



AL'S 'SEEN' IT ALL BEFORE

Judging by the look on Alexander Currie's face, (third from right) he's probably "seen" the same story thousands of times before. The occasion was a sign language story session held at the Georgetown Public Library last Wednesday. Margaret Currie (centre) was once a substitute teacher at Robert's School for the Deaf in London, Ontario, and her ability to

communicate with signs provides interesting entertainment even for children with normal hearing. Pictured (left to right): Ostan Morgan, Janelle Lewis, Margaret Currie, Alexander Currie, Christine Dumouchelle and Suzanne Ewen.

(Herald photo)

McDermid concerned

'Monumental' lack of info slows skilled labor research

Herald Special Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid feels the skilled labor shortage will be one of the most pressing problems legislators will face in the 80s.

Mr. McDermid said last Wednesday he and other members of the House of Commons Task Force on Employment Opportunities in the 1980s have come up against monumental lack of information on the shortage of skilled workers in this country.

"We don't know what the projected requirements for trades training are. We may be training workers now, for requirements which may not exist later on."

"That's part of the lack of information problem we're having to cope with."

"The three things we've realized," he said, "are the lack of accurate information on this subject, the poor attitude society seems to have towards the blue collar trades and lack of adequate trades training."

Mr. McDermid called the trades "honorable professions" which should be considered by more people.

He cited good pay, job security and the varied challenges of a blue collar career as reasons for such a choice.

"I certainly hope more young people start looking at the possibilities of a skilled trade," he said. "There's no

limit to what such a career can be."

There's no shortage of cash for retraining and trades improvement.

This year alone the govern-

ment will spend about \$700 million which is the second highest per capita expenditure on training in the western world.

The seven members, Inter-

party committee, headed by Liberal Warren Allmand will reconvene in the fall and Mr. McDermid hopes to have a better idea of the skilled trades requirements by that time.

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Preserving fresh-cuts

'Tis the time for fresh cut flowers, tra la la la, whether from the store or from your garden la la, for your own enjoyment or special occasions la la!

If you are cutting from your garden, cut early morning or late afternoon with a sharp knife to prevent crushing of water vessels in stems. Also remember to spray, spray the little bugs away before bringing into the house.

When purchasing fresh-cuts, keep in mind their purpose: flowers die quickly and each has a different life expectancy. Those to be used for dinner parties are not long-term and therefore should be fully developed, while flowers for yourself or home decoration should be in backward condition to develop into full beauties.

For longevity, here are the general rules:

1. Remove foliage from the part of stem to be submerged. Decayed leaves in water promote bacteria and bacteria promotes premature wilting.
2. Always use clean utensils and containers, and use preservative. Florists supply packets with their bouquets. Some florists will sell a packet or two, others will give them upon request.
3. Immediately place garden cuts or store-boughts (S.A.P.) into container of warm water and preservative and leave for several hours. If using cold water from tap, let stand for one hour to allow escape of free oxygen.
4. Add few drops of bleach to one gallon of water to slow bacteria buildup.
5. In vase arrangements, cut one inch off stem and change water every second day.
6. In florist arrangements, add fresh water everyday, or as per their instructions.
7. Do not place any type of arrangement in full sun, (flowers will either open too quickly or wilt), near heating or air conditioning registers, in front of a roaring fire or heating fireplace. Anyone for cooked pot-pourri?
8. Flowers prefer cool, airy rooms and humidity.
9. Hard woody stems flowers such as Lilac, Viburnum, certain garden roses do not take water easily, therefore, stand for two to three minutes in three inches (50mm) near-boiling water in metal container (glass may crack) before transferring to regular container.
10. Avoid experimenting with home-made stimulants or friendly advice.
11. Fruit bowls and certain flowers do not mix, for example, the fruit gives off ethylene gas which is lethal to carnations. (But a great way to ripen green tomatoes).
12. Golden rule of flowers: always do unto them as you would do unto yourself; avoid extremes. Flowers are living things and must be cared for.

To make a floral preservative: one part CITRUS soft drink with sugar, to three parts water; or juice of half a grapefruit and one teaspoon sugar to a quart of water.

Next column will carry on with specific flowers and repair tips, so keep on growing and cutting and growing and cutting and...

Tom Ramautarsingh re-elected at WLU

Georgetown teacher and community worker Tom Ramautarsingh has been re-elected to a second three-year term on the Board of Governors of Wilfrid Laurier University.

The Board of Governors receives and acts on recommendations from the Senate, hires and promotes faculty and staff, negotiates agreements with the university community and makes decisions and oversees all aspects of the university.

Mr. Ramautarsingh is a past president of the W.L.U. Alumni Association, of Halton Secondary School Teachers' Federation, founder and past president of Holy Cross Parents' Association, co-founder and first president of Georgetown Cricket Club and has served on provincial organizations as Ontario Association for Curriculum Development, Ontario Educational Research Council, York University Reading Conference, Ontario Teachers' Federation and Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

He has received many awards:

- A) Past President Award from Halton Secondary School Teachers' Federation, W.L.U. Alumni Association and Holy Cross Parents' Association;
- B) The S.G.B. Robinson Award which was truck in honor of the first general secretary of O.S.S.T.F.;
- C) The Provincial Award of Merit (highest award for practicing teachers) by the 36,000 Secondary School Teachers' Federation;

Federation; D) the Diamond Jubilee Award which marked the 60th Anniversary of O.S.S.T.F.;

E) the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal from former Governor



TOM RAMAUTARSINGH

General Jules Leger.

Mr. Ramautarsingh received a B.A. (English) and M.A. (History) from Wilfrid Laurier University and a Master of Education from the University of Toronto.

"I am delighted, privileged and honored to serve my alma mater for a second term on the Board of Governors," he commented. "It is a great privilege to participate in the decisions and activities of the university and it gives me a sense of satisfaction to see the university grow and fulfill its role in Canada and the world."

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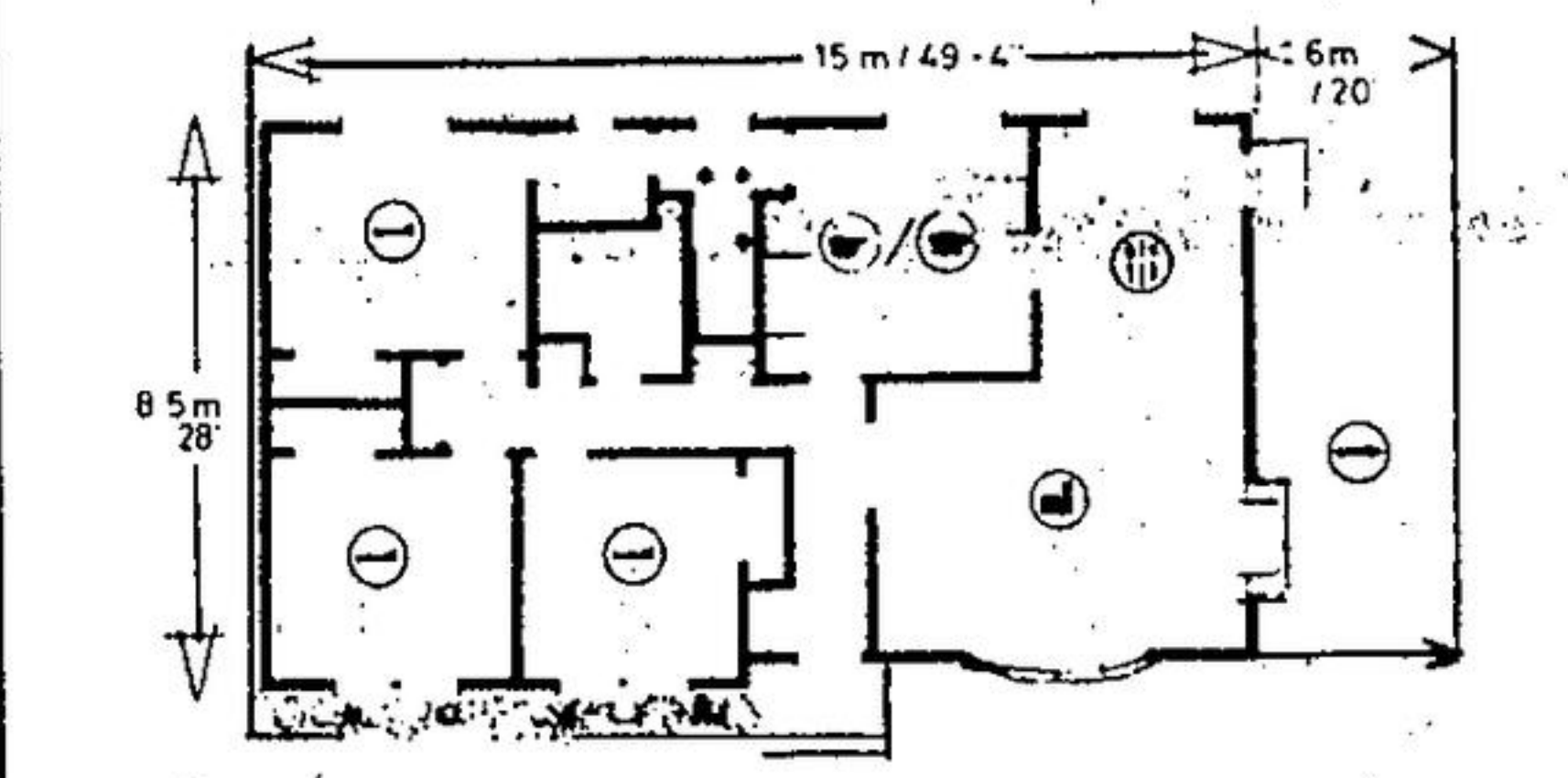
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This appealing three bedroom, full basement bungalow provides abundant space for the medium-size family and affords space for the future development of additional bedrooms or recreational areas. It is perfectly suited to the medium frontage building lot, and provides for the addition of an optional garage, depending upon lot width.

The pleasingly low-profile exterior, finished in brick veneer and chimney, bow window and shingle or shake roof, would be a welcome addition to any residential development. It offers visual appeal through good design and unpretentious tone.

The weather-protected entry leads into a compact reception foyer and closet storage area, then naturally light into the large L-shape living-dining room combination. The living room features a charming bow window and cantilevered masonry fireplace for convivial "at home". The separate dining area divides from the kitchen-nook via convenient pocket door and allows access to a rear patio or the optional garage.

A well-planned L-shape kitchen-nook combination has an excellent work triangle and ample countertop work surfaces. The nook may be furnished with the standard portable furniture or have a built-in banquet unit installed. The entire area may be isolated from the rest of the home via convenient pocket doors for privacy and freedom from disturbance when entertaining.

All three bedrooms are positioned around the central bath and linen storage area, and well away from the main entertaining area of the home. Each has generous closet storage and excellent exposure to natural light. The master has a two-piece ensuite which doubles as a vanity bath through its additional entrance from the rear landing.

A full basement provides abundant storage or development area for the growing family.

Plans for design No. 65-1310 may be purchased either by the single set, at a cost of \$85.00 for the first set and \$14.00 for each additional set, or by the package. A five-set plan package, including the first set, is economically priced at \$120.00 and an eight-set package, also including the first set, is only \$150.00.

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