



It's still summertime, but some people want to hurry it along to fall fair time. Last Wednesday night about 20 women came out to pick up tips for flower, baking and handicrafts entries in the fair from (left to right) Patricia Beer, Charlotte Ironside, Janet Armstrong and Grace May. The old hands all agreed that entries need to meet the class requirements specified on the fair's prize list. Not following them exactly will mean disqualification.

Ladies' Section guidelines, hints

How to win big at the fall fair

By ANIPEDERIAN
Herald Staff Writer

Three judges with the Georgetown fall fair repeatedly stressed the importance of reading the prize list carefully to potential fair contestants last Wednesday night.

"Do as the class requirements ask, exactly, and don't be disqualified because you didn't," judge Patricia Beer warned.

Mrs. Beer, along with judges Charlotte Ironside and Grace May gave advice to about 15 women gathered in the Agricultural Society hall in the Georgetown Fairgrounds. The women are gearing up for the fair to be held Sept. 10, 11 and 12.

baked goodies in the fair. Both are free.

NO BUGS

Mrs. May said horticultural entries should be fresh looking with flowers uniform in size and color. There should also be no bugs.

"We find an awful lot of insects on exhibits, especially aphids," she said.

As she cuts her flowers, Mrs. May said she puts them in a bucket of cool water, then inside her home, she puts them in warm water. The water goes quickly up the flower stems and makes them hard and stiff so they stand perkily in an arrangement instead of drooping over.

important that the texture of the cord be suited to the article.

Submitted articles should be clean and not soiled or damaged. If it's a piece of weaving, it shouldn't have puckers and should be well pressed, with the back neat and tidy.

"You'd be surprised at the number of pieces that come in dirty from handling," Mrs. Beer commented.

Baked goods like cakes can sometimes get damaged getting to the fairgrounds, Mrs. Ironside acknowledged but judges aren't too hard on contestants for that.

Bread entries always get sniffed well by judges and sliced right in half down the middle to check that they're well baked and don't have a hole in the middle or a soggy centre.

"Please don't put a warm loaf of bread in a plastic bag with a twister, otherwise your bread will be soggy," Mrs. Ironside warned. "And if it's been in the freezer, make sure it's thawed before you bring it."

"Appearance means a lot, but you've also got to be able to eat it," she laughed. "Judging food is not easy. You judge food all afternoon and I tell you, you don't want any dinner afterwards."

Recalling a humorous incident at a Peterborough fair when "some poor soul" under the entry of "unbaked cookies" exhibited mounds of raw dough in a bowl, Mrs. Ironside had her audience laughing.

She also told of how another contestant asked for the "best recipe using Quaker Oats", and among the entries submitted was a sheet of paper with a recipe scribbled on it.

"That's how she interpreted it," Mrs. Ironside said. "Somebody's going to find a loophole somewhere. It should have been the 'best prepared recipe'."

As for foliage, she advises the bloom's own leaves be used. The blooms should have symmetrical arranged petals, free from blemishes with strong stems.

Speaking about arts and crafts entries, Mrs. Beer said designs submitted should be functional unless they are intended to be completely ornamental.

CLAYWORKS

For clay works, there should be no cracks and the wall of the pottery should be the same thickness everywhere. There shouldn't be pinholes making the glaze bubbled and broken.

Macrame works should have an even tension, with the pattern accurate throughout and any additional materials like beads and shells should be becoming to the final product. Mrs. Beer said it was

session including a sleep-over on the second Thursday of each session.

For more campfire fun Survival Camp takes place at Rockwood Conservation Area Aug. 16, 17 and 18 at a cost of \$40-session-child. This program is designed for serious young campers

involving two overnights where children ten to 12 years old can cook over an open fire, canoe, hike and more!

For further information on these or other recreation department programs call the Summer Activities Hotline: 877-5185, ext. 63.

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Computers help CVCA revise maps

Is your home in floodplain?

By CHRIS AAGAARD
Herald Staff Writer

After five years of work, using the latest "state of the art" technology, the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) has completed floodplain mapping of the Credit River and most of its numerous tributaries.

Authority officials were on hand Thursday afternoon at the Silver Creek Educational Centre near Glen Williams to help shoreline residents understand the new maps on which the floodplain has expanded in some areas and shrunk in others since 1965.



Rose Menyes, the CVCA's manager of resource planning, told The Herald that the Authority constantly upgrades its information to protect the watershed and the people living near it.

The legislation governing development in the watershed's floodplain is flexible, she said. When the CVCA's executive committee meets to review an application to build on the floodplain, it considers the merits of the individual plan, realizing its final decision isn't based on black and white terms of reference.

Changes in the floodplain since the last mapping were done 15 years ago are largely attributed to flood forecasting improved by computers and to a

which encroaches on the floodplain.

The extent of flooding an area might receive is carefully considered by the executive committee when reviewing an application. It's more likely to approve minor construction if anticipated flooding will be limited to "ponding" or shallow water rather than a washout of several feet.

Mapping the floodplain of the Credit River began with aerial photography in 1977 and the project was started well before the federal-provincial flood damage reduction program began, along

with financial assistance for floodplain mapping.

However, the CVCA has been able to use federal funds to launch a number of auxiliary programs. The Authority is paying special attention to communities like Glen Williams which have been, historically, high-risk flooding areas. (Smaller villages along the Credit often trace their roots to milling centres which needed to be close to the river).

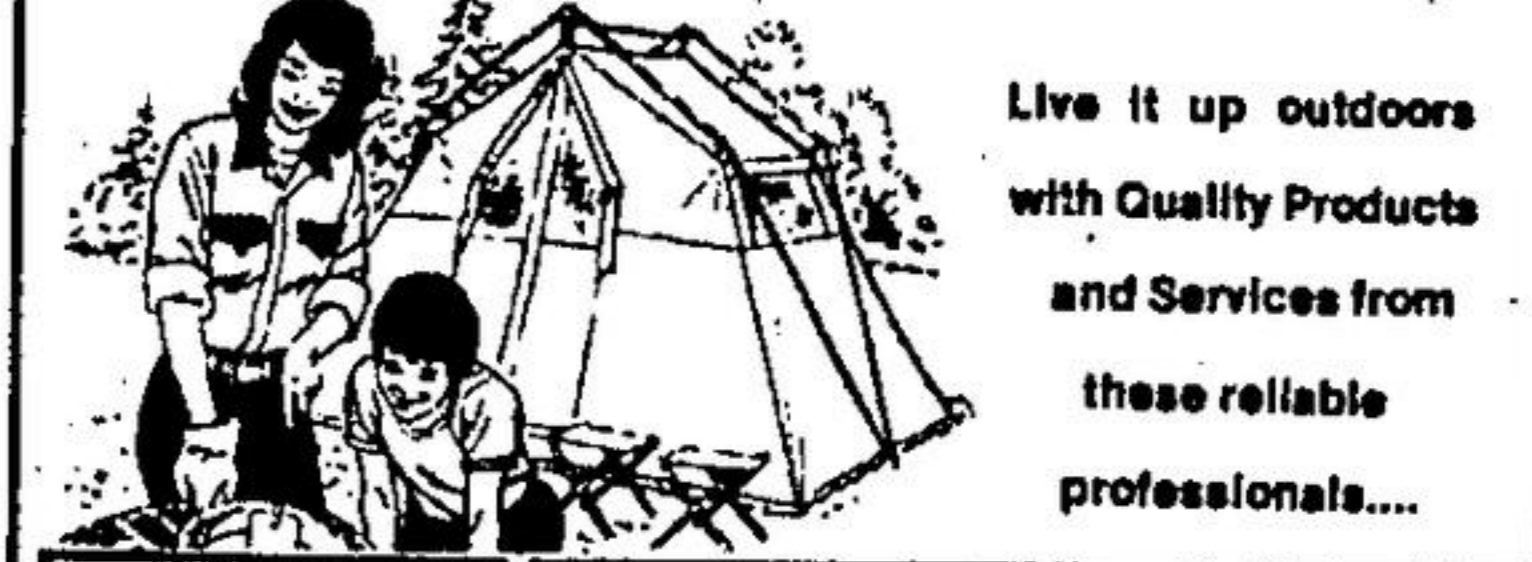
Charlie Worrie, a CVCA project engineer in hydrology, explained that the federal money was helping

the Authority improve its flood forecasting, adding rain gauges throughout the watershed and linking these electronically to a computer model of the floodplain.

This information will enable Authority officials to predict trouble spots during periods of unusually heavy rain, warning municipalities earlier that they may have to evacuate residents in problem areas.

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Got your dream cake ready?

By BETTYANNE WELLS
Fair publicist

Once again the search is on in Halton Hills for the "ultimate" chocolate cake, the cake to top all cakes.

For the second year in a row, Georgetown Fair is offering \$200 in cash and prizes to the culinary experts who can cope up with the most taste-tempting cakes in their "Chocolate Dream" Cake contest, sponsored by the William Neilson Company Ltd.

Last year's fair attracted 27 entries in three divisions of the competition and judges were impressed with the general high quality of the cakes entered from all corners of Halton Hills.

"It is our aim to encourage fair competitors to be inventive with their recipes," says Agricultural Society president Joyce Gosling, "and with the popularity of chocolate, we feel that nothing anywhere can top a truly elegant 'chocolate dream' cake. Our first competition was a fine example of local baking skills. The cakes were a veritable feast of inventive chocolate creations. We were very, very pleased."

The president says the rules of the 1982

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