

Neilson's chips in chocolate for cakes

'Send me a dream' board urges bakers

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The popularity of chocolate is generally accepted in countries around the world. With shops specializing in dozens of chocolate confections springing up in almost every large shopping plaza these days, it appears that the popularity of the flavor is still on the increase in 1981.

With this in mind, the Georgetown Fair Board has decided to conduct a search in Halton Hills for a very special chocolate cake, a "chocolate dream" cake, and they are hopeful that many local residents will help them in their quest.

Marvelous chocolate desserts abound in North America, say the women of the Agricultural Society chocolate brownies, chocolate mousses, and so on, but they have decided to concentrate on just one, a perennial favorite, chocolate cake.

Women's President Ismy Bird hopes that many people will enter the new competition



"Send Me a Dream" When the women of the Georgetown Fair Board sing "Send Me a Dream" this year, they have to add a "chocolate" dream, in conjunction with their new baking contest, for the 135th Anniversary Georgetown Fair. Rules of the "Chocolate Dream" cake contest sponsored by William Neilson Company Ltd., finalized this week and entry forms distributed. Discussing details at the Georgetown plant are plant manager Mike Luxbacher and two representatives of the Agricultural Society: Pearl Burt (right), Domestic Science Division, and Jamey Bird, president of the Ladies Section of the fair. (The local Neilson plant acts as the distribution point for the company's large array of confectionary products.) (Herald photo)

to find a super "chocolate dream" double-layer cake at this year's 135th anniversary Georgetown Fair, being held

Oct. 2 and 3. The competition will be open to residents from throughout Halton Hills, with categories

for women bakers, men bakers, and a junior division for those 15 years of age and under. The contest is sponsor-

ed by the William Neilson Company Ltd. and will offer \$200 in cash and prizes.

Prize-winning recipes need not be completely new, report the women. A recipe might be handed down from a grandmother, but judges will probably be looking for rich flavor and texture, coupled with some "unique" qualities. "Chocolate is natural, wholesome and nutritious,"

says Mrs. Bird "and we have taken this into consideration in choosing chocolate cake to feature at this year's fair. Any combination of flavours in the icing and filling will be allowed for our "chocolate dream" cake, but somewhere in the finished product, Neilson's cocoa must be used. That is a stipulation of the contest and its sponsor. On this occasion, of course, we will definitely not

be counting calories. The sky is the limit!"

Rules of the fair contest and entry forms will be available this month from various outlets in Halton Hills, including the libraries in Georgetown and Acton, and from members of the Agricultural Society's Women's Section. Pearl Burt is in charge of the Domestic Science work at the fair and may be contacted for information.

Judging is expected to take place on the opening night of the fair, Oct. 2, following the opening ceremonies. The selection of judges has not as yet been announced.

We'll benefit from region's channel work

Improved flood protection, reduced erosion and more stable water supplies are the three major benefits expected to result from a recently approved channel improvement project in Halton Hills.

The project, which will be undertaken by the Halton Region Conservation Authority, will concentrate on a 430-metre section of the Sixteen Mile Creek downstream of the Scotch Block Dam and Reservoir to the culvert at Highway 25.

In approving the project, Alan Pope, Minister of Natural Resources, stated that this section of the Sixteen Mile Creek has been the subject of considerable erosion since the dam and reservoir were constructed in 1969. Discharge-

es from the dam have exceeded the capacity of the existing channel and have resulted in flooding and erosion downstream. In addition, the creek meanders considerably throughout this section thereby creating a threat that water supplies for irrigation may be interrupted.

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Upon registering, Meadowlands will supply each entrant with the seeds and some tips on how to grow a monster pumpkin.

The finished product must be brought to the nursery by Oct. 24 and will be judged the next day. The judges will be measuring the height and girth of each pumpkin in order to determine the winner. The biggest pumpkin will net \$20 for its grower. Second and third-largest pumpkins will receive \$15 and \$10, respectively.

Once the winners have been chosen, all entrants may pick up their pumpkins so that they

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Obituary

Nell Gardiner was teacher, proud of past

A Georgetown woman whose local roots go back to the early 19th century was buried in the family plot in Greenwood Cemetery May 8.

Nellie Gardiner, 94, lived until recently at 322 Maple Ave., the home in which she was born. She was the youngest and last surviving member of the family of Henry and Jane Peck Sherman.

After graduation from Hamilton Normal School she taught public school in Arthur and Galt where, in 1913, she married Robert Ross Gardiner. While living there she and her husband were active supporters of the CCF (now the NDP).

In 1939, they moved to Georgetown, back to the family home to live with her sister Jane and her husband William Whyte. Mr. Gardiner died in

1943 and after Mrs. Whyte's death, Mrs. Gardiner continued to make her home there until a few years ago when she became a resident of the Tillamore Nursing Home in Brampton.

She resumed her teaching career here as a member of the Glen Williams staff and later Harrison Public School in town. She was a member of the Horticultural Society and served as a member of Georgetown library board.

Predeceased by brothers and sisters George, Will, Henry, Mrs. Whyte and Mrs. David (Vina) Scott, her closest relatives are nephews Sherman Scott, Scarborough, and George Scott, Willowdale.

Funeral service took place at the McClure-Jones Funeral Home, Rev. John Vincent of Mountainview Baptist Church conducted the service.



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