

## Penpals for 15 years finally met on weekend



Penpals Allana Bethel (left) and Colleen Davis share a laugh over a letter sent by Allana from Trinidad.

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Georgetown's Colleen Davis met her penpal, Allana Bethel from Trinidad for the first time this weekend.

Colleen, a 21-year-old hairdresser at Riviera Hairstylists, and Allana, a 20-year-old clerk for

the Ministry of Health in Trinidad, have been writing to each other since 1972. Colleen got the idea to have a penpal from the T.V. program "The Big Blue Marble" where they showed profiles of children in other countries. Colleen wrote to the station and

received a profile on Allana and they have been writing ever since.

Although this is not the first time Allana has been in Canada, it is the first time she has met her penpal Colleen. The pair realized when they first got together that they didn't know as

much about each other as they thought. But after a while they felt like they had known each other all their lives.

"Now it's just like visiting a relative," said Allana. "Through writing to each other we have developed a relationship."

While visiting her penpal, Allana has been to see the Parliament Buildings at Queen's Park, Nathan Phillips Square, the CN Tower, the Organ Grinder Restaurant, and Niagara Falls.

Allana has also been able to enjoy the beautiful countryside that surrounds Georgetown. When asked what she thought about Canada, Allana replied: "It's beautiful but cold. I like the countryside. I wish I could stay here forever, but I'd go home in the wintertime."

While together, Allana and Colleen have discovered that there are a lot of similarities between Canada and Trinidad. "Our countries are almost the same," said Colleen. "I found that

they have pizza stands there and listen to Lionel Richie as well," Allana said.

"Colleen's family lives somewhat like my family does at home," she said.

Both Allana and Colleen have other penpals in different places of the world. Allana has penpals in Greece and Africa, and Colleen has penpals in Holland and Japan. The two have not been writing as long or as frequently to the other penpals as they have been writing to each other.

Allana left Canada to go home on Tuesday. "While she was here we showed her all the stuff that we take for granted," Colleen said. "Allana likes the country life."

Right now, Colleen is saving up for a trip to visit Allana in Trinidad.

"I am definitely going to come to her house some day," said Colleen. "I gave her her first experience with fresh strawberries and rhubarb, now I have to go there to see banana trees and sugar cane."

## Big bash was big success

By WINIFRED SMITH  
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BALLINAFAD - The community turned out well to honor Canada on her 118th birthday.

At noon, those that were to be in the parade lined up on the Halton Hills Town Line, near Mr. Burnett's home.

Two young ladies on horseback led the parade, one carrying the Union Jack and the other carrying the Ballinafad banner. Then came the musicians - the Kerr family - riding on a tractor-pulled wagon which also carried their musical instruments.

Children of all ages followed, riding their bicycles which were decorated with balloons and red, white and blue streamers.

SURREY  
Mrs. McNiven was on hand with her friends. She had her beautiful horse hitched up to the surry with the fringe on top. Riding in the back was Joanne Schneider and one of Ballinafad's senior citizens, yours truly, Winifred Smith.

Several on horseback followed, along with the colorful floats.

The opening ceremony was held on Mr. Rozal's property adjoining the Ballinafad Community Hall, with Paul Schwarz leading in the singing of the national anthem.

The results of the day's activities were as follows:

Decorated Bikes: 4 yrs and under: 1. Katie White 2. Lisa Butler 3. Ann Butler; 6 yrs 1. Roanne Sones 2. Eric Gee 3. James Metcalfe; 10 yrs 1. Kate O'Rourke 2. Andrew Pouw 3. Christopher and Michael White; 11 yrs and over 1. Allison Gee 2. Lisa Volmar 3. Steven DiMonte.

Best Dressed Animals: 1. Ken and Tara Toyne 2. Greg Socha and Michael Toyne 3. Syd and Anna Spear.

Best Float: 1. 4-H Ballinafad (Adrian Zenisek and Glenn Schwarz) 2. Camillo and Andrea DiMonte.

PRIZES  
Races: (10 m) 2 and under: 1. (He) Graham Armstrong, Trevor Hall 2. Matthew; (50 m) 5 and under: 1. Gavin Hall 2. Jeffrey Plouffe 3. Katie White; 2 and under: 1. Trevor Hall 2. Michael

Dunn. (75 m) 5 and under: 1. Meredith Sones 2. Eileen March 3. Jeff Armstrong; 6 and 7 yrs: 1. Roanne Sones 2. Mike White 3. Gavin Hall; 8 and 9 yrs: 1. Andrew Pouw 2. Chris White 3. Patrick Joy; 8 and 9 girls: 1. Allison Gee 2. Colleen Swindlehurst 3. Tanya Evers; 10 and 11 boys: 1. Trevor Lewis 2. Phillip Berry 3. Matthew Thompson; 10 and 11 girls: 1. Stacey Pouw 2. Kari Tomilins; 12 and 13 boys: 1. Ghris Pouw 2. Glenn Schwarz 3. Steven DiMonte; 12 and 13 girls: 1. Christine Kerr 14 and 15 boys: 1. Steven Lorrman 2. Tristan Sones. Slow Bicycle Race: 1. Ashley Bird 2. Tristan Sones 3. Glenn Schwarz.

TOURNAMENT  
The Family Soccer Tournament was won by the Lewis team of Martin, Martha, Trevor and Owen Lewis, Lisa Volmar, Brian Jordan, Phillip Berry and Tristan Sones, over the Thompson-DiMonte team.

The Horseshoe Men's Doubles was won by the Adams brothers, and Ida Smith, with daughter-in-law Karen Smith, took the Ladies Doubles over

Bonnie Evers and Martha Lewis, with two final fingers! Well done, Ida!

There are many on the Hall Board who helped plan and run the day's events, including Rene and Joan March, the Schwarz family, Betty Andrew, Helen Lakusta-Densmore. Jim Bailey, Jean and Steven Lorrman ran the ever popular fish-pond and dart games; Paul Metcalfe set up the children's races; and Archie Lawr and Stah Douglas looked after the Horseshoe Tournament.

The Pony rides, run by Wildwood Manor Ranch, were fun for the little ones, and the Hillsburgh Rescue Unit Truck was available for "exploring."

Joe Schneider, deputy-reeve from Erin, did a great job with ticket sales for the trip to the Bahamas.

It was a fun day for the young folks, and with the help of many in the community, and with perfect weather, it was a happy celebration.

## Retirement should be fun

By LAURETTA MILLS  
Herald Correspondent

"interesting, stimulating and provocative" were the words used by Margaret Dewdney of Glen Williams, president of the Seniors' Action Group of the Health Council, to describe her three days as delegate to the Ontario Seniors' Conference at the Toronto Convention Centre, June 17 to 19.

The theme, "A New Age, Challenge and Opportunities" dealt with the social and economic aspects of aging and the development of health care for the elderly.

Seniors have a great deal to offer society, with their wealth of knowledge and experience, and volunteer work is one avenue. One senior's comments on retirement were, "If you aren't having fun, you aren't doing it right." He spends his time teaching English as a second language and as a guide at the zoo.

Dr. Robert McClure, one of the speakers, maintained that the most important factor for seniors is adaptation. If you can't adapt, you are either dead or soon will be. We must change our life style, develop new activities and make new friends.

Sister Constance Murphy, a brilliant octogenarian, present at the conference, took her Masters degree in Gerontology at 73. There is too much legislation in Canada for seniors without planning and education.

Dr. Bernice Neugarten, the key theme speaker, stated that the ratio of young and old in our society is changing. By 2020, every fifth person will be over 65. Governments cannot do anything about aging but governments can do something about conditions. Seniors will be a voting factor.

The consensus of opinion, during the conference, was that care programs for the older group in our society need to be reviewed and brought into line with today's needs. The elderly need to be assured that it is normal to be healthy at 85. As Dr.

Betty Havens, gerontologist with the Manitoba government, stated, "We tend to overuse medical services and underuse support services."

Dr. Brian Abel-Smith, a world authority on the

care of the elderly, contended that the essential part of good health is to exercise self-determination. Health care depends greatly on the attitudes of the professionals in charge. Services should have

four components. (1) Preventive rather than curative. (2) Co-ordinated and offer choices. (3) Public funded. (4) Over-protectiveness to be avoided. All services should be accessible and acceptable.

Due to the fall of the Conservative government, the Hon. Larry Grossman was unable to attend as many sessions as planned. It was thanks to his department, that of Provincial Secretary of Social Development.

## Region looking to hamlets for extra town water

By ANI PEDERIAN  
Herald Staff

Stewarttown and Norval may be test-drilled by the region for additional well water.

The \$10,000 project is being recommended by the director of public works, as a step to identify where Georgetown's future populations may be supplied with water.

Money for the project will go to cover the cost of selecting drilling sites and negotiating agreements with landowners.

Right now, Georgetown depends on the Cedarvale wellfield, which has four wells, for about 4,500 cubic meters of water daily. Another two wells on Princess Anne supply 6,800 cubic meters of water daily.

Four areas within a 7.5 kilometers radius of Georgetown have been identified as potential water supply areas by Hydrology Consultants Limited.

From hydrogeological surveys, it's estimated each is capable of supplying 2,270 cubic meters of water daily. To withdraw this amount, two or three wells may be needed in each area.

However, because two of these areas are located above the escarpment, southwest of Silver Creek and north of Speyside, the cost of developing these wells is significantly higher than developing wells in Stewarttown and Norval. Stewarttown and Norval won't require the long transmission mains the other sites will.

The cost of developing wells are estimated to be about \$1.6 million at Stewarttown and \$1.4 million at Norval, including test drilling, well construction, pump-

house, electrical controls, transmission main and engineering.

As well, both sites are closer to future development areas, and it's not expected they'll interfere with existing wells.

However, even after developing wells at Ste-

warttown and Norval, the water yield will be less than what the region would like. To top up the yield, the consultants recommend additional water be pumped from the Princess Anne wellfield if possible.

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## Fairy Lake to boost Acton tap water

By ANI PEDERIAN  
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Regional councillors are looking to Acton's Fairy Lake to boost the town's water supply.

At last week's planning and public works committee meeting, regional chairman Peter Pomeroy, Halton Hills Mayor Russ Hillier and Coun. Dave Whiting all pinned their hopes on Fairy Lake supplementing the town's water over the next two decades, when the population is expected to reach 10,000.

"We have a source, a proven source, in Prospect Park. Why can't we proceed in that vein? I tell you, that's the answer to the problem in Acton," Mayor Miller declared.

The region's supervisor of special studies and research Benson Leung said the town will have a water shortfall of approximately 420 gallons per minute by the time its population increases to 10,000 from the current 7,200.

Owned by Beardmore Tannery, a subsidiary of Canada Packers, the lake water is used for processing hides. The tannery claims ownership of the water as well as the lake bed and has never given permission to Acton to withdraw the water.

Coun. Dave Whiting said the region will have to reach a compromise with Beardmore.

"Logically, we don't need a million gallons a day out of Fairy Lake," the Acton councillor said. "Beardmore has not been operating at full capacity, and if the trend continues of cutting down on animal skins from Canada, they won't be needing the water."

Coun. Whiting anticipated Fairy Lake would probably be supplying the town and Beardmore with about 500,000 gallons of water a day.

The Prospect Park well site was drilled in 1973 on a promontory extending into Fairy

Lake. It was intended to augment Acton's water supply by at least 3,250 cubic metres of water daily.

In 1977, the pumphouse came under construction and the region received Ministry of the Environment permission to withdraw 4,545 cubic metres of water daily from the well, on the condition that if the lake water level dropped, withdrawals be reduced.

However, soon after the well was put into working order, the following summer, the water was found to be high in iron and manganese. Besides taste and odor pro-

blems, local residents complained of stained fixtures and clothing. Four months later, the well was closed down and maintained for emergency use only.

In 1979, the region released a study by Hydrology Consultants entitled "Fairy Lake Water Balance Study". This showed that drawing water from the aquifer beneath Fairy Lake would affect the water level in the lake and the base flow in Black Creek, which is the stream into which effluent is released by the Acton Water Pollution Control Plant.

## Davidson wells lowering water of private wells?

Another \$20,000 is being asked for to complete a study on the effects of the Davidson and Fourth Line regional wells on the wells and pond of an Acton land owner.

Gail Malby has two wells and a pond on her property and has noticed a lowering of the pond level.

The report by International Water Consultants Ltd. indicates water level declines at the Malby wells during a test were because of pumping of the Davidson Wells, suggesting good hydraulic connection between these wells.

## Public meetings on garbage

The region's got three public meetings on garbage scheduled for next week, following the final report which names Burlington as the preferred site for a regional dump.

The first public meeting is at Oakville's General Wolfe Secondary School, 1055 McCraney St., July 9.

The next day, a public meeting will be held at Burlington's Royal Botanical Gardens headquarters, 680 Plains Road West; and July 11, the last public meeting takes place, at Halton Centennial Manor, 185

Ontario St. in Milton. All three public meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are open to residents of the region.

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## HALTON MILLS PUBLIC LIBRARIES CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAMMES 1985

PLEASE NOTE: You may register for programmes by telephone or in person.

### Summer Kickoff

Are you and your children delighted that summer has finally arrived? Children's recording star Eric Nagler will appear at the Halton Mills Public Libraries to mark the beginning of our summer celebrations on July 3. Eric Nagler's concert will be forty-five minutes in length and will commence at 11 a.m. at the Georgetown Library and at 2 p.m. at the Acton Library. Tickets are limited and are available on or after June 26 at a cost of 50¢ each.

### Summer Reading Club

After Eric Nagler's concert children can sign up and have their picture taken for the Summer Reading Club. Each club member decides how many books they wish to read during the summer. Prizes are awarded as each book is completed and reported upon. Sign up for a summer of family fun!

Reading club members are invited to join us for our weekly Club Meetings each Thursday at 1 p.m. Each week for approximately one hour children will participate in book related activities and games. Meetings are not compulsory and book reports can be given anytime either the Acton or Georgetown Libraries are open.

REGISTER ON OR AFTER JULY 3 FOR SUMMER READING CLUB. MEETINGS THURSDAY 7-11 P.M.

### Sunshine Stories

Pre-readers are invited to listen to Sunshine Stories each Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. During this forty-five minute programme children will be introduced to a wide range of stories, rhymes, songs and films. Each session is four weeks long. Children must be at least three years of age to participate in this programme.

FRIDAYS 10:30 - 11:15 A.M.  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED.  
REGISTER FOR THE JULY OR AUGUST SESSION ON OR AFTER JULY 3.

### Backyard Scientists

Both the Acton and Georgetown Libraries invite school-age children to become Backyard Scientists every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. beginning July 9. Please register for each session you are interested in.

TUESDAYS, 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

### Park Bench Tales

Every Tuesday beginning July 9 children and adults are invited to join us for Park Bench Tales. Bring a picnic lunch and meet us outside either the Acton or Georgetown Libraries for one hour's worth of stories.

TUESDAYS, 12:00 - 1:00 P.M.  
NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY

### Sleepytime Storytime

Children between three and six years of age are invited to join us at the library for bedtime stories, finger plays, songs and films. Parents, teddy bears and blankets are welcome as are pyjama-clad children. No registration is required.

ACTON LIBRARY -- Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
GEORGETOWN LIBRARY WED. 7:00 P.M.

### What Can I Do Today?

On Wednesdays at the Library your child can do everything from celebrating Halloween in July to learning how to do a magic trick or two! Most of these hour long weekly specials are suitable for school-age children and require advance registration. Call either the Acton or Georgetown Libraries for details.

WEDNESDAYS, 10:30 - 11:30 A.M., 2:00 - 3:00 P.M.  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

### Munch To The Movies

Every Thursday beginning July 4 join us at either the Acton or Georgetown Libraries for Munch to the Movies. Bring your lunch and watch free movies between noon and 1 p.m. in either of our air-conditioned Children's Libraries. A complete list of the movies that will be shown this summer is available at either the Acton or Georgetown Library.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

### Special Events

#### ERIC NAGLER CONCERT

July 3 Georgetown Library at 11 a.m. Tickets available on or after June 26 at a cost of 50¢ each. Acton Library at 2 p.m.

#### JUDY GREENHILL CONCERT

July 24 Georgetown Library at 11 a.m. Tickets available on or after July 10 at a cost of 50¢ each.

These special programmes are brought to you through Outreach Ontario, a programme of the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture.

#### WHOLE LOAF THEATRE CO.

August 7 Georgetown Library at 2 p.m. Tickets available on or after July 24 at a cost of 50¢ each.

#### JOHN HENLEY, MAGICIAN

August 14 Georgetown Library at 11 a.m., Acton Library at 2 p.m. Tickets available on or after July 31 at a cost of 50¢ each.

ACTON LIBRARY  
17 RIVER ST.  
853-0301

GEORGETOWN LIBRARY  
9 CHURCH ST.  
877-2681

### July 14

#### Ride into Scotsdale

How many people have seen Scotsdale Farm by horseback?

Unless they were part of the Bi-Centennial Parade of Horses last summer, or the Celebrations of the Horses of Ontario in 1983, this 540 acre farm bequeathed to the Ontario Heritage Foundation has been closed to them.

The Highland Hills Farm and Ontario Trail Riders Association are sponsoring an introductory ride into Scotsdale July 14.

People and their horses are to meet at 10 a.m. at Highland Hills Farm

on Eighth Line North, east of Ballinafad. Mount up time is 11 a.m.

Everyone will ride the Eighth Line to Scotsdale then enjoy a full tour of the property with commentary.

The ride is open to all, with a \$2 donation being collected to the Horse Park Foundation Fund.

The property is currently being considered for use as a Heritage Horse Park.

Don't forget to bring your horse, halter, lead shank, lunch, swimsuit and towel. For more information, call 877-0340.