# Walking through graveyards, genealogists seek clues to roots

By ANI PEDERIAN Herald Staff Writer If you don't mind poring over dusty old books or tramping through muddy graveyards that may be overrun with weeds, then it may be the hobby for you.

If you like puzzles and enjoy mysteries, well then, genealogy could be for you.

An Agatha Christie fan, Elaine Bertrand of Bairstow Crescent in Georgetown is an addicted genealogist. With a curious and probing mind, she thrills to travel, clue by clue, backwards in time.

Genealogy is the recording of a very personal history; it's the tracing through time of your ancestral roots.

Gathering up family stories and using all manner of ingenuous linking up of clues from available resources, Mrs. Bertrand has traced her family roots back to 1760, to a marriage on Scotland's Isle of Mull. HISTORY BUFF

Naturally enough, one isn't surprised to learn that Mrs. Bertrand is a history buff. President of the 280 member Halton-Peel branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS), she is also president of the 50member Esquesing Historical Society.

"With families being so dispersed these days, just to get a sense of family, people are getting into their ancestors," Mrs. Bertrand said, in an effort to explain the growing interest in the hobby.

There are 25 branches of the Ontario Genealogical Society, and the members are getting younger all the time, she said.

"Ten years ago,



Visit cemeteries-you'll get all kinds of information there, says bistory buff and genealogist Elaine Bertrand. The older stones, like that of Robert Maw in Greenwood Cemetery in Georgetown, give much more information than current stones. This burial

genealogist's' average back and grew frustraage was 70. Now, at ted when she couldn't least half are in their 30s find church records for with young children," a marriage in the local Mrs. Bertrand laughed. and area Anglican The starting point for churches.

any aspiring genealogist "Don't assume that is the current generabecause your family was always Anglican WRITE IT DOWN that they were married in the Anglican Church," "The first thing you do is write down every-Mrs. Bertrand said. "Perhaps there wasn't a minister at that church

church - records for

information, Mrs. Ber-

trand advises using the

thing you think you know," Mrs. Bertrand advised. "Talk to your at the time and the relatives and get informarriage was performed by a Methodist minimation from them. Never take anything as ster." absolute gospel." CENSUS Besides checking

She cited the example of a genealogist who had assumed her family was Anglican all the way

marking tells us Mr. Maw died June 7, 1861, at age 64, and that he was a native of Yorkshire, England. Many older stones have lovely old verses carved on them as well. (Herald photo) .

census' that began in 1842. They can be ordered by township from the public library and come from the National

Archives in Ottawa.

As well, cemeteries are a great source of information. Packing along a piece of chalk, Mrs. Bertrand walks among the stones, and if they are difficult to rend, she runs her chalk over them to make the letters visible on a piece of paper.

Of the Halton and Peel cemeteries, 25 per cent have been studied and records made by the local genealogical society. Cemetery co-ordina-

plots. In many cases, the original records have been destroyed in

BURNED "Don't just give up when they say church records are lost or burned," Mrs. Bertrand said. "A lot of churches didn't have their own minister. Services were by someone who did a circuit of churches."

You take yourself to the church archives and find out what circuit a church was on and hunt the records accordingly. Sometimes church

records were sitting in private homes, and sometimes a minister transferred to another church and took the records with him, Mrs. Bertrand noted. Find out where he went.

Hunting up a new approach when you, hink you've reached a dead end is part of the challenge of genealogy and certainly the attraction of it. There's always some little detail nagging for more attention that could unravel the mystery.

For more information genealogy. about contact Mrs. Bertrand at 877-8353

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tor, Mrs. Bertrand said

every branch of the OGS

is making records of

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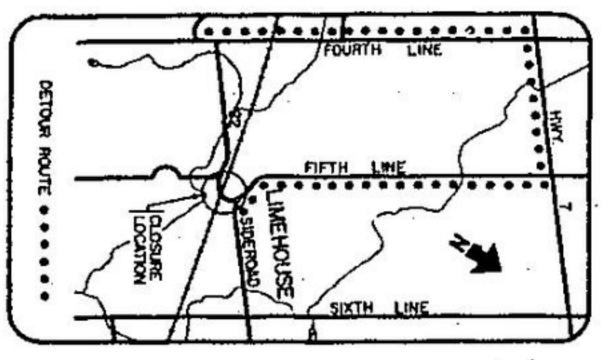
To facilitate the rehabilitation by the C.N.R. of the Limehouse Bridge, The Regional Municipality of Halton will be closing a portion of Regional Road No. 43 (No. 22 Side Road) at its intersections with the Fifth Line, in the Town of Halton Hills, from:

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# Three months abroad, Norval woman learns about UK's farming

EDITOR'S NOTE: The separate ways to live following is a brief account of RRz Norval resident Carol Reid's recent exchange visit to the United Kingdom.

On the rainy evening of May 3, 1983, four Ontario Junior farmers: Bruce Johnston of Perth. Lilly-Ann Demanan of Peterborough, Lois Van Camp of Durham, and myself, Carol Reid of Peel, headed off to the United Kingdom. Our adventure started

in beautifully green Northern Ireland where we stayed for two weeks on family farms. Although security was tight in towns and cities. I was very impressed by the friendly. warm hospitality shown me by my hosts.

when we arrived in FraeBrae, Scotland, but the dark weather didn't dampen our spirits as we learned about their agriculture and Young Farmers organizations.

REST We had a few days "rest" in mid-June to play tourist and see the sights in London, England, before going our

with our English families for three weeks. The official exchange

trip concluded at the Royal Agricultural Show where we renewed friendships with international delegates we'd met along the way and said goodbye to our English friends. The families I stayed with and the people I met are very special and the memories of the three months are cherished.

In closing, I extend my deepest thanks to the ministry of agriculture and food and to the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario for providing this oncein-a-lifetime opportunity, Also a big thank you to my family and It was still raining friends for their encouragement and support.

DELEGATE Norval W.I. met at the home of Marie Murray on Sept. 6 with 13 members and four visitors present. Business included the W.I. convention in Guelph Oct. 20 and 21, where Anne Wilson will be a delegate. The theme is "It's a small World".

# Contact Centre training session starts Tuesday

The fall training session for volunteers with the North Halton Contact Centre starts next Tuesday.

One of two training sessions held each year, the program prepares volunteers for calls they will have to deal with.

who know it as such.

displayed tonight (Wednesday) at the Esques-ing Historical Society meeting in Knox Presbyterian Church in volunteers. STATISTICS

directors' meeting and announced Nov. 25 will be District Night. Guest speaker of the

A dessert luncheon

and euchre is planned

for Oct. 29 with Amy

Burke, Jean May and

Noreen Van Leeuwan as

The Tweedsmuir Hi-

story Book is to be

committee.

evening was Jennifer Burnett of RR1 Norval who displayed rice paper lamp shades, quilting, and Christmas decorations of felt. Serviette and candle holders were made by her audience.

been with the centre usince its inception.

Nov. 15, the centre is changing its name from the Contact Centre to the North Halton Distress Centre. The change in name is to make it more uniform with other centres in the province. The service won't change and it will still be known as the Contact Centre to those

In honor of its tenth birthday, the centre is holding a party for present and former

Georgetown. Jean May reported from the district Ministry of Health.

The statistics will help those needs.

The 24-hour service is confidentially operated by caring volunteers, some of whom have

Ten years old this

Over the past six months, the centre, along with six others in Ontario, has been compiling statistics for the

the ministry identify needs in the community. If a service is lacking, the state will show it. Thus, the ministry can move to develop services to meet

Volunteers call several elderly townspeople daily to check their well-being and give them someone to talk

still being much of a rural area, isolation is a problem for many, from old to young mothers.

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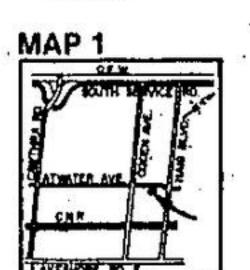
#### **CREDIT VALLEY WATERSHED PLAN OPEN HOUSE**

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority has completed a plan for its program priorities for the next twenty

The public are cordially invited to the following open houses to review and make comments on the Watershed Plan. Copies of the Watershed Plan are available on loan from central public libraries in Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon, Erin and Orangeville and the Credit Valley Conservation Authority offices in Meadowvale, Ontario.

#### PLAN TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE OPEN HOUSES Lakeview Library, 1100 4:00 · 8:00 p.m.

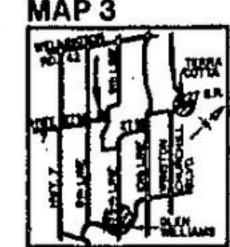
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A notice has been mailed to qualified electors in Ward 2 advising of the location of their polling places, it is requested that each elector present his notification card at the polis.

An Advance Poll will be held on October 15th, 1983 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for electors who expect to be unable to vote on October 24th, 1983 at the following location:

Municipal Administration Building, Trafaigar Road.

Subject to certain conditions, an elector may vote by proxy by appointing in writing on the prescribed form, a person who is entitled to vote in this election. Such appointment is not valid unless certified by the Clerk not later than 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon of October 24th, 1983. Forms referred to are obtainable from the Clerk's Office.

Dated this 5th day of October, 1983.

K.R. Richardson, A.M.C.T. Clerk Administrator and Returning Officer Town of Halton Hills 38 Main Street South HALTON HILLS (Georgetown), Ontario, L7G 4X1



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