

ANN LANDERS

Marriage 'visit' aids in decision

Dear Ann: Recently I became engaged. Since I come from a Catholic family, the wedding will be in church.

Before getting married, every engaged couple is asked to come in for a "visit." At this "visit" you discuss marriage with the priest, a doctor, and a married couple. Well, a friend of mine last attended such a meeting and when she told me the questions they asked I was shocked. Do they have a right to ask "Do you fight?" "What are your arguments about?" "What do you plan to do about the dividing of money after you are married?" "What method of birth control will you use?" "How often do you plan to have sex?" Aren't these questions highly personal? I don't think it is any of the priest's business.

Am I right or can the church poke around in your personal life like this? I need to know because my fiancé and I both want a church wedding, but we don't want to go through the third degree. Please print this in your column. We are patiently awaiting your response. - Raised Eyebrows

Dear Raised: If more couples were compelled to think about the answers to those questions BEFORE marriage it might help curb the divorce rate, which, incidentally, is going through the roof.

Too many young people rush into marriage with no thought of the problems they will be dealing with day after day - and night after night. Information is good. Ignorance is bad. I'm for getting as many questions answered before marriage as possible. Even couples who believe they know each other extremely well run into a lot of surprises.

Dear Ann: I was a former klutz who can offer a few helpful tips to all the lady klutzes out there.

One thing that sure helps is a sturdy pair of shoes that fit. Platforms, five-inch heels, or poorly-fitting, worn-out shoes do nothing for one's balance.

The most important thing for a klutz to learn is to do things at her own pace. A klutz who is dashing around at breakneck speed is sure to fall on her face.

When I'm at home I rarely do anything. But the minute I go to someone else's home and try to help, I'm a mess.

I may be a little late getting places now that I've shaped up and got my act together, but I get there in one piece without any mishaps, which is a big improvement over the old days. Just sign me - A Former Klutz From Syracuse.

Dear Klutzes: You have pointed out two major reasons for clumsiness - the wrong shoes and rushing around. Many wrote to suggest the possibility of a neurological problem, but the vast majority of klutzes could profit from your suggestions.

Dear Ann: I have this laundress who has worked for me for five years. She is the dumbest woman I have ever met. Yesterday a guest accidentally spilled some nail polish on my good tablecloth. The laundress asked me how to get it out. Jokingly, I said, "Try a seissors."

Well, the idiot actually took a seissors and cut out the spot. Shall I make her pay for cloth? It was new - Still Funny.

Dear Still: NO. If after five years you haven't learned that this woman takes everything you say literally, you are dumber than she is.

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Mayor spent \$1,669 for \$1,500

Mayor Tom Hill spent \$1,669 to collect \$1,500 in expenses from the town last year, Halton Hills council was told Monday.

Council was discussing a recommendation whereby the present policy of paying the mayor \$1,500 for expenses be ended in favor of an \$1,500 increase in the mayor's public relations account, which was \$1,000.

Coun. Roy Booth said the accounts would be "somewhat of a mixup" if council increased the expense account by \$1,000 and decreased the public relations account by \$500.

"It's all very confusing," Coun. Booth said and asked for clarification.

Coun. Peter Marks, vice-chairman of finance committee, said the treasurer had suggested "relining" three accounts into two if the policy

Lot levies increased

Halton Hills council has approved an 8.25 per cent increase in lot levies despite pleas from some councillors that the move only increases the price of housing.

"The lot levy is passed on to the purchaser of the property," Coun. Mike Armstrong said Monday. "We're doing nothing to decrease the cost of housing."

Coun. Roy Booth was also opposed to the increase. "It's academic anyways," Coun. Booth said, "because we're not charging any lot levies."

Coun. Peter Pomeroy said, however, that lot levy increases based on the construction index should be automatic, otherwise, "how do you regain that capital expenditure?"

"Our costs go up," Coun. Walter Biehn said. "We need to collect more."

Coun. Peter Marks said developers never reduce prices of houses when lot levies are reduced. Instead the developers charge what the traffic will bear.

Under the schedule adopted the levy is \$1,452 for a single family dwelling containing one dwelling unit.

Lot levies for apartment buildings of three stories or less or \$1,148 per unit. Senior citizen housing of three stories or less has a lot levy of \$688.

Apartment buildings of more than three stories have a lot levy of \$1,033 per unit while senior citizens housing of more than three stories has a lot levy of \$671.

Region to review code, foodland guidelines

By BOB RUTTER
Herald editor

Provincial guidelines for farmland preservation and an agricultural code of practice contained within the draft regional official plan will be reviewed.

Pat McLaughlin, chairman of the regional planning committee, made the assurance at a meeting between members of the Halton Federation of Agriculture and non-member farmers Saturday.

"We realize the code of practice is not law and has

been accepted by the province, but we believe there are still some good ideas in them," Mr. McLaughlin said. Sections of both documents might be incorporated in the new official plan rather than the entire documents.

Halton Hills Coun. Roy Booth, a member of the planning committee and chairman of the Halton Hills planning board, said the concerns raised by farmers that the guidelines, which are not law, being given status under the official plan are not new.

"They (the farmers) have been saying the same thing for two years," he said. "We're going to have to do something about getting it (the foodland guidelines and code of practice) out of the plan."

The move brings the federation closer to a position maintained by the South Essex Landowners Association.

The HFA is prepared to oppose designation of lands as

"foodland," in effect freezing the land use, without "just and adequate compensation guaranteed to farmers affected by this zoning."

But the method of ensuring some form of development rights for farmers who traditionally look upon resale and development values as a form of pension remains unclear.

HFA believes the government should provide a cash

difference between the value of lands frozen in agricultural use and development value.

Farmers can't find labor at costs in line with production overhead and with declining families the situation will become more acute.

Should development values continue to be included in cost of farmland for agricultural purposes the drift of young people away from the farm will continue.

farmer and member of the South Essex Landowners Association, said the group has no position on the HFA support of land compensation because the meeting was called too soon to prepare a brief.

But, he added, "it is getting closer to our point of thinking," Mr. Pinkney said the association will study closely the HFA position before making comment.

He maintained that he is not prepared to see his farmland frozen. Without imported food Canadian agriculture could survive and farmers would become economically stable and efficient.

"Canadian agriculture is extremely wasteful because we can't afford to put capital into it," he said. "Agriculture is only viable during wars and the aftermath of wars."

Limehouse school discussed

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In 1981 a rise in enrollment is predicted and current expectations are that enrollments generally throughout the region will begin a small, steady increase from that point.

If Limehouse loses its principal for a short time a principal could be returned if there is sufficient increase to warrant it, Mr. Heaver said.

Asked the amount of money saved by removing the principal and replacing him with a vice-principal who will also teach part time, he said \$4,000.

While this is a minimal amount

the board can save money by repeating the twinning idea in a number of small units throughout the region.

Parents are concerned of rumors which say the kindergarten and Grade 6 classes would be removed from the school and bused to Georgetown once twinning occurred.

Mr. Hinton couldn't understand where such a rumor came from but noted that this had been the route used to close Norval school.

"I can close any school in the county by taking away both ends of the stream like that,"

he said.

Parents noted that if they hope to make a presentation to the board with a view to stopping the twinning proposal they have only one week to prepare it because the board must be notified of their intention by March 2 or they will not be allowed to speak at the March 9 meeting where the proposal is to be discussed and decided upon.

The group asked Mr. Hinton to request a postponement of the item to give them more time to prepare a brief.

Mr. Heaver noted that a meeting to inform parents of

the board's plans would have been called after the proposal had been discussed.

"If we go to the people too soon we haven't got all the answers we need and we're accused of being vague," he said. "If we wait until we've done some planning and figured out specific things people feel it's a definite move and we've made a decision without warning or consulting them."

One parent told the group the children won't notice their principal has been replaced by a vice-principal. The ones who will suffer, she said, are the children in the classroom who are expected to be teaching. They will be without a teacher whenever he is called out on an administrative task.

Limehouse opened as a six-room school in 1962 and reached a peak enrollment of approximately 245 in 1966-67.

At that time Stewarttown senior school opened and Limehouse lost its Grade 7 and 8 students. It gained a Kindergarten class that same fall and a two-room addition also opened there in 1967.

Limehouse currently shares a remedial reading teacher with Joseph Gibbons school and has a half-time special education teacher working in the school on a daily basis. The school serves 136 families.

The federation supports four recommendations contained within the draft official plan to protect farmers from outside urban encroachment.

Included is the distance formula for construction or expansion of farm buildings away from nearby residences. But while this affects the farmer, Tom Foster, a Burlington farmer, says the formula should also apply to residents seeking to construct new home near existing operations.

Otherwise, he says, the farmer could be penalized in future expansion potential.

The federation also supports a maximum of 100 lots of rural development per year, restricting non-compatible uses outside the agricultural community, and phased strategies to show when agricultural land could be available for other uses.

Rod Pinkney, a Halton Hills

Consultant OK'd for hiring

A consultant will be hired at a \$3,000 minimum fee to advise the town on hiring a clerk-administrator, Halton Hills council decided Monday.

There are 37 applicants and the councillors do not have the

technical background to assess a candidate for the position. Coun. Peter Marks said. Private industry would pay two or three times more for such a service, he said.

The firm of Stevens and

Kellog Ltd., Management Consultants, will recommend the persons who could be hired for the job, the three finalists.

Should the town decide it needs more information, the firm will provide a psychological analysis for an additional fee of \$1,000 each.

The councillors who were opposed to hiring the consultant - Les Duby, Garnet (Pat) McKenzie, Roy Booth, Huss Miller, and Walter Biehn expressed the view that council members themselves could weed the applicants down to a short list.

Hobos participate

The Hungry Hollow Hobos Camping Club participated in the Winter Fun Day at Cedarvale Park on Saturday Feb. 18.

The activities of the club were explained to interested

people.

Various people got warmed up around the campfire and also enjoyed the Hobo Caviar (weiners and beans) which lasted good on a cold day.

Possible closing set for Montessori school

March 29 has been set as the deadline for a decision on the possible closing of afternoon classes at Norval's Montessori Nursery school.

Alan Shine, one of the school's organizers told a group of concerned parents at a meeting at the school Monday that unless another 15 to 20 students come forward to enroll during the next few weeks the afternoon class will not be economically feasible.

Enrollment has fallen to the point where only half of each daily session will be filled in September, Mr. Shine said, and thus parents hoping to put their youngsters into the afternoon class have been asked to transfer them to the morning program.

"Fortunately no one had to be left out by transferring students," he said. "We just had enough room to combine the two proposed classes."

Parents asked Mr. Shine to delay making a final decision on the matter for a few weeks in order to give them time to pass on the word to others who might be interested in enrolling their children.

"They seemed to think that if people knew they have to get their application in so early more people would be coming forward now," he said.

Annual fees for the school are \$600, Mr. Shine said. The fees can be broken down to a monthly, or even a daily basis he said, and amount to nothing more than the price of babysitting. The benefits are considerably more than babysitting, however, he pointed out.

The Norval school is affiliated with the Brampton Day school and beginning this fall students from Norval will be bused to that school so that they can continue into the day long Montessori program.



RED CROSS PACKAGING BEE

Volunteer workers from the Red Cross engaged in a packaging bee to prepare mailing kits of information from the Red Cross. Before the Red Cross goes knocking on doors seeking donations in March, the volunteers prepare and mail out information sheets describing the services offered by the Red Cross. The information will be delivered to every home and office in Halton Hills.

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The Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board

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THUR., MARCH 2nd, 1978
9:00 am TO NOON
1:15 p.m. TO 5:30 p.m.

AGE OF ADMISSION AND REQUIREMENTS
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