



TOMORROW'S BUSINESSWOMEN

Mandy Beaton and her friend Vikki Brannon have taken an early start on their business careers. They launched their own yard sale on the front porch on Friday morning with plenty of great buys. With all their business know-how, they stand to make a big profit. (Herald photo)

Ballinafad bear sighting no relation to last visit

Herald Special
There is little probability that bears sighted near Ballinafad three years ago are the same bears spotted in Erin Township, a spokesman for the ministry of natural resources said Wednesday.

Bruce Buckland, from the ministry's Cambridge office, said a male bear shot in Erin Township just north of Acton weighed around 300 pounds. That makes it too large to have been the cub seen by a Ballinafad farmer. While a bear weighing 300 pounds at hibernation time in the fall is not uncommon, it takes a pretty big animal to still have that weight in the spring, he said.

Mr. Sinclair saw a half-grown cub around haying time just at the back of his barn on the Eighth Line west of Ballinafad. He also saw the tracks of a much larger bear which he assumed to be the

cub's mother. Ministry of natural resources employees also saw the bears.

Mr. Buckland said a bear seen near Caledon after the bear was shot near Acton may be the same bear once reported near Ballinafad, but again it is questionable. Bears are

increasingly common from Barrie northward, he said. There are also quite a number of bears in the Bruce Peninsula.

The bear seen around Caledon hasn't been sighted for some time but ministry people are keeping watch, he said.



Greenthum 'n'

by Elli Dryden

Helping plants cope with summer heat

Now that summer is here (a small joke but not to the serious gardener), a few do's and don'ts for summer care. Accompanying hot weather is another set of problems such as more watering, fertilizing, sunburn, infestation, vacations, constant moving in or out of doors, relocating, frost and snow.

"I can't help that we had hail a couple of weeks ago". "Tell Mother Nature".

Then there is the big decisions on types of flowers, flowering baskets for gardens, patio or terrace. Here are the tips. Any cuttings of indoor plants done in the spring should be potted now and acclimatized for outdoors. Take cuttings in midsummer to prepare for large attractive winter plant gifts.

Pot (in this case meaning container for plants) Calla lilies around this time for blooms at Christmas. Gardening like the retail store business is done one season ahead of time.

The majority of plants respond to warm, humid air of summer, but if you have an air conditioner it can be hazardous to their health.

COOL AIR

Air conditioning causes drastic temperature variations with cool air being heavy contributing to low temperatures at floor level.

Beside natural evaporation an air conditioner is also drying and a humidifier will benefit all.

The windows being the warmest locations in summer and hottest with southern exposure, do not place plants between drawn curtains and windows, or it may be "curtains" for your plants.

When placing plants in full sunlight from indoor living you can expect sunburn.

Just place yourself mentally in the position of being a plant, do you like extremes of temperature, bugs all around you, too dry or wet conditions and you will find common sense prevails again.

Ah! vacation time: one-week trip: water thoroughly several hours before and again just before departure, raise humidity and leave in usual habitat.

Three weeks (lucky you): prepare by using self watering container, if you have hydroponics no problem

there. Another way is plastic-bagging, meaning, pull the bag up over the bottom of pot after a thorough watering just before departure, secure it around stem. Or if the plant requires a lot of moisture, cover the whole plant in a baggie and secure after following above instructions. Don't forget tiny holes for circulation and to help reduce condensation build up which will rot the plant.

NO SUNLIGHT

No direct sunlight for any system while away. Last but not least as I'm sure many of you have devised your own methods (write me about them) is a plant-sitter. As I do not have going away plans for the summer I would be happy to help out if I can.

If this is your turn to go around the world for a year or so, by all means, professional care is required, again I offer my services. You may wish to board your plants in a greenhouse (can do) or have plant store-florist experts tend your greens. Fees are individual and based on many conditions.

"So away you go mom and dad, sis and junior, Fido and Blackie, have a good time, we'll manage and survive very nicely, thank you very much."

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