# Thinking about waterproofing?

Herald Special

Springtime in many areas is traditionally wet basement time as winter's snow and ice start to melt. It's also the season for fly-by-night waterproofing contractors to thaw out and begin their neighborhood search for misinfor-

med homeowners. Foundation and basement floor leaks often are not the cause of weiness and dampness, advises Paul Tuz, president of the Better Business Bureau. and a coat of white masonry goo troweled and brushed on the wall by a

waterproofing gyp artist can be as ineffective as any adhesive bandage stuck across an open crack in Hoover Dam. You usually find this out after the contractor has taken your money to another towi... Basement water troubl-

es can stem from inadequate roof drainage; the water you see seeping through the foundation may be caused by overflowing roof gutters, or a misdirected down-spout. Poor grading against the foundation at ground level can also cause a wet basement.

either is a leaking pipe, condensation caused by moisture collecting on interior surfaces of walls and floors when the humidity Is high, and bad neighbourhood lot grading that can funnel ground water into your basement from a

Not to be overlooked

half-block away. Before you listen to a contractor's analysis of the problem, make an analysis of your own, using these guidelines from the Better Business Bur-

Waterproofing You

eaused by absorbent wall urer's directions. - Condensation can be materials such as cinder and concrete blocks. This reduced considerably and material sometimes sometimes eliminated by

- Capillary scepuge is

draws moisture from the

ter pipes with pipe insulatground by capillary action similar to the way a ion. Also make sure that your clothes dryer is ventsponge soaks up water. You may notice that the ed to the outside and that the washing machine is problem is infrequent only when there is lots of draining properly. Some air circulation such as rain water or melting ice and snow present. If this cracking a basement win-: dow can work wonders in fits the description of your lowering humidity in a basement, you may be tightly closed basement. A able to stop the dampness dehumidifier sometimes with a coat or two of a quality basement water-

If you doubt condensation is the problem, try taping a 12-inch square of aluminum foil to the basement floor and or wall. Make sure the edges are scaled tightly. Let the patch set a day or so, and then remove it. If there is water behind the foil, the problem is teakage. If there is moisture on the face of the foil, the problem is condensation.

 inspect the gutters, downspouts, splashblocks, and foundation grade, If the gutters are improperly pitched (the pitch should

be one-sixteenth-inch per downspouts should be tight; sploshblocks should water away from the also should be sloped away pockets don't form water

- Water seepage usually is caused by high ground water levels. The cure may be costly since the lawn may have to be re-graded or a sump system may have to be Installed. A sump has a receiving tank to collect water below the floor level, a drain system, and an electric pump to move the

- Severe wall seepage often requires excavation

walls so a special membrance can be installed over the surface. Inside treatment is not always successful since the water pressure outside the walls can force the waterproofing inside to pop off the surface. In this treatment, drainage tiles often are laid around the bottom of the foundation to help remove excess water. Of all waterproofing techniq-

ues, the membrane-tile treatment, if done properly, may be the most effec-

Better check these pointers

from the Better Business Bureau

Finding a Contractor Beware, cautions Mr. Tuz of ads promising quick and easy solutions to basement waterproofing, If you find that you can't correct the wetness problem yourself, look for an established waterproofer in your community. A

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good place to start is with recommendations from friends and neighbours who have dealt with the same problem. Get at: least three estimates. The contract should always be' in writing with a warranty ? iand Mr. Tuz adds that you'd be smart to checkout the contractor's reliability report with the Better ? Business Bureau before signing anything.

### proofing paint, applied ac-Eight from Halton Hills graduate from Erindale

Five Georgetowners and three Hornby area residents were among the 578 students who graduated from the University of Toronto's Erindale campus during that facility's largest ever convocation June 16.

Of those from George- Turner, another GDHS idents were among the

town, David Beamish and Mary McDougall completed the three-year Bachelor of Science program, Luke Solis Egan - a GDHS alumnus - graduated with high distinction in from the four-year Bachelor of Science program and Scott

grad, finished his Bachelor of Commerce studies with high distinction. Donald Farkas of Delrex Boulevard completed a certificate and diploma program to receive his Certificate in Business.

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## Farms need insurance against wet weather

Doug Miller.

cereal grain. However tje weed problem is very bad because many fields were too wet to take spraying equipment and much of the spraying didn't get

What winter wheat farmers did get planted is good and out in head but weeds are causing problents for cash croppers who had soya beans plant-

The wet weather last fall interfered with planting

has left some farmers unable to get corn and

' fields underwater all over

soya beans planted. Mr. Miller said there are

Halton and getting hay harvested will be quite a challenge. What hay is coming off is mainly being used as hay silage. The hay crop was good but much of its value will be lost to overmaturity by the time it's off the fields because of the wet weather preventing farmers taking equipment into their

grads: Gary Kokurewicz received a Bachelor of Commerce degree and Lisa Tallyn her three-year Bachelor of Arts degree. Also receiving her threeyear Bachelor of Arts degree was Rina Tumino of the Ninth Line. The three Hornby area grads all previously attended White Oaks Secondary

In his convocation address, Erindale history professor Dr. Desmond Morton likened the current graduating class to that of the 1880s. He said both classes were and are "puzzled" and "perhaps dismayed" about their prospects but stressed that the future is theirs for the

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### Herald Special very uneven, especially

This year's wet weather is taking its toll of Halton crops and may well result in some farmers earning returns on crop insurance before the year is out if current trends continue, says assistant Halton agricultural representative

Mr. Miller said after checking crops Tuesdayhe finds wide variation from good to very poor in Georgetown, Burlington and Milton areas. The wet weather has made crops

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The high school student

Working with Dave is

has taken drafting courses

and done some landscap-

Sharon Leslie, 19, of Rock-

wood. Though they share

Experience program

offers. Having worked on a

form last summer and

having lived on one all her

Ilfe, Sharon Is quite at

home with the goats and

chickens and bales of hay.

Her dad operates a mixed

farm that used to be her

When she gets home,

Sharon's farming chores

aren't over. Together with

her sister, Sharon raises

rabbits and sheep. They

need care, as does the

cattle she shows at 4-H

events and the Royal Agri-

grandfather's.

do landscaping."

ing part-time.

wheat and this spring it fields.

cultural Winter Fair. a wet summer," Sharon we're scheduled to help with haying. But that depends on the weather. We won't be able to cut it

the same family name. they aren't related. Sharon is the crew forebeen out cleaning barns, man, responsible for picktrimming apple trees and ing up crew members Bob building fences. Bingham, Cathy Beecham and Dave mornings and

June 21 to assist farmers, also for taking them home the young people were after a hard day's labor. given an orientation Although she was hoping program in which they to work on a pig or dairy learned how to make rail farm this summer, Sharon fences, do weeding, bale has settled for the up loose straw and do first "mlgrant" work of going from farm to farm that the

"I knew it all except the St. John stuff (first aid),"

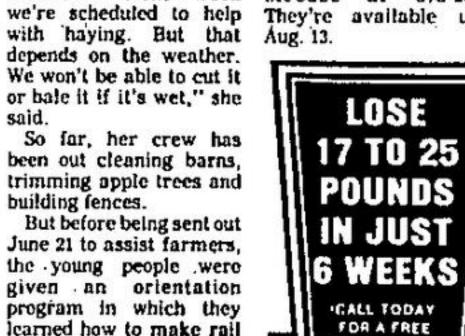
Team member Bob is also eager for good weather to keep the crew "It beats sitting inside," Bob sald, "I wanted a job

where I'd be outsideyou're inside all year for school." In the fall, Sharon will be starting a two-year diploma course in agriculture at the University of

high school.

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Down on the farm "It's not supposed to be in hiring the four man mouned. "Next week McCabe at 878-2314.





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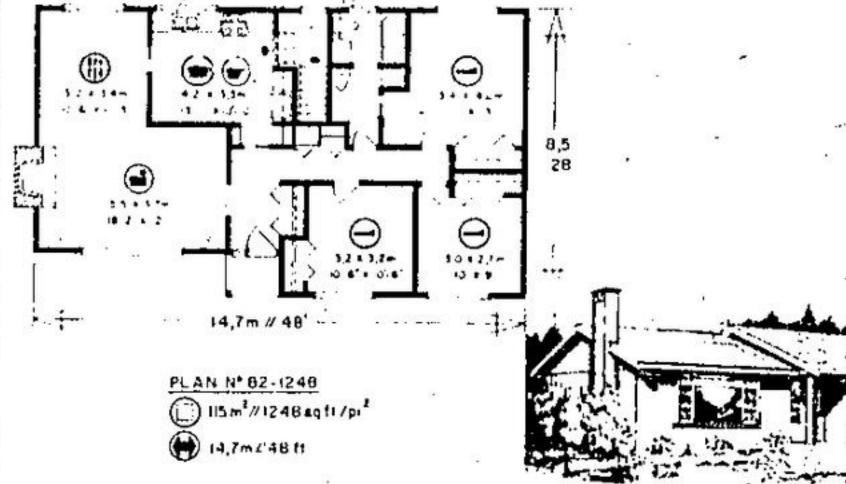
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commode, tub, and one vanity sink from a second

vanity sink and a linen storage closet. This natural

separation eases "morning traffic" jams, and could

easity be made more emphatic through the in-

statistion of a pocket door or bi-fold doors during

construction. This bathroom layout is ideally suited

to variable uses, according to individual owner

requirements. For example, the vanity could have a

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