

Scuba diving is a fun sport

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what kind of boat they want, how many people there will be and where they want to go, Mr. Noble said. It's not possible to set a definite destination until the day arrives because the weather conditions and the water temperature may vary, he said.

When a group goes on a charter, they some time appoint a diver master who will check everyone's equipment for mechanical failures or wear and tear. Because of the great responsibility involved, however, most diving experts recommend that a dive master

have \$500,000 to \$600,000 worth of insurance, Mr. Noble said. **DECOMPRESSION** "When we found that out, we decided that we would appoint somebody to check the equipment, but the divers would have to recognize that the final responsibility would rest with them," he said.

One of the things which must be taken into consideration when a group is going out on a charter and may be making several dives is decompression. The effect of pressure underwater is cumulative, and divers have to plan their dives

ahead to avoid having to calculate their rate of surfacing in order to prevent "the bends", which is the formation of nitrogen bubbles in the bloodstream, Mr. Noble said. Since the effect of the pressure is cumulative, the divers can calculate the depths of their dives in order to avoid having to stop on their way to the surface for decompression. "Decompression tables tell you the rate of ascent for the

depth of dives, and they aren't that complicated, once you learn to read them," Mr. Noble said. "But most divers stay

away from decompression dives, because they're a hassle. A sport diver doesn't need them and should stay away from them."

"But decompression diving is very tricky," he said. "Everybody is different and the time may be different for different people. You can enjoy a lot more without it."

Mr. Noble emphasized that wrecks and other artifacts on the bottom of the lake or river should be left alone for other divers to enjoy. Anything a diver finds on the bottom of the lake or river must be declared to the government, he said.

NO CLAIM

"If you don't declare it, they can come down on you pretty hard if they catch you, and if you do declare it, they can take it away from you," he said. Insurance companies have no claim on anything below 60 feet in depth, Mr. Noble pointed out, but he recommended that if a diver discovers something, he should mark it and investigate before trying to bring it up. That way he can get a better claim on it, or establish a reward for the find.

"One thing they can never prepare you for in diving class is the sensations when you're down about 100 feet," Mr. Noble said. "The air feels liquid as you breathe and you're almost swallowing it. You can feel the pressure all around you the first time you go down to that depth, but it gets less and less as you build up your number of dives, until you don't notice it at all."

Among the projects the club has underway is an underwater movie which Halton Cable Systems Ltd. has asked the club to make, but Mr. Noble said he is having a hard time getting the people together to get the project going.

Mr. Noble said he has spent a total of 25 hours under water since he got his certification five years ago, and he's had a lot of interesting experiences underwater.

"I've caught fish with my bare hands down there," he said. "Once, a buddy and I were diving in the French River, and we saw a sturgeon that had to be six feet long. I don't think anybody's ever seen one that big before."

"The biggest point about diving is learning to relax," he said. "You can stay down longer and enjoy it so much more."

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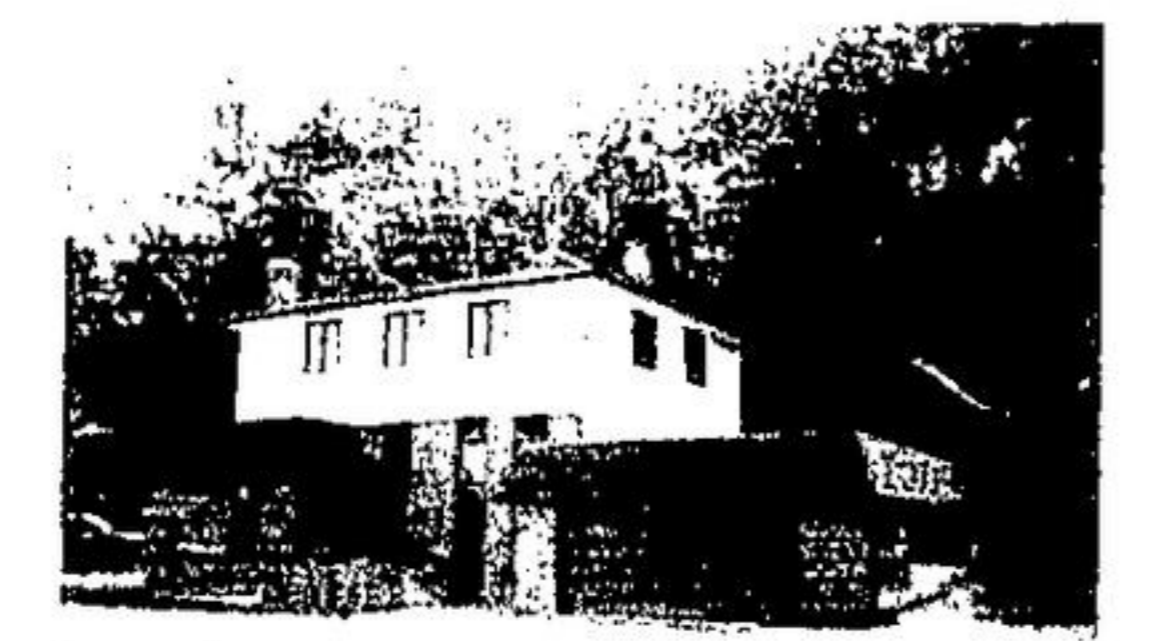
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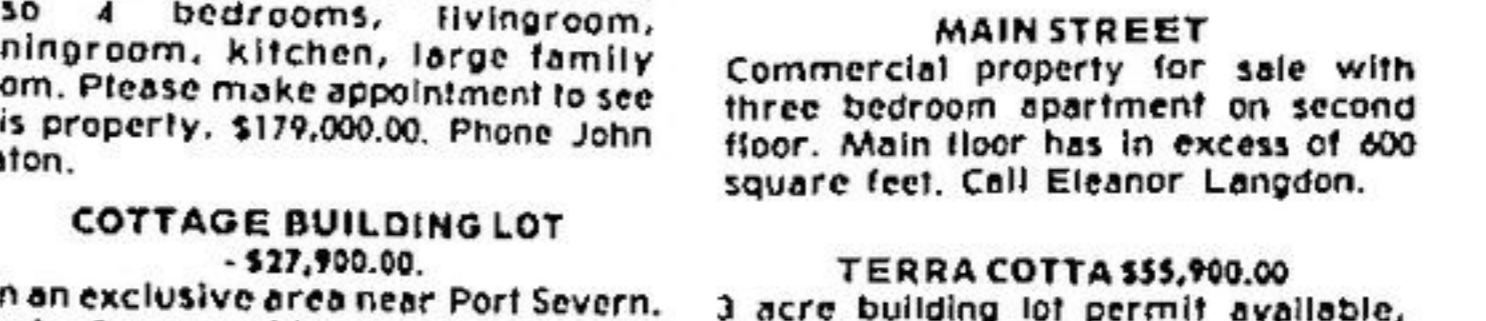
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Obituaries

Former store owner dies in Paris hospital

After a lengthy illness the death occurred on July 12, 1979 at Willett Hospital, Paris, Ontario of Archie Girard. He was predeceased by his wife Jessie (Houd) Girard on March 13, 1979.

His surviving children are Mrs. Milton (Cecilia) Roskelly, Mrs. Lea (Dorothy) Sayles, Mrs. James (Marion) Rowley, Mrs. Tom (Vivian) Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Cecil (Edith) Arrawsmith, and Ted Girard, daughter-in-law Mona and five sons-in-laws; also fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A sister Mrs. Stanley (Clara) Johnstone and sisters-in-law Mrs. T. McDonald and Mrs. Catharine Cordaro also survive. Reverend Father Vanlerie officiated at the funeral at St. Peles Roman Catholic Church in Paris, with interment in Paris Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Girard were formerly of Georgetown and until their retirement in 1965 owned and operated the Lucky Dollar Grocery store.

Former GDHS teacher and veteran dies at 67

Formerly a six-year resident of Georgetown and a teacher at Georgetown District High School, Captain Herbert C. Lewis, BACD (RC Signals and RCAPC World War Two, Paymaster, Queen's Own Rifles Militia 1946-57) passed away suddenly in Teeswater, Ontario, July 16, 1979. He was 67.

Captain Lewis was born and raised in Teeswater and married another Teeswater native, Aileen McLean, while living in Wilkdale and attending the University of Toronto.

In 1969, the Lewises moved to Georgetown. Captain Lewis worked initially as an accountant for Chubb Industries, then briefly taught at Georgetown high school before returning to accounting. Upon his retirement in 1977, he moved back to his much-loved hometown.

Funeral services were held July 19 from MacPherson Funeral Chapel in Teeswater with Rev. A. Proud officiating. Interment was at Teeswater-Culross Cemetery.

Captain Lewis is survived by his two daughters, Sharon (Mrs. Jim McDonald) in Cambridge, Ruth (Mrs. Bill Loney) in Orton, and sister Mildred (Mrs. M.A. MacLennan) in Newmarket, brother H. Bradley Lewis in Cornwall and their grandsons. He was predeceased by his wife in 1964 and an infant grandson in 1975.