

Two partners standing on their own stage

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Loosely translated, there's a German saying that goes, "everyone at one point wants to stand on a stage."

Peter Krause and Dietmar Dombkowski are two area businessmen willing to put that theory into practice.

The two business partners have teamed up to build and sell a unique type of stage equipment in Georgetown.

Limehouse resident Peter Krause is general manager of Noram Stage, which manufactures stage and floor equipment with a variety of adjustable heights.

Noram has their headquarters on Armstrong Avenue in Georgetown.

The engineering of the stage equipment is quite different from what is available elsewhere in North America.

Mr. Krause is a professional engineer by trade who is manufacturing the equipment for a variety of clients in the United States and Canada.

The Metro Convention Centre has made one of the biggest purchases from the firm.

Last September they bought 115 stage units for a total price of \$145,000, Mr. Krause said.

Dietmar Dombkowski of Norval is the president of Unican Stage Equipment which handles marketing and sales for Noram Stage.

Mr. Dombkowski goes to trade shows and is responsible for making customer contacts.

The two started the company in May of this year. Mr. Dombkowski had previously been selling stage products from Germany under the company name of Uni-



Norval resident Dietmar Dombkowski (left) did a market investigation of the North American market for stage equipment while he was still living in Germany three years ago. In May he teamed up with Peter Krause, a Limehouse resident for six years, to manufacture and distribute a European design of stage and dance floor equipment.

(Herald photo)

can. However, shipping the stage parts from Germany were expensive because of transportation costs and the exchange rate.

Therefore, the partners decided it would be cheaper to do all of the production work in Canada, buying aluminum from Quebec, lumber and pre-manufactured parts from Ontario and molds made from Georgetown tool and die makers.

The European stage design is more flexible, said Mr. Krause. In Europe, stages can be

used interchangeably to form a number of different heights and shapes.

The Unican Stage equipment isn't the cheapest stage on the market, but in terms of what it can do, it is becoming popular with convention halls, community halls, universities and movie studios, Mr. Krause said.

One of the quirks of their business is having to make bids in either metric or feet. The equipment is built in metric measurement, but can be modified to Imperial measurement.

The businessmen have found that most convention halls in Canada still request the stage in Imperial measurement sizes.

One new product the firm is working on is a safety feature for curtains that will be particularly attractive to schools, Mr. Krause said.

When a rope breaks, a special mechanism stops the curtain from falling to the ground.

By October Noram Stage hopes to be employing up to five new staff members.

Georgetown has a fair with some flair

HERALD SPECIAL
Do you have a prize plant or flower or do you have a knack for home-crafts or cooking? If you do, why not show off your talents at the Georgetown Fall Fair Sept. 6, 7 and 8.

If you outdid yourself with a Green Thumb this year and feel your geranium or African violets are of a prize winning nature, then we have a spot for you at the Fair. This is but one of over 54 categories in the plant and flower section of the Fair. Call Jean Ruddell 877-2803 for more information.

Does your family think you make the world's best apple pie, peach pie, jam, or jellies?

Then enter the competitions at the fair and you could not only win a ribbon for domestic science but also grocery store food coupons.

A special entry this year is the Robin Hood "Celebrity Cookie Jar Contest" for adults, male or female.

To enter, bake up to five different kinds of cookies and/or un-iced squares and present them in any kind of attractive container for judging by Georgetown's Citizen of the Year, Steamer Emmerson.

All entries will be judged and prizes will be presented at the close of the fair. The cookies will be distributed to the residents of the Bennett Health Centre.

First prize winner receives baking merchandise up to \$25 in value. The first prize winner will be required to submit their recipe to the fair.

The best recipes from across the country will be incorporated in a new recipe book Robin Hood is compiling with the Canadian Association of Exhibitions. Robin Hood will also provide financial assistance to the fairs with the greatest number of entries in this class.

Watch for the prize list in the local newspaper and enter today. You could be a winner and also help the fair. Call Jessie Milton, 877-2557 for details.

Muriel McClure, convener for the home-crafts section is looking for local talent to enter the fair in the Household Linens and Needlework, crochet, hand knitting, wearing apparel or quilt category.

All entrants will compete to win not only prize money but also a chance on additional yarn to assist their hobby. If you feel you would like to enter call Muriel at 877-4434 for details.

To help celebrate the International Youth Year the fair in addition to having the Battle of the Bands on Friday

night has set up a Junior Exhibit section for exhibitors between the ages of 11 and 17.

The categories to be judged are Crafts, Sewing, Baking, Flowers and Art, see the prize list for details. Robin Hood has put together two special classes this year for seven to 12-year-olds, the Robin Hood Cookiegram Contest and the 13 to 17-year-olds the Robin Hood Cookie Jar Contest. So what do you say kids, is the summer a little bit long and there is nothing to do. Now is your chance - call Marguerite French at 877-3918 today.

Summer is winding down and mothers are at the end of their ideas on how to keep the children busy. Well, the Fair can

help! Any children between the ages of 3 to 14 enter the Kinsmen "Proud to Be Canadian" Children's Prize List.

Some of the entries range from finger painting, pressed wildflowers to cut and paste pictures. The complete list will be published in the Georgetown Fall Fair Prize List booklet to be published in the local newspaper. Watch for it!

The Georgetown Fall Fair is a family fair and one that has a lot of local flair. If you have never entered a competition at the fair but feel you have a winner why not enter today. The Georgetown Fair is not only a family fair but a fair with flair. See you there.

'X' sparkles with something for everyone

By DOUGLAS ARMOUR
Toronto Bureau

TORONTO — Georgetown residents will be greeted to a star-studded grandstand lineup, gate promotions, new thrill rides and more for the kids to do at this year's CNE.

Billed as the largest and best attended annual event of its kind, the Canadian National Exhibition is going to great lengths Aug. 14 - Sept. 2 to present visitors with new activities, attractions and entertainment.

A new \$1.5 million advertising campaign based on the slogan "You can't do the X in a day" will try to entice visitors to make return visits and hopefully increase attendance by at least 10 per cent.

Attendance at the "X" has always been a touchy subject with CNE officials, who have not released figures since 1983 when attendance was billed as 2.5 million. Attendance this year is expected to surpass that figure.

In a breakdown of out-of-town visitors, CNE officials found that people from such areas as Georgetown are more likely to visit the X in large groups as part of a holiday vacation. Both Metro and out of town visiting groups consisted mainly of family members.

As an enticement, this year the X is offering visitors reductions of \$50 if they buy their entrance tickets at GO train stations. Also, visitors will enter free if they present five non-winning Lucky 5 lottery tickets at the entrance gates. And for the first time, discounts of 20 per cent are being offered for groups of 30 or more at \$3.50 per person.

Regular admission to the grounds is \$4.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children and senior citizens, who enter free if they arrive before noon. As in years past, entrance to the CNE also gets visitors onto Ontario Place, the 96-acre entertainment park.

If there are not enough to draw visitors from Georgetown, the annual livestock, antique car, Dairy Queen and Miss CNE Princess, dog swim and Mayor's Bathub Race and Sports Competitions are an added attraction.

Last year's winners from the Georgetown area included the Halton County Holstein Club's first prize for the best county herd; George and Doreen Sharples' top honors in Aberdeen Angus competition; Joanne Ezard's prize for her tortoiseshell Persian kitten; and Halton Dairy Princess Laura Marshall who advanced to the Ontario Dairy princess semi-finals.

The CNE Grandstand alone will likely see record numbers of visitors this year with headline performers Bruce "The Boss" Springsteen, Tina Turner, Corey Hart, Wham, Neil Young, Kenny Rogers and Placido Domingo packing crowds in along with regular Blue Jay and Argo games.

Highlights of this year's X include a life-size replica of a NASA Space Shuttle and the Canadarm at the Canada Pavilion. The two exhibits will coincide with the Ontario Place premier of the new IMAX film, "The Dream is Alive," featuring film footage shot from the shuttle.

Breeders celebrate

United Breeders are having their 25th anniversary celebration of the Silver Dollar Competition Saturday, August 24 at the Erin Fairgrounds in downtown Erin.

The Beef Show begins at 10 a.m. and the Dairy Show is at 1 p.m. During the Dairy Show past Silver Dollar participants will be recognized.

The day will be followed up by the Silver Dollar Recognition Banquet in the evening at the Orangeville Raceway Lounge in Orangeville. The social at 5 p.m. is followed by a smorgasbord dinner at 6 p.m.

Competing in the 4-H Silver Dollar Competition from our area are Jim Burseay and Amy Lynn Thompson from Georgetown, and Gerald Leslie and Andy Morrison from Rockwood.

A cool June

Because of cool weather energy consumption was down this June from last June as air conditioners were turned off, says Ontario Hydro.

The peak demand for electricity was 14.8 million kilowatts and primary energy demand was 8.4 billion kilowatt hours. June of 1984 had a peak demand of 15.6 million kilowatts and a primary energy demand of 8.5 billion kilowatt hours.

Ski Patrol registration

The Canadian Ski Patrol System is looking for new members and the return of old members to patrol cross-country and downhill ski areas. All skiers must have intermediate skiing ability and must be at least 18.

Meetings for those interested will be held at Westview Centennial Secondary School on 755 Oakville Road (Finch Ave. - Highway 400 area) in Downsview at 7 p.m. September 3, 4 and 5. For information call 745-7511.

The C.S.P.S. gives training programs and first aid to applicants. It is a volunteer, non-profit organization started in 1941.

Hired for elderly

Herald Special
Valerie O'Hara has been hired as the Elderly Services Co-ordinator for the Region of Halton on a two year contractual basis.

The position is well-suited to the qualifications and work experience of Mrs. O'Hara, who is perhaps best known for her role for the past 13 years as Executive Director, Halton Helping Hands.

As well, Mrs. O'Hara is a recent graduate from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute with a Certificate in Gerontology. She is presently working towards completing a degree in Public Administration.

The position of elderly services co-ordinator is a new position resulting from a recommendation of the Elderly Study - Final Report.

Steeles widening

A proposal has been made to widen Steeles Avenue east of Trafalgar Road to Ninth Line South.

A property request has been approved to widen the road, but construction will not begin until next year.

A public meeting with residents in the area was held July 17. At that time, some residents expressed their concerns over the preservation of trees, noise from traffic, protection of a natural wetland area and the effects of the widening on their property.

Maple construction

Road construction on Maple Avenue from Guelph Street to 75 m east of Mountainview Road has started.

Members of the Planning and Public Works committee at Halton Region met August 7 and reviewed the plans.

An Open House detailing the plan was held May 29 in which five people attended. Construction is scheduled to finish by about the Thanksgiving weekend.

Cat club anniversary

The Canadian Cat Association is celebrating its 25th anniversary. The Brampton based organization started in 1960 to form a Canadian registry for purebred cats.

Today the association offers a range of services.

Georgetown's Joanne Ezard is editor of the CCA quarterly which contains information on cat shows, breeders and CCA affairs. The CCA's phone number is 459-1481.

Medical centre plan

An application has been made to have land re-zoned to permit a medical centre on Mountainview Road North.

The centre would be located on the east side, north of Halton Hills furniture.

Youth trip

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A youth project celebrating the International Year of the Youth is seeking help from town coffers.

Thomas Dykes has approached the town of Halton Hills and the Halton Region to help pay for a student field trip.

Mr. Dykes has organized a 31 day project with 13 students from Halton Region. They will be going to visit Canada's Ambassador to the United Nations, Stephen Lewis in New York City.

Mr. Lewis is trying to line up other interviews with the students.

Card stolen

An Action man from Main Street South had his Bank of Montreal Cash Machine card stolen last week.

The card was used in Georgetown and Milton. Approximately \$100 was withdrawn, police said.

\$50 damage

The wooden fence of a home on Elizabeth Street in Acton was knocked down Aug. 9 causing \$50 damage.

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Lil' Abner auditions

Hankering to be 'on stage'?

Preparations for Georgetown Globe Productions' next musical, Lil' Abner, which opens at the John Elliott Theatre Jan. 30, 1986, are well under way.

Producer Audrey Houston has announced a busy schedule for the next few weeks, and all persons interested in taking part in this musical comedy are invited to contact her at 877-7229.

The show, based on Al Capp's comic strip of the '50s and '60s, has parts for performers of all ages.

DATES TO BE NOTED:
Monday, Aug. 26, at 8 p.m. A "read

'Care givers'

In the fall, "care givers" will be trained to provide in-home support for families with handicapped children.

The North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded will have care givers trained before Christmas, according to a newsletter released by the NHAMR.

The Association will provide a certification for individuals who successfully complete the training.

For more information call 877-5557.

through" will be held at Georgetown Terminal Warehouse, 34 Armstrong Avenue, Georgetown, Tuesday, Sept. 10, and Friday, Sept. 13, at 8 p.m. A "sing through" will be held at St. Andrew's Church, 89 Mountainview Road S., Georgetown.

The three occasions mentioned above can be enjoyed by everyone who has a hankering to be involved in musical theatre, whether "on stage" or "behind the scenes".

Auditions will be held at St. Andrew's Church, on Saturday, Sept. 14 and Sunday, Sept. 15, with call backs on Monday, Sept. 16. Mrs. Houston would like to hear from anyone wanting an audition, as an appointment is necessary.

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