

Jaycees meet to talk about meat

Buying meat in bulk no problem

It's not hard for a guy like Tony Walraven, while digging out his driveway after a heavy snowstorm, to think about fusing with charcoal in anticipation of that big, juicy two-inch steak justifying his efforts.

Mr. Walraven is one half of the fraternal duo who operate Al's Custom Meats south of Stewarttown on Trafalgar Road. Last week, as the Georgetown Jaycees and Jayceettes toasted the club's past year of community-oriented projects, Mr. Walraven told them about getting the best kind of meat for a person's money and how to plan a freezer full of beef or pork carefully.

Getting "steak season" bargains is largely based on supply and demand, Mr. Walraven said.

"January and February are a low time in the beef business," he said, because wage-earners are a little low on cash as after the Christmas rush. But, while there are good bargains to be had on the supermarket meat shelf, it's buyer beware as supermarkets may drop the prices of less luscious cuts to clear them while boosting the price of choicer portions of the animal. Large families might consider buying an entire side of



Last Tuesday night's annual Georgetown Jaycees dinner featured a guest speaker talking about how to get the best meat for one's money and there were a few awards handed out to outstanding members of 1981. Of special note last year are rookie of the year Bill Smith (left) and Jaycees' president Jack Lee, who won the year's award for the member who contributed most to the club.

(Herald photo)

Directory on the way

While Chamber of Commerce members solicit advertising, Georgetown Jaycees are forecasting an end-of-February release date for 10,000 copies of their once-every-two-years business directory. Copies will be mailed to every home in the Georgetown area and extra copies will be available at local real estate offices and provided to prospective corporate investors.

beef, about 550 kilograms (250 pounds) of various cuts, including hamburger. At current prices for beef, this works out to be approximately 65 cents cheaper than what one might expect to pay for the same quantity in the supermarket.

Before considering buying in bulk, families should determine how much meat they're likely to consume in six months, about the time beef, even in the freezer, starts losing some of its original flavor. (Ground beef and pork cuts should be eaten within three months).

In addition, it's unrealistic to expect the family to save money the first year it buys in bulk if it also has to purchase a freezer, Mr. Walraven pointed out.

Customers buying a side of beef pay the hanging weight of the slaughtered steer. After the animal is cut in half and then divided into steaks, roasts, stewing beef and ground beef ("a side contains all cuts of beef — tender and less ten-

der"), 25 per cent of the weight may be lost, as bones and excess fat are trimmed away.

"You should have your meat frozen by the people who will cut it for you," Mr. Walraven advised. "They can fast freeze it because they have large cold storage rooms where the air circulates and the meat usually freezes overnight."

Otherwise, the purchaser better be prepared to regularly rotate the cuts for a few days to ensure that the meat is entirely frozen. There simply isn't enough air circulation in the home freezer.

Meats at Al's are also care-

fully aged, usually a week longer than what the company's Toronto meat supplier allows. Aged meat, under the right conditions, is more tender than steaks from a fresh kill.

Incidentally, when an animal is slaughtered commercially or at custom butchers such as Mr. Walraven's company which also has an abattoir, everything that isn't used as cut meat is used for something else — forming a seemingly endless variety of products, including cosmetics, buttons and medicine and sandwich favorites like bologna.

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Saskatchewan bishop to visit St. George's

The Right Rev. Michael Peers, Anglican Bishop of Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, will be visiting St. George's Church in Georgetown this Sunday.

Bishop Peers, who is on his way to the Anglican House of Bishops meeting in Mississauga, lives in Regina, and oversees a largely rural diocese which covers the southern half of Saskatchewan. It's an area where communities are widely scattered and where the Church of England missionary societies followed the railways, dotting the countryside with small churches to serve the communities.

Bishop Peers, a native of Vancouver, has served in Ottawa, Winnipeg and Regina before being elected Bishop in 1977. He is multilingual, speaks French and Russian fluently, and tries several other languages. He is married with three teenage children.

In the Canadian Church, Bishop Peers is recognized as an outstanding leader, in both spiritual and social matters. He serves as chaplain to the RCMP in Regina. His is a strong voice in determining the annual budget for the Anglican Church, as a member of the national Program Committee. He has had a long-standing interest in overseas mission, and in 1978 travelled to Papua, New Guinea, and around the world to the Lambeth Conference in England. In 1982, he will be one of four Canadian Anglican delegates to the sixth Assembly of the World Council of Churches, which meets in Vancouver.

St. George's is hosting two other bishops during February. Bishop John Sperry of the Diocese of the Arctic will address an open meeting of

Anglicans from the area next Wednesday and Bishop Clarence Mitchell of this Diocese of Niagara will preach Feb. 21. The major theme of Anglicans in Mission is being featur-

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