILD A problem arises regarding a confidential June 21-July 22 matter. Don't magnify it into something more than it is.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 limelight and called on for a few words.

Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Think big in shaping up travel plans. It's a chance to enhance your skills.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 . handling other people's property should be

SAGITTARIUS It looks like a temporary change of Nov. 22-Dec. 21 scenery this week. Cooperation with part-

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18

PISCES Feb. 19-Mar. 20 some friends in. It looks like a good week

A problem at home resolves itself. Have for entertainment.

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signature of its Chairman. If you read the letter carefully, and I commend this practice to journalists, you will note it did not state the Halton Hills Council was insensitive and dictatorial. The reference was to regional government in general with Halton Hills being only one expression of it. It is a fact some people in Acton do

statement in the letter. The Committee did request an informal meeting of some Councillors, Firefighters, architects, etc. to discuss how plans might be worked together for the Town Hall restoration and the Fire Hall addition and was told no such meeting would be A bit of domestic friction this week is best set up. Where I come from that handled by being sympathetic to others is insensitivity. Before regional government such a meeting would not be at all unusual in An increase in spending-in fact you may Acton. In their refusal Council ignored concerns and work of a Committee of their own creation set up to investigate a problem, and, without a hear-

ing proceeded to take certain

actions. That might be constr-

perceive of regional govern-

ment in this way. Denying the

feeling exists is unrealistic.

The letter merely suggested

that if the Restoration Com-

mittee secured a reasonable

pledged sum in Acton then a

donation by Council in support

of the restoration would prove

to such people that at least

Halton Hills government is not

insensitive and dictatorial. I

think this is a quite reasonable

statement of the facts as they

are. It is strong, unpalatable

perhaps, but undoubtedly true.

some justification for the

In any case perhaps there is

ued as dictatorial by some. As for suggesting 1 step down from Chairmanship of the Committee, that was kind of you. The campaign to save Acton Town Hall was not one I originally wanted to become directly involved in. A sense of responsibility to Acton prompted me to take the job and it has cut considerably into the small stock of spare time I have. If the people of Acton wish me to step down I will gladly do so. In view of the selbacks we have had the burden of fighting what increasingly seems to be a losing battle is not a comfortable one. If they wish me to remain as Chairman I feel duty bound to do so until every last resource has been explored in an attempt to preserve Acton's Town Hall.

George Elliott Chairman, Acton Town Hall Restoration Committee

Storing Vegetables Dried vegetables should be stored in a dry, cool, dark

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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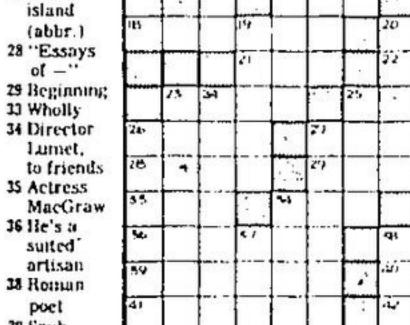
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Limehouse news

By Mrs. A. W. BENTON Herald correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Patterson have returned from a month holiday in Florida where they visited relatives and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Patterson, Lakeland; Mr. and Mrs Herb Sinclair, Tarpon Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Neil Gordon of Sarasota and Mr and Mrs. Alton Breckon of South Venice.

They enjoyed the drive down the Gulf coast, across through the Everglads to Miami and up the east coast. The weather was quite cool except for the odd warm day. On the way home they ran

into snow in Tennessee and The annual congregation

meeting of Limehouse Presbyterian Church was held on Wednesday evening Owing to weather and road conditions there was a smal crowd but a good meeting.

TODAY'S ANSWER

27 Party

30 Taste

31 Choice

32 Kind of

34 Kind of

spot

37 Cut off.

branches

wave

School was cancelled on Thursday and Friday due to the very severe storm.

Decision deferred Planning board deferred a

decision on Al Pilutti's application to build 34 single lamily dwellings on a 9.5 acresife on Hall Road until such time as the developer notifies it of his intention

Ward 4 Coun Mike Armstrong told the board it was his understanding that Mr. Pilutti didn't want to proceed with the

Student achievement ratio increases with new concept

By MAGGIE HANNAH

Herald staff writer Use of the Mastery Learning technique can bring very high levels of achivement for the majority of the students in every class in every subject area says Fred Johnston, of Queen's University.

Addressing teachers at a professional development day program in Georgetown High school on Monday, Mr. Johnston said that apptitude is not a guide to how well a student can learn a particular subject matter. It is rather a guide to how quickly he can tearn it. Thus increasing the amount of time available for learning the required material gives the student with less apptitude for it the opportunity to achieve the same level of knowledge as his faster classmate.

Mastery does not mean total absorption of all the material taught in a course, he said. He would suggest instead that mastery level be set at the level of achievement which will satisfy a teacher as being the best he can expect of his

students. Mastery level should be the level of top students who are reaching the level teachers wish all students could reach even though they are allowing others to pass with much lower marks because they aren't as

good at a particular subject. This would probably be somewhere in the 80 per cent range, he said. Although mastery learning takes slightly longer than the

present system, Mr. Johnston

says, it tends to produce atu-

denis who are more capable of working on their own with each successive step. He admits that both the very quick and the very lazy students tend to waste a lot of time when they are first introduced to the system. However. once they get into it and begin to experience success the ex-

that they tend to gradually

perience has such an exhilarating effect upon the students

speed up in their work. Studenis should always know how much time is available to complete a specific portion of

Asked what to do with students who completed courses early and then had time on their hands, Mr. Johnston recommended that these students either be given the opportunity to do further study in a related topic or be encouraged to help with the teaching of slower classmates. Falling to show interest in either area such students could be allowed

to be absent the remaining

class time, he suggested. Mr. Johnston warned the teachers that setting up the mastery learning system takes a great deal of work and planning in the beginning. It saves class time in the end, however, because all the preplanning means the teacher is very well organized when he walks into the classroom to

begin teaching. Testing of some type must be

included in the system in order to know which students have achieved a mastery level in a topic and are thus ready to proceed with the next unit of

work, he said. Some sort of remedial teaching system or alternate approach to the work must also be available so that those who fall in their first attempt at mastering a unit of work can

try it again in another form. Stan Hall, a Georgetown district high school department head who uses the system, told the group that he also feels the material set down in a course of study must also be carefully evaluated as to its

importance. Mr. Hall said that while his students must all reach mastery level not all of them will complete the entire course and thus those who learn half the course to mastery level are more accurately deserving of a mark of 50 per cent than those who only learned half of the course of study



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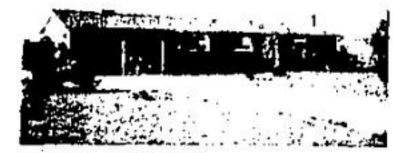
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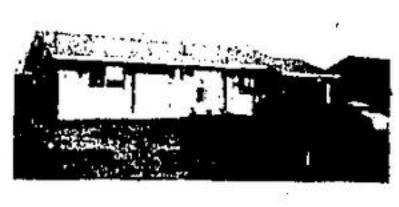
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