

REMEMBER EXPO?

Three gentlemen, two of them living in Georgetown, form a design team which has been working on different types of easy-to-build geodesic domes for the last four to five years. They are (left to right) Hamilton's Bud Barnard and local residents Bill Barnard and Trevor Cannon, photographed while constructing a dome in Bill's backyard. Placed over the family pool, Bill anticipates that the dome, coupled with a solar collector,

will keep the pool at least 15 degrees Fahrenheit warmer and extend the swimming season. It's not an air dome they stress, but is held together with numerous wooden (or aluminum) frames, making it easy to maintain, unlikely to collapse under a heavy snow load and won't "deflate" if punctured. For more information on the geodesic domes which the trio has adapted into do-it-yourself kits, contact 877-9854.

Ashgrove

W.I. ladies view Jesuit history

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Midland was the destination for 21 W.I. members, ten husbands and 15 lady visitors who boarded a bus in the Hillcrest Church parking lot June 22.

At the first stop, Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons, the Halton Hills visitors viewed a film on life at the mission circa 1639, when construction began on homes and headquarters for the Jesuit settlers. The first few years were a hard struggle, travelling by canoes, trapping animals for fur and food and making their own implements.

In the spring of 1648, Hurons attacked the Jesuit village, capturing or killing inhabitants and burning the mission down.

A lovely noon meal was enjoyed at the Highland Hotel, followed by a trip to the docks and a two-hour boat ride aboard the Midland Lady. The sun shone beautifully as we passed such places as Peterson Park, Glenwood Estates, the "gateway to the 30,000 Islands", the boys and girls summer camps, National Park Island, Port Severn, Delaware Inn and a lighthouse on the shoreline.

On the way home, the bus riders stopped for light refreshments at the Barrie McDonald's Restaurant. All arrived safely home at 8 p.m.

Adding to the day's pleasure was a pleasant and humorous bus driver. Thanks are due to Leila Dixon and Vivian Cunningham, who worked hard to plan such a pleasant day for us.



Herald photos by Chris Aagaard

Learning Spanish for seven-month experience

Kathy Aggiss Colombia-bound as part of exchange program

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Learning Spanish is no easy feat, as Georgetown's Kathy Aggiss is discovering.

The 20-year old was recently selected to participate in an exchange program to Colombia, South America. After spending three and a half months there this summer working on a community-oriented project with a Colombian youth, she'll return to Canada with her exchange partner to work on a similar project in Ontario.

In preparation for her July 22 departure, Kathy is listening to language tapes and trying hard to learn basic Spanish.

She's one of 50 Ontario young people chosen to benefit from the 1982 Canada World Youth program. The Third World exchange program, organized by the Canadian non-profit organization, is in its eleventh year of operation and has 23 countries participating.

Two weeks ago, Kathy spent a weekend at York University where she received materials and advice about the program.



KATHY AGGISS

Already she has started taking some of the Yellow Fever, polio, typhoid, diphtheria, tetanus and tuberculin shots necessary to protect her while she's down there.

In Colombia, Kathy will be living with a local family, and in order to help her get along in the foreign culture, the organizers of the program have given her a list of dos and don'ts.

They've even made a packing list for her which includes no shorts, no patched or faded jeans, and one dress with sleeves.

As yet she doesn't know where she'll be sent in Colombia, or even in Ontario when she returns in mid-October.

Canada World Youth pays her airfare and room and board during the time of the program, and also \$10 a week spending money.

Kathy said 12 other Canadians are going to Colombia with her for the seven month experience. All are between 17 and 20 years old. Weekends, they'll get together and see the country, she said.

This exchange program was founded by a group of Canadian citizens interested in the role of youth in contemporary society. They wanted to encourage tolerance and openness to values and ways of doing things foreign, to Canadian youth. Kathy is encouraged to become as involved as possible in the life of the Colombian community she'll be placed in, in order to learn and benefit from the experience abroad.

Taking part in this exchange meant quitting a summer job in northern Ontario with delinquent youth, for Kathy. It also means giving up a year of schooling. She's just finished a year of a two-year recreation management course at Seneca College in Toronto. However, Kathy may be able to get credit toward her diploma by participating in the program.

"I want to travel and see what it's like to live in a Third World country," she said. "I'm going for the experience."

A gymnastics enthusiast like her two sisters Ruth and Sara, she may find herself coaching the Colombian youth. We'll find out when she returns in October.

Enterprising Erin farmer relies on old 'King Spud'

Herald Special
At one time Erin Township boasted enough potato farmers to merit a potato festival in this village each summer. But today only one of those old time large growers is still in operation.

Russell Somerville has 75 acres of potatoes planted on lots 31 and 32, Concession 8. His crop will go to Schneider Potato Chips in Cambridge for table stock.

Mr. Somerville said 10 years ago there were nine or 10 growers in the area with large acreages of potatoes. They've all retired now although nearby Birbank Farms went into potatoes in a big way last year and has over 100 acres planted in them again this year.

Erin Township's potato country is all in the north end clustered around the Wellington-Dufferin

county line at the Eighth Line. It's just a pocket of sandy loam in that area that's suitable for potatoes and growers in other parts of the township only have small patches.

In the old days as many as 13 carloads of seed potatoes were brought into Hillsburgh station by rail from Bathurst, New Brunswick. Now there's none arriving that way, although Mr. Somerville still gets his seed from there.

Mr. Somerville grows his own seed on a rotating basis. Each year he plants his new New Brunswick stock in a fresh piece of ground. When he harvests it in the fall he sets it aside for next year's planting. The following year that seed will form 90 per cent of his planting and be harvested for sale. The other 10 per cent will be fresh for the following year's crop.

Mr. Somerville began with Schneider's in 1956 then switched to Hostess in 1959 when the firm built a Preston plant. Each year he was under contract to them. Suddenly last year they decided not to renew his contract. He was too small when they were dealing with large farmers to the north.

Mr. Somerville finds he has no problems hiring help for harvest each fall. He uses five local housewives, one of whom has been working for him for seven years, and another man. Four of the women ride the potato harvester which digs two rows of potatoes at a time, and separate good from bad potatoes as the machine picks them up. The fifth woman follows along with a tractor and hopper type wagon which takes the potatoes into the storage sheds.

Although most large potato growers handle their crop in bulk, Mr. Somerville still uses pallet boxes that hold about a ton each. The crop is stored in an insulated, frost-proof shed and his buyer sends out a truck for a load whenever one is needed.

Blight and insect problems which once plagued potato farmers are now pretty much a thing of the past thanks to modern chemicals, Mr. Somerville said. That doesn't mean harvests are a sure thing however.

The heavy rainfall this June could create pro-

blems if we happen to have a dry August, he warned. If June is dry the germinating plant will set up an extensive root system to maintain itself as well as sprouting its leaves. That system would survive an August drought. But a wet June means small root and therefore poor survival potential in an August drought.

Dry weather at harvest time makes the work easier, Mr. Somerville said. He clears four to six acres in an average day and figures on 200-hundredweight of potatoes per acre.

Mr. Somerville plants a bit of grain as well as his potatoes and the rest of his farm is pasture. His free time is taken up with such things as flying his 1946 Piper Cub or a disc jockey service, known as the Old Pros that he runs with his wife Betty.

—Courtesy
Guelph Mercury

Attention duffers!

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce's annual Golf Day at North Halton Golf and Country Club takes place July 19. Tee off for 18 holes between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., for nine holes between 1 and 2 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. In included in the \$35 registration fee (\$20 for golf members) and entrants vie for several prizes: all are eligible for a Smith Automotive Masters Jacket (low gross) or the C and S Printing trophy (low net), while chamber members compete for the Union Gas trophy (low gross) and the Goebelle Wagner Macadam trophy (low net). There's a non-golfer's putting contest as well, not to mention prizes for the longest drive on the third and the closest to the green on the ninth. Call the chamber at 877-7119 for more information.

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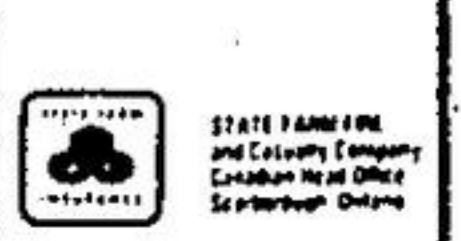
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