

# Working with wood is a craft, says one of owners of Kincraft



Betty and Brian Clint are shown here with some of the wooden furnishings Brian and his brother, Ken, have made. The three together make up Kincraft, a custom wood-working outfit, which is taking orders for pieces they have designed and will also make pieces designed by their customers.

(Herald photo)

By LOUI TAYLOR  
Herald staff writer  
Kincraft Custom-Woodworking is open for business, just in time for shoppers to select some custom-designed Christmas gifts.  
Kincraft is basically a two-man operation, run by Brian and Ken Clint, with Betty Clint managing the business side. They are operating out of a shop in the basement of the old Henderson house, north of Georgetown, across from the Pentecostal Assembly church on Highway 7. The Clints are also living in the house, which, being a huge old farmhouse, makes a good show case for the company's work.

Brian and Ken Clint both have backgrounds in custom woodworking. They were living north of Acton at one point and doing some woodworking when they were burned out in a fire, and lost everything in the house, including their tools. They worked at other occupations for a couple of years until they could get back on their feet financially and start again.

"We'll build anything people want at a reasonable rate," Brian Clint told The Herald recently. Among the items they have already constructed

are kitchen aids such as spice racks, bathroom aids, shelving, dry sinks and deacon's benches.

In the spring, the Clints hope to add lawn furniture to the designs they have available. They are considering a set of a table and four chairs, with either a reeded back or a ladder back, and estimate the set would sell for about \$150.

**MAINLY PINE**  
While Kincraft works primarily in pine, they are willing to design and construct in any kind of wood, including hardwood. Pine is one of the cheapest woods available, but is getting more expensive, Mr. Clint said.

Kincraft will design anything a customer requests and is preparing a catalogue of photographs showing pieces its craftsmen have completed.

In addition to the catalogue, customers will be able to see some pieces on display in the house. Brian said they will be holding open house each weekend, and customers can call for a special appointment.

Mr. Clint said he and his brother pride themselves on being craftsmen.

"You might pay a little more for something we build than you would at Consumers' Distributing or one of these places," he said. "But 20 years

from now, our chairs will be scratched and gouged, and 40 years from now, they'll be antiques."

"A lot of contractors aren't craftsmen, they're businessmen," Mr. Clint said. "I took a woodworking course at Conestoga College, and they taught that faster and cheaper is better."

Mr. Clint said his family has been working in carpentry for generations on both sides of the family.

"I'm doing this because I

like to do it and I care about what I do," Mr. Clint said. "The work is a lot more satisfying too, because I deal with people on a personal basis. I want people to be happy with what I build, otherwise I won't sell it. That's the difference: with a craftsman, you're putting your reputation on the line."

Mr. Clint said people who want to see samples of their work can come to the house on the weekend, or call for appointment at 877-7178.

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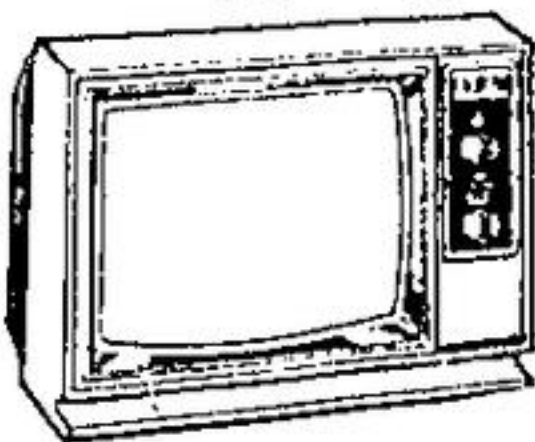
If the recommendations contained in a forthcoming report on the regional road classification system are followed, there will likely be a reduction in the total mileage under regional control according to its authors.

The report, prepared by the regional public works department, suggests that the principal criterion for a regional road is "that the roads accommodate predominantly inter-municipal traffic". This would exclude portions of a regional road that cross an urban area.

The reduced mileage would essentially centre on Burlington and Oakville. "While there exists a degree of interaction between Burlington and Oakville," the report explains, "local staff is of the opinion that the present provincial highways and high-way connecting links effectively provide for the inter-municipal traffic between the two communities."

What that means, the report continues, is that "the southerly extent of the system would be Highway 5."

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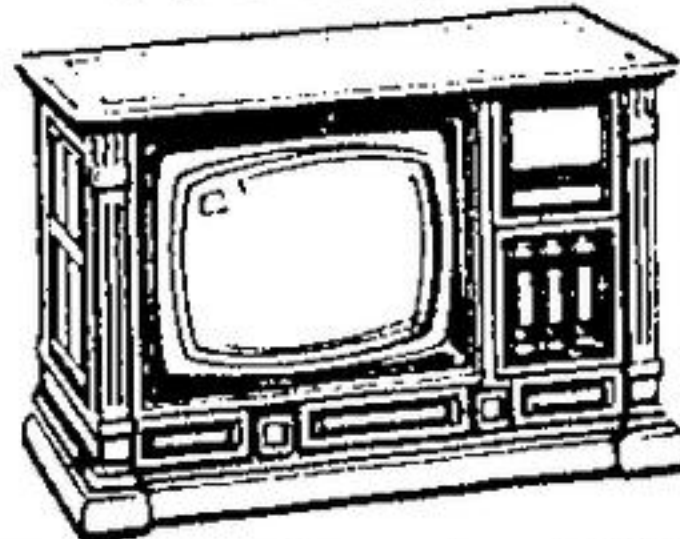
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